

The Vigil

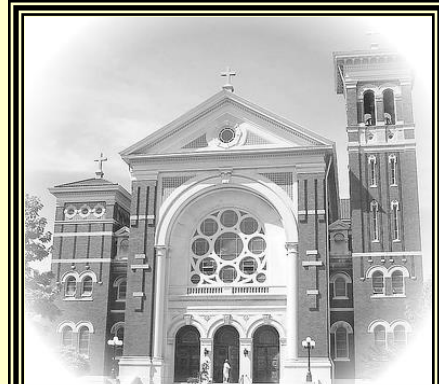
July 26, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Corona Virus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



Today's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
(*The Gift of Understanding*)

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
(*The Lord's Decrees*)

Romans 8:328-30
(*All Things Work for Good*)

Matthew 13:44-52
(*The Kingdom of God*)

Pastor's Pen



***“Give you servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people
and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”***

When Solomon is asked to name one thing he wanted and God would give to him, Solomon chooses an understanding heart. If God came and asked me to name one thing I wanted and He would give it to me, I'm not sure I would be as pure as Solomon. No, I'm absolutely sure I wouldn't be as pure as Solomon. An understanding heart would probably not be first on my list, if it made the list at all. I think it was Steve Martin on Saturday Night Live who would go through his litany of wishes at Christmastime. It went something like this: He would start out with the noble wish of peace throughout the whole world and then he would decide that it was more important that all people be fed. He would then say..."No, no..here's my wish: all people being fed and peace throughout the world." He would then change his mind to "Feeding the people and world peace are good but my first wish is that I receive the largest gift card to the finest restaurant in the world and then feed the world and, of course, peace. It went on and on so that feeding the world and peace were at the bottom of his list and all things pertaining to him were at the top. Saturday Night Live was reminding us that although we have noble values, our humanity is often quite greedy and self-centered.

So, if you were in Solomon's position and you were given one wish from God, what would it be? Would it be peace in the world? Would it be health for yourself or a family member? Would it be a healthcare system where all people are cared for well? Would it be an end to racism and all the other "isms" we struggle with? Would it be an end to violence of all kinds? Would it be a wish that all the children of the world are cared for and nurtured? Would it be financial security? Or would it be a bit baser? Would it be an oceanfront villa or a cabin up north? Would it be the car you've always wanted? Would you waste the wish on something which, in the grand scheme of things, seems pretty trivial? Most of us would say, "of course not!" but we often spend our lives going after things that are trivial. Maybe we should all pray for the wisdom of Solomon to know what is most important in our lives!

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Community

*Pray for the
Healing Presence*

Everyone affected by the
Coronavirus.

Many hearts on Mother Earth

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse: "No One Above Civil or God's Law"

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms on May 9. **They go into effect June 1.** To learn more about the groundbreaking new church law, please go to detroitcatholic.com. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

RAISE YOUR VOICES

An Urgent Plea from Br. Michael Sullivan

As followers of St. Francis of Assisi, the friars of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph strongly decry the killing of George Floyd. This violent act serves as a reminder not just of injustice in the present day, but of a 400-year history of white supremacy in the United States. We also object to the use of force, and the threat of military force in particular, against peaceful, unarmed citizens exercising their constitutionally-guaranteed right to freedom of assembly. All of this is fundamentally unjust, and it must end.

As Capuchin friars of the Province of St. Joseph, our work has long focused on racial justice. Our Capuchin brother, Servant of God Stephen Eckert, who ministered in Milwaukee in the early 20th century, was--and is--a model for us today on working for justice and equality. Today that work is continued by friars and partners in ministry throughout our province as we seek to prayerfully build sister-brotherhood in the world.

Together with people of goodwill around the nation, we unite in prayer and call for action in the pursuit of truth, reconciliation, and reparation for the sin of racism. So let us pray together, asking the intercession of Stephen Eckert, for an end to racial injustice. And let us encounter one another, appreciate one another, and accompany the oppressed in our communities. Together we can fight for a more just society. We do this remembering Our Savior's commandment to "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (*John 13:34-35*)

In sister-brotherhood, I wish you peace and all good.
Br. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap.

Stewardship Minute: Faith

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? **Stewardship** faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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- ❖ Anyone who wishes to live their spiritual life more fully

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The Archdiocese of Detroit has been made aware that an organization located in southeast Michigan has published racist and derogatory language in reference to Archbishop of Washington D.C. Wilton D. Gregory. The organization in question is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The following is a response from Archbishop Vigneron:

"Racist and derogatory speech wrongfully diminishes the God-given dignity of others. It is not in accord with the teachings of Christ. As our nation continues its important conversation on racism, it is my hope that the faithful will turn from this and all other acts or attitudes which deny the inherent dignity shared by all people."

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Get Out the Vote!

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium.

Please let everyone you know who is of voting age: (1) REGISTER TO VOTE; (2) Anyone, no matter what their age or ability, can vote by mail now in Michigan. Visit the State of Michigan's website for information on **absentee ballots** and printable forms.

**AS THINGS
S L O W L Y
REOPEN
PLEASE CONTINUE TO
BE SAFE, UN-SELFISH,
SMART, AND
REASONABLE.
(and kind. always that.)**

DID YOU KNOW...

That it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 27: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 13:31-35

Tues., July 28: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8, -, 11 & 13; Matthew 13:36-43

Wed., July 29: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59:2-3, 1, 10-11, 17, 18; John 11:19-27

Thurs., July 30: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Matthew 13:47-53

Fri., July 31: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14; Matthew 13:54-58

Sat., Aug. 01: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12

Sun., Aug. 02: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

THINGS to DO

**Cook
Clean
Love
Rest
Explore
Imagine
Question
Answer truthfully
Help
Heal
Plant
Grow
Celebrate
Give
Receive
Laugh
Sing
Dance
Believe
In
More
Than
You have
Ever dreamed.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know..? One of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? You can support this fund raiser by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shop as usual. The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra! Ready to go? Then follow these directions:

Go to:

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- Click "Enroll"
- Enter the required information
- Click Enroll
- On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
- Enter your contact information and click "Save"
- On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization; Click Enroll.
- If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.

You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!

1. Go to

<http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>

2. Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner, then click on "Donate"

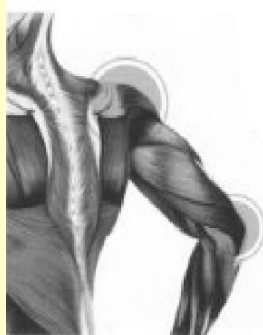
3. Choose to Login or Create Account

4. Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!

Weekly Collection

07/19/20

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TOTAL	\$1,541.00



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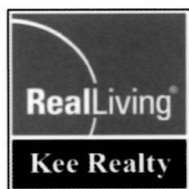
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information – already available on aod.org – more visible, transparent and clear.



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