St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, July 30, 2023 (A Cycle)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Layers of Wisdom

Look at the many different depths and types of wisdom in the world, and thus in this Sunday’s Mass. Here is an everyday example. I remember a cartoon in the New Yorker magazine years ago that etched itself in my mind. A terribly decrepit old man is sitting on his front porch while a very beautiful woman walks by on the sidewalk. His mouth is hanging open. George Booth was the cartoonist, so of course there is one of his terrible flea-bitten dogs at the man’s feet.

**In the Gospel, Jesus also uses common sense wisdom.**

His equally haggard wife is at the door, with the screen pushed open just far enough to take in this scene. She says to him, “Well whistle, you damn fool!”

I suppose I had expected her to load guilt on the leering old man in his act of leering. Instead, Booth gave us what are really just words of everyday common sense. “Don’t just sit there: at least do what every other heterosexual male in the world would do.” So. Wisdom comes in many flavors, and there is a kind of common, real acumen in the old lady’s words.

Now, let us examine Sunday’s readings for different types of wisdom.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the commonsense kind. He says, if you went out into a field and saw a suspicious mound of earth, and you happened to dig it up, and you found there a hidden treasure—as much gold as you could ever want—would you immediately go and tell everyone about it?

Of course not. It is like “Well whistle, you damn fool!” Common sense says you would re-bury the treasure, disguising it perfectly, and then go sell all your property and come buy the field. Now the treasure is yours. “Look at what I found on my new property!”

It is an excellent example. It makes sense. Well then, Jesus asks, wouldn’t you do as much for the kingdom of heaven? He has suddenly deepened the wisdom!

And in the First Reading, Solomon uses another flavor of wisdom. He asks not for selfish gifts, but for an understanding heart so that he can rule God’s people. This request moves God. He gives Solomon great practical wisdom in order that he might succeed as King. And other gifts as well.

Perhaps the deepest wisdom this Sunday is in the Second Reading. You and I have undoubtedly quoted these words, not remembering where they came from, “All things work for the good [of] those who love God.” The older I get, the more true this seems. Even when darkness and loss become our daily bread, still the love of God labors incessantly to bring out greater forgiveness, larger love, more acceptance of life and love, even within pain. This is the wisest understanding that can be.

Sunday at Mass we can pay attention to any of these varieties of wisdom. The important thing is not to just sit there and gape, but to do what every other human being in the world would do if given a glimpse into the kingdom.

Listen to God’s love, you sleepyhead!

John Foley, SJ  
Saint Louis University
PLEASE NOTE:
PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

All priests, deacons, employees, and volunteers who completed a Protecting God’s Children workshop prior to January 1, 2020, are REQUIRED to update their certification by completing the Protecting God’s Children Online Awareness Session 4.0 with Vulnerable Adults Training 2.0 combined module. This is MANDATORY WITH NO OPTIONS FOR NOT COMPLETING THE TRAINING OR BACKGROUND CHECK FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE AND ANY VOLUNTEER WHO HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF SPENDING UNSUPERVISED TIME WITH MINORS OR VULNERABLE ADULTS.

The module is self-paced and takes approximately two hours to complete. Individuals may pause, save, and resume their position in the training if they cannot complete it in one sitting. SPECIAL INFORMATION: YOUR TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED BY August 30, 2023 please. Our annual audit is due and in that audit we must list who has completed the background check and updated training.

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please email Georgia Kingsley at gfk111@aol.com. Three groups have agreed to sponsor the upcoming Sunday meals: Today, Sunday, July 30, 2023 - Kiwanis Club of Warren Sunday, August 6, 2023 - Zelda Anderson, the Grabowski Family and Dottie Hill; and Sunday, August 13 - Maryanne Flores, Regina and Katie

Nativity Pantry News: Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. This week the pantry needs Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Side Dishes, and Soup. Also, if you have an abundance of reusable grocery bags that you aren’t using, the pantry would love them. We put the groceries in them for families that walk up here for their food. This ministry could not happen without you!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND DONORS FOR THESE VITAL MINISTRIES!
PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE
Marianne Burns
Mary Caraday
Sister Hackett
Joy Harris
Joan Jackson
Michael Martin
Jerry McFee
Tommy Nance
Elizabeth Pilette
Dr. Bob Preuss
Cynthia Richardson
Alicia Smith
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Alonda Walker
Jerry Walker
Theresa Williamson
Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

TODAY’S READINGS
First Kings 3: 5, 7-12
(The Gift of Understanding)
Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
(The Lord’s Decrees)
Romans 8: 28-30
(All Things Work for Good)
Matthew 11: 25
(Revealed to Little Ones)
Matthew 13: 44-52
(The Kingdom of God)

The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of August 2023
For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.
Amen.

READEINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JULY 31: Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; James 1: 18; Matthew 13: 31-35
TUES., AUG. 01: Exodus 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28; Psalm 103: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Matthew 13: 36-43
WED., AUG. 02: Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99: 5, 6, 7, 9; John 15: 15b; Matthew 13: 44-46
THURS., AUG. 03: Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Acts 16: 14b; Matthew 13: 47-53
FRI., AUG. 04: Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81: 3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; First Peter 1: 25; Matthew 13: 54-58
SAT., AUG. 05: Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 14: 1-12
SUN., AUG. 06: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; Second Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 5; Matthew 17: 1-9

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:
Stewardship Trust

“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 in our Stewardship God will provide all that you need? 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
Collection $ 1,306.00
Online Donations $ 1,027.00
TOTAL $ 2,333.00

MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023
Deceased Members of the Allen Family

AUGUST 6, 2023
Roy King

AUGUST 13, 2023
Benjamin Villanueva

AUGUST 20, 2023
Raymond Hughes
Donald Hughes, Jr.

AUGUST 27, 2023
Angela McDonald
Robert Wedgeworth
CSA 2023

 WHAT IS CSA AND WHY CHURCHES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs, and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 170 ministries, programs, and services, including: support for men discerning God’s call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

No CSA dollars have ever been – or ever will be – used to settle claims of any nature against the archdiocese.

The archdiocesan lay Finance Council oversees the distribution of CSA funds to ensure they reach the ministries, programs, and services for which they are intended.

If a parish does not meet its CSA goal, the parish is invoiced by the archdiocese for the shortfall and must pay the difference from its own savings. On the other hand, once a parish reaches its CSA goal, 100 percent of the overage is returned to the parish for its own needs.

Want to know more about CSA and why it is so important? Go to https://info.aod.org/articles/your-gifts-at-work

CSA 2023 – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Thank you to those who have made a donation or a pledge to the CSA. Our target for 2023 is $31,648.00. As of this week, 25 families have pledged $3,260.00 toward our goal (10% of our goal).

Sometimes people have a good year and sometimes not. We are grateful for all gifts. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. If you have not received the mailing from the Archdiocese, there are extra forms on the back table. The forms have St. Charles Borromeo Detroit 224 on the top. Please use the form so we get the credit if you are paying by check. Checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA. Directions for giving online are at: www.givecsa.org if you prefer to give that way, and if you do, make sure you choose St. Charles Borromeo Detroit 224.

If you put your donation in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and make the check out to the Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA and write St. Charles Borromeo Detroit 224 in the memo line.. Thanks for whatever you can do!

THANK YOU!

“Perseverance, Patience, and Prayer”

One never knows the wisdom of God, but I truly experienced it last week when I had a phone call from St. Charles rectory. My new hearing aid was found in a drawer in a classroom below the Church! I had attended the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 11 and joined the community for their meal downstairs. After a wonderful meal and greetings from many people, I was driving home and discovered that my right hearing aid was missing. So, of course, I contacted Rhonda Gilbert in the office the next day. She promised to do a “walk-through” of the Church and the ask the maintenance man, “Paul” to be on the lookout too! One week later, Rhonda called to say they had not found it yet. I lost hope. Praying to St. Anthony did not “seem” to be working either. But on Friday, July 7, it was found! I guess perseverance, patience, and prayer are the key! Thank you!

Sister Alice Baker, IHM
July 12, 2023
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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.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.
For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

Archbishop Vigneron’s statement on Pope Francis’ Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred.

The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844-324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.
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