

The Vigil

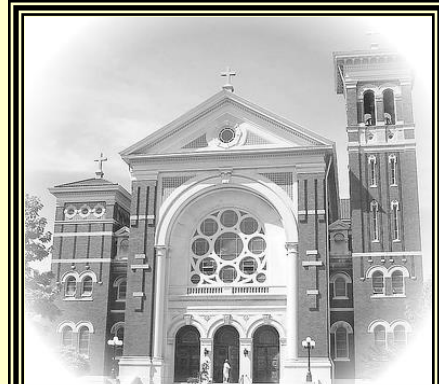
August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



Time

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9
(Power of God's Word)

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
(Thinking for God)

Romans 12:1-2
(A Living Sacrifice)

Matthew 16:21-27
(Taking Up the Cross)

Pastor's Pen



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Parishioner gave me the book *Across That Bridge* by John Lewis. In his introduction he speaks of the most important lessons he has learned in his years in the Civil Rights movement. It seems appropriate at this moment as we celebrate the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington and we see the demonstrations throughout the country crying out for a system of justice which is fair for all people. Lewis says:

“The most important lesson I have learned in the fifty years I have spent working toward the building of a better world is that the true work of social transformation starts from within. It begins inside your own heart and mind, because the battleground of human transformation is really, more than any other thing, the struggle within the human consciousness to believe and accept what is true. Thus to truly revolutionize our society, we must first revolutionize ourselves. We must be the change we seek if we are to effectively demand transformation from others. It is clear that the pot is being stirred and people are beginning to breathe in the essence of change that will lead the soul to act. Who will emerge at the forefront of the struggle in the twenty-first century? Perhaps it will be you.”

One of the greatest nonviolent weapons we have is our vote. Our first call is to make sure we are well informed which means that we don't always listen to the same station but get viewpoints from other stations as well (maybe listen to the BBC for more objective news). Our second call is to pray and ask the Spirit for wisdom. We should be looking at the candidates in terms of how they will have a preference for those who are poor. “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was naked and you clothed me; ill and you cared for me; a stranger and you welcomed me. Whatever you did to those who society called the “least,” you did for me.” That has got to be our litmus test. Will those who are poor have a better chance with the candidate we choose? Will all people have a place at the table if our candidate is chosen? Will our candidate use their power to lift up those who have been beaten down by life? Will the earth be revered by our candidate? No candidate is perfect, and most will promise us the world. We will not agree with either candidate on all the issues, but we have to decide which candidate may be able to bring some equity to our world. This is a sacred moment and generations after us will have to live with our decisions. May we all pray for the wisdom and compassion to choose well. It begins with each of us.

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: Value Wisdom

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"
- MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this **Stewardship** wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Curious about exploring your relationship with God in the company of a Spiritual Director?

Spiritual Direction is:

- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual; Confidential sharing; NOT counseling or therapy; Led by a trained director who will provide assistance through questions and active listening.

Who is it for?

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

Contact Monique Beels directly for more information or to begin a conversation.
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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

VOTE.
**MAKE SURE TO MAIL
IN ALL ABSENTEE
BALLOTS AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE OR
HAND DELIVER THEM
TO STATE-
DESIGNATED
DROPOFF STATIONS.**

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?

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 31: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Luke 4:16-30

Tues., Sept. 01: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Luke 4:11-37

Wed., Sept. 02: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Luke 4:38-44

Thurs., Sept. 03: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 5:1-11

Fri., Sept. 04: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Luke 5:33-39

Sat., Sept. 05: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Luke 6:1-5

Sun., Sept. 06: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

“There are certain times of day. Ten minutes before bedtime, talking quietly in the dark about the first day you met. Sunset on Fridays. The 1:30 pm breeze during a weekend in the garden. The office—be it home or cubicle—before that first email, phone call, or other interruption; you’re sitting there, it’s quiet, and you feel absolutely fine. Such comforts.”

CHERISH YOUR COMFORTS.

**~from
IN THE QUIET SPACES
by C. E. Young**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know...? The viral concern isn't over? The pandemic remains very much real. It's tiresome, yes, and patience wears thin...but are you not made of stronger stuff than impatience? Yes. Yes, you are. If you forgot that you were, now 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: krogercommunityrewards.com

- 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

08/23/20

Envelopes	\$2,282.50
Loose	\$ 333.99
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 84.00</u>
Total	\$2,700.49

