

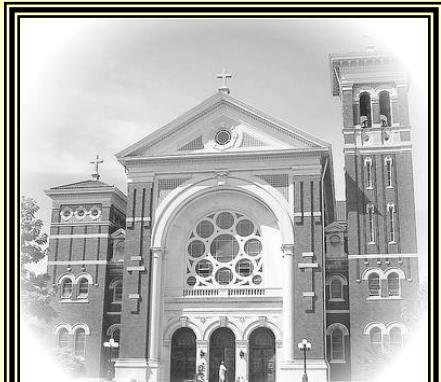
The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Corona Virus
accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:00am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



Pastor's Pen



I am writing this on September 11th after a funeral this morning for Katie Estes of Nativity who asked that her family hold her funeral on her birthday (September 11th). She would have been 90 today! It was a wonderful celebration of a good life. She was widowed at 33 with 6 children to care for and she was valiant in her strength and courage to take on this most difficult task. Her children and grandchildren all spoke so powerfully of how deeply she cared for them. It was inspiring to see these grown children, all successful in their walks of life, holding each other's hands as they processed out of the church. One child said, "Mom was the glue that kept all of us together and now each of us have that glue for one another and for our own families."

September 11th is also the anniversary of my own mom's death and every year I think back to our last year with her. I remember her strength and courage as she received the news that her cancer was in the last stages. I remember her faith as she reminded us that this was not the end of her story. I remember how she lived the last year of her life with so much determination to make it a good year filled with wonderful memories for her children and grandchildren. I remember in her last hour standing with my sisters and brother holding on to each other as we said good-bye to the woman who had been with us from the moment we were conceived. 9/11 was already a powerful date for our family since 1998.

In 2001, 9/11 became the horrendous day filled with immense hardship and grief when two planes jetted into the Twin Towers in New York and killed 2900+ people. We also remember the planes that came down in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon. What a day! We can all remember where we were and what we were doing on that tragic day. The day was filled with heroes who gave up their lives so that the plane they were in could not be used as a weapon to kill so many others. The battle cry, "Let's Roll!" became the chant calling us to deep wells of courage as we faced this terrible tragedy. Do you remember how close we all felt at that moment? How proud we were to be Americans those days! We were united in those weeks that called a whole nation to mourn for all those we lost. We weren't Democrats or Republicans, Conservatives or Liberals, Black or white, rich or poor, gay or straight. We were just "us" trying to take care of each other in the midst of an awful tragedy. The personal and national 9/11s of our lives call us to remember our basic compassionate humanity and our need for one another. COVID 19 is another 9/11 but somehow we have not been able to come together as a country as we did 19 years ago. How Sad for all of us! May we find that compassion again.

September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
(*The Need for Forgiveness*)

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
(*God's Mercy*)

Romans 14:7-9
(*God's Partners*)

Matthew 18:21-35
(*Forgiving Our Neighbor*)

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.

Mass Dispensation Update from Father Stephen Pullis, Director of the Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship and member of the liturgical team advising Archbishop Vigneron during the coronavirus pandemic:

In light of the continued spread of the coronavirus in southeast Michigan and the impossibility for parishes to safely accommodate all Catholics for Mass on Sundays, **Archbishop Vigneron has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as for all travelers during their time within the territory of the Archdiocese of Detroit, until Monday, November 23, 2020.**

Boldly Go

September 8 is considered "Star Trek Day" among science fiction fans, because the very first episode of that world-famous television show aired on Sept 8, 1966. The program has been a part of the world's cultural fabric ever since, influencing generations of scientists, dreamers, politicians (President Barack Obama is a huge Trek fan), leading people to actively imagine (and create) a better world for all. Some may chide the show for being overly optimistic, but behind the colorful costumes and odd aliens was a genuine attempt to say that peace and respect *will* win out over strife and hatred. It showed that the future was bright, provided we took care of one another in the present. You might not "celebrate" Star Trek Day, but what a message to boldly carry in our hearts!

Stewardship Minute: Essence of Stewardship

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." —ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of Stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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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
SLOWLY
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., Sept. 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; John 3:13-17

Tues., Sept. 15: 1 Corinthians 12:13-14, 27-31a; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 19:25-27

Wed., Sept. 16: 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; Luke 7:31-35

Thurs., Sept. 17: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Luke 7:26-50

Fri., Sept. 18: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b & 15; Luke 8:1-3

Sat., Sept. 19: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14; Luke 8:4-15

Sun., Sept. 20: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

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!

**"If you sing a
song today,
you will make a
better
way."
~Earth Wind &
Fire**

**Music is spirit. Fill
yourself!**

Weekly Collection

09/06/20

Envelopes	\$1,616.00
Loose	\$ 165.55
Maintenance	\$ 230.00
TOTAL	\$2,011.55



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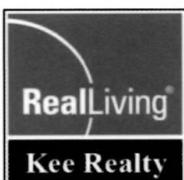
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.