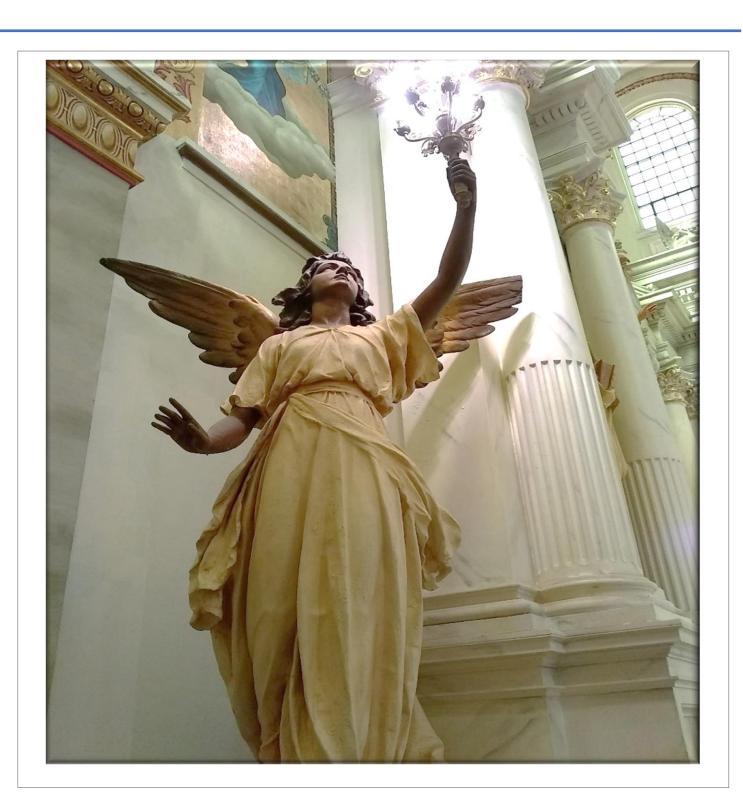
THE VIGIL St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Sunday, September 14, 2025 The Exultation of the Holy Cross (Year C)



Thoughts for Today's Readings

"With a Frayer..."

Sunday Food for Your Soul

Dear Family Parishioners,

Let me offer in this bulletin a reflection about one means to become spiritually focused and united with God, namely, the **practice of pure intention**.

Pure intention (or right intention) is an intention that is unmixed with human motives; rather, one that is riveted upon the love and honor of God as the end of all life and living. It's ideally the fundamental intention and disposition of our mind and heart



with which I do everything. It's as simple as saying throughout one's day, "Lord, may all the human effort of my day be for love and praise of you." It's keeping one's focus, motive, and desire not on self-aggrandizement, but always on the final end, namely, the honor, praise, and glory of God. It's riveted on the ultimate end of human existence, the greater glory of God, which happens to be the very motto of my Jesuit institute.

We can say that pure intention corresponds with living the gospel exhortation to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33). It corresponds with "hallowed be thy name," of the Our Father, or with the doxology of the eucharistic liturgy, "through him, and with him, and in him...all glory and honor is yours." Pure intention is not some strained fixation of the mind, but a basic habit of orienting our daily life and daily efforts toward a spiritual finality. Fundamentally, it's a practice and attitude of mind and heart, honed in us by the Holy Spirit. Such an intention patiently matures within us over time.

Pure intention does not ask that a person always be consciously thinking of God at each moment in the midst of our daily efforts—not to be schizophrenic. Rather, we make a momentary intention before any activity in which we engage, and then apply ourselves to that task with all our attention. It's a daily and continuous intention and prayer that orders, directs and highlights the deepest spiritual energy and aspirations within us. The intention once made, we proceed with the task before us—all to the greater glory of God.

For instance, we ideally assist our spouse, partner, or friend, for the love of God; we care for our children for the glory of God; we engage in our daily work for the praise of God; we prepare meals for our family, run errands, read to our children, enjoy a party, comfort a relative, give alms to the poor, study for a degree, face hardships, work in a garden, go on vacation, etc., <u>all</u> for the glory of God. But what about more common motives and intentions? As one author states: "God-centered intention does not imply the elimination of other intentions, but the integration of all immediate intentions into our ultimate intention."

In summary, the finality of life—the praise, reverence, service, and glory of God—is meant to be <u>the</u> mantra or hymn of all our activities, efforts, and endeavors. As we hear in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Amen.

Fr. Richard

St. Charles Upcoming Events

A Bulletin Note for the Upcoming 2025 MCP Missionary Priest on September 21, 2025.



Please welcome Father Andrew Siasa, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the *Opus Spiritus Sancti*, who will speak at Sunday Mass at St. Charles Borromeo on **September 21, 2025**. Fr. Andrew was ordained a priest in 2014 in Moshi, Tanzania. Since his ordination, he has done parish ministry as the Administrator in a parish in Tanzania, and at the Seminary as a teacher, Vice Rector, and Spiritual Director. Currently, he is a graduate student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mission Appeal: As a young Missionary Community, they have many needs. At present, they are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 77 major seminarians who are studying Philosophy and Theology at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. Any assistance they can get from this Mission Appeal will help support the formation of these young men who will soon move into the priesthood. Those who will directly benefit can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal.



St. Charles Annual Alumni Sunday Celebration

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025

What: Mass, Supper, and fellowship with classmates

If you have a loved one who passed away since November 4, 2024, please let the rectory know no later than Sunday, October 12, 2025. We want to include them on our "Grant Them Eternal Rest" banner that we display on Alumni Sunday. Our contact information is on the last page of the bulletin.

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory. Today Sunday, September 14, 2025: Strangers No Longer; September 21, 2025: SPONSOR NEEDED; September 28, 2025: SPONSOR NEEDED; October 5, 2025: SPONSOR NEEDED; October 12, 2025: Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club; October 19, 2025: St. Lucy Members; October 26: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans;

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **This week, we need: Tuna, Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce**. Again, we thank you for all you do to help us. If you would like to support the pantry without shopping, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Please include Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line. Mail checks to Nativity, and we will take them to Gleaners to be sure they are properly credited to our account. Many thanks for your generosity!

Calling All Trained Ministers of Service!

If you are already a trained Minister of Service, we would love for you to consider joining the St. Charles Minister of Service group. Your experience and dedication would be a valuable addition to our community. Please reach out if you're interested in joining us as we continue to serve and support one another and our church community. We look forward to hearing from you! Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Sunday**, **September 21**, **2025 @10:30am**. Please see James Taylor if interested or want more information.

Bible Study at St. Charles

Father Charles will begin offering Bible Study classes at St. Charles! Information is below.

Where: St. Charles Social Hall

When: Every Wednesday at 6pm - 7pm

Starting Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Everyone is invited to come to learn more about the bible and its teachings!

Walking Beneath the Stars

Dominican Center: Spirituality for Mission is offering **Walking Beneath the Stars: A Women's Contemplative Journey with God** Gather with women from near and far for an evening of quiet prayer and reflection. On **Thursday, October 9, from 7–8 p.m. ET on Zoom**, we will journey together beneath the mystery of the night sky, opening ourselves to God's presence in creation and in our lives. Register at <u>Register Here</u>, or copy and past the following link in your browser - https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wzzq9vx. This is a free event, but registration is required.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion Anderson and Miller Family Paul Andrecovich Kathy Ayoub Mary Canaday Kyle Duker Jim Dutkiewicz Doris Franklin Anna Grabowski Carol Herman Joyce Hurley Bertha Jackson-Hyde Leslie Kirby Ron Kirby Michelle Koss Michael Martin Jacqueline Morant Gloria Parham Ronald Parham Vertis Park, Sr. Earlene Park-Williams Orlando Richardson Anna Tyler Guillerma Villanueva Eldora White

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be added to or removed from the list. Names will stay on the list for 3 months, but can be continued if we are notified of the wishes to do so

MASS INTENTIONS

September 14, 2025 Henry Johnson

September 21, 2025

Fred Murphy Marie Cunniffe

September 28, 2025 **Jessie Kirby**

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Fred Murphy Maria Cunniffa

September 28, 2025

Jessie Kirby

October 5, 2025

Kathy Kapa Roger Sinclair Georgine Ayoub

October 12, 2025

Rovano and Shook Families

October 19, 2025 Lisa Little Carl Ayoub

October 26, 2025 **Toufie and Alice Ayoub**

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 21: 4b-9 (The Bronze Serpent)

Psalm 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Remember God's Works)

Philippians 2: 6-11 (Christ Humbled Himself)

John 3: 13-17 (Lifted Up on the Cross)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by
Saint Francis, we might
experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved
by God and worthy of love and
respect.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 15: First Timothy 2: 1-8; Psalm 28: 2, 7, 8-9; John 19: 25-27

Tues., Sept. 16: First Timothy 3: 1-13; Psalm 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7: 16: Luke 7: 11-17

Wed., Sept. 17: First Timothy 3: 14-16; Psalm 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 6: 63c, 8c; Luke 7: 31-35

Thurs., Sept. 18: First Timothy 4: 12-16; Psalm111: 7-8, 9, 10; Matthew 11: 28; Luke 7: 36-50

Fri., Sept. 19: First Timothy 6: 2c-12; Psalm 49: 6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 8: 1-3

Sat., Sept. 20: First Timothy 6: 13-16; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8: 15; Luke 8: 4-15

Sun., Sept. 21: First Timothy 6: 13-16; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8: 15; Luke 8: 4-15

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Stewardship Repayment

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. This core message is the basis for the **Stewardship** of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

COLLECTION INFO 09-07-2025

Collection \$1,683.58 Online \$ 952.00

TOTAL \$2,635.58

A Request From a St. Charles Alumni

I'm looking for a copy of The Golden Jubilee Yearbook for my brother who graduated that year!

My name is Margaret Bousquette, my phone is 586-295-3117

Thank you in advance,

Margaret Bousquette

Parish Nurse News and Notes-St Charles

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Did you know that 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime? September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to one of the most common cancers among men—and to encourage early detection.

What is Prostate Cancer?

Prostate cancer is a disease where cancer cells form in the tissues of the prostate—a small gland in men that helps produce semen. While it often grows slowly, some forms can be aggressive.

Who is at Risk?

- Men over 50
- African American men
- · Men with a family history of prostate cancer

What Can You Do?

- Talk to your doctor about screening, especially if you're over 50 or have risk factors.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle—exercise regularly, eat a balanced diet, and don't smoke.
- Be aware of symptoms like difficulty urinating, blood in urine or semen, or pain in the back or hips—but remember, many men have no symptoms at all.o

Faith and Health Go Hand in Hand

As stewards of the bodies God has given us, we are called to care for our health. Encourage the men in your life—husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons—to speak to their doctor about prostate health.Let us pray for healing, wisdom for doctors, and the courage to take proactive steps for our well-being.

Don't forget to sign up for our upcoming Diabetes Prevention program starting next week on Sunday, September 21, from 1:30 to 2:30 in the church hall .(in the classroom). Open to all parishes in our family.

We will also be having Blood Pressure screening on Sept 21 before and after mass.

Blessinas.

Mary Catherine Wright RN, Parish Nurse

Detroit Lower Eastside and Trinity Family Parish Information

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DETROIT LOWER EAST SIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Sunday: 11:30am
Friday: 11am in rectory
Live Stream & YouTube
Nativity of Our Lord
Sunday 9:30am

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am

Live Stream and YouTube

St Augustine / St Monica Mass Times Sunday: 10am Wednesday: 9am

Sacred Heart
Sunday: 8am and 10am
Tuesday: 5pm
Saturday: 5pm

St. Elizabeth Sunday: 12:00pm

TRINITY FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Sunday: 9am Tuesday: 10:30am Thursday: 10:30am Friday: 10:30am Saturday: 4pm

St. Raymond Sunday: 10:30am Tuesday: 8:30am Thursday: 8:30am

St. Jude Sunday: 10:30am Saturday: 4pm

Getting to Know Our New Moderator - Fr. Francis Asomkase



Father Francis Asomkase, SSJ, is a Josephite priest who was born and raised in Nigeria. He joined the Josephites Congregation and moved to the USA for seminary training after graduating from high school. After 11 years of seminary training, Father Asomkase, SSJ, was ordained a Catholic priest on May 29th, 2010.

Father Asomkase, SSJ, has served in different capacities on various assignments. Immediately after his ordination, he was assigned to St. Raymond - St. Leo the Great in the Archdiocese of New Orleans as a parochial Vicar. He also served as parochial vicar at Our Mother of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. His first assignment as pastor was at Holy Family Catholic Church, Baytown, Texas.

After years of being pastor, he was made the rector of St. Martin de Porres House of Studies and was responsible for the Josephite seminarians studying philosophy. Father Asomkase's last assignment before coming to Detroit was in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He served as pastor of St. Peter Claver-St. Pius V Catholic Church Baltimore.

Father Asomkase is deeply excited to serve in Detroit. There is much about him that the community will get to know as time progresses. He is an open-minded person with a tremendous sense of humor, deep faith in God, and easily approachable.

Event You May Be Interested In



HARVEST



DINNER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 2025

TICKETS

\$75.00 PER PERSON HISTORIC EASTERN MARKET SHED 3

2968 RUSSELL ST. DETROIT, MI 48207 6-9PM

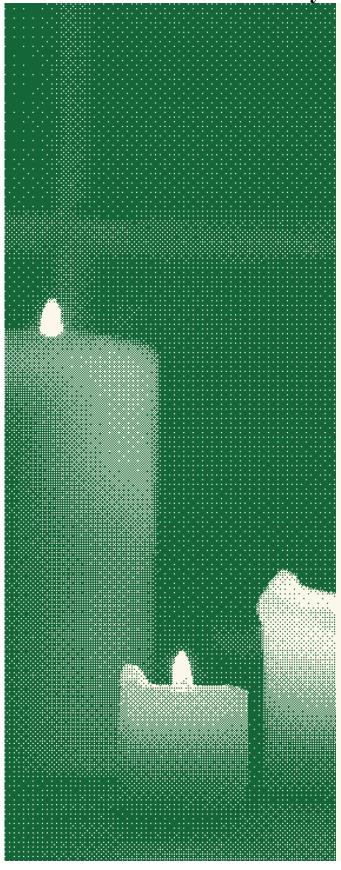
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, DJ, & AWARDS





MORE INFORMATION: 313-922-1435

Event You May Be Interested In





LIGHT THE LAMPS

Fostering Pilgrims of Hope

Friday, September 19, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church 4571 John R Rd, Troy, MI 48085

Visit aod.org/eyc2025 to learn more and register



Are you at risk for diabetes?

Small changes CAN make a big difference.

The Diabetes Prevention Program has been proven twice as effective as medication alone in preventing Type 2 diabetes.

Learn to:

Make lasting changes.

Focus on healthy eating.

Establish a healthy lifestyle.

Be more active.

Stay motivated.

Work with a lifestyle coach over the course of a year to meet your healthy eating and activity goals to prevent Type 2 diabetes.

58% of new cases can be prevented.

lout people have prediabetes.

9 out 10 people with prediabetes don't know they have it.

FREE In-person workshop

Sundays 1-2 p.m. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

1491 Baldwin St.

Sept. 21, 2025: Detroit, MI 48214

Informational session (strongly encouraged)

Sept. 28, 2025: Weekly sessions begin.



To register, scan the QR Code, visit beaumont.org/dpp or call 313.738.1678

You do not need a Corewell Health affiliated provider to participate.





Corewell's Diabetes Prevention Program

Sessions Date Form

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

1491 Baldwin St. Detroit, MI 48214

Coach: Dan yielle Mc Guire-Nelson

Day: Sundays Class time: 1:30 - 2:30pm

Class Code: Room/Reservation:

	PC sessions mus	PC sessions must start after: 3/28/2026	
Core Session Dates:	Sessions:	Post Core Sessions Dates:	
<mark>09/21/2025</mark>	Informational Session	Session 17 – When Weight Loss Stalls	3/15/2026
<mark>9/28/2025</mark>	Session 0- A Change for Life	Session 18 – Take a Movement Break	3/29/2026
<mark>10/5/2025</mark>	Session 1 – Intro to the Program	Session 19 – Keep Your Heart Healthy	4/12/2026
<mark>10/12/2025</mark>	Session 2 – Get Active to Prevent T2	Exercise Demo	4/26/2026
10/19/2025	Session 3 – Track Your Activity	Session 20 – Shop and Cook To Prevent	5/3/2026
10/26/2025	Session 4 – Eat Well To Prevent T2	Session 21 – Find Time for Physical Activity	5/17/2026
<mark>11/2/2025</mark>	Session 5-Track Your Food	Session 22 – Get Enough Sleep	5/31/2026
11/9/2025	Session 6 – Get More Active	Session 23 – Stay Active Away From Home	6/14/2026
<mark>11/16/2025</mark>	Session 7 – Energy In, Energy Out	Session 24 – More About Type 2	6/28/2026
11/23/2025	Grocery Store Tour		
<mark>11/30/2025</mark>	Session 8 – Eating to Support Your Health Goals	Session 25 – More About Carbs	7/26/2026
12/7/2025	Session 9 – Manage Stress		
<mark>12/14/2025</mark>	Session 10 - Eat Well Away From Home	Session 26 – Prevent Type 2 for Life!	8/23/2026
<mark>1/4/2026</mark>	Session 11 – Managing Triggers		
<mark>1/11/2026</mark>	Session 12 – Stay Active Prevent Type 2	*Session 27 – Handling Holidays, Vacations, and Special Events	9/27/2026
<mark>1/18/2026</mark>	Exercise Demo		
<mark>1/25/2026</mark>	Session 13 – Take Charge of Your Thoughts		
<u>2/1/2026</u>	Session 14 – Get Back on Track		
2/15/2026	Session 15 – Get Support		
3/1/2026	Session 16 – Stay Motivated To Prevent Type 2		

Notes

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^{*} Use this session near a holiday in post core

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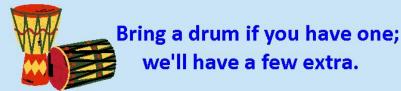


HOPE HOUSE and GARDENS

DRUMMING FOR PEACE

Join us for a drum circle to celebrate International Peace Day Theme: ACT NOW FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD

SEPTEMBER 27, 4:00PM-5:00PM 15894 GREYDALE ST DETROIT 48223







PGC = Protecting God's Children

St. Charles Borromeo September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	l Labor Day – Parish Office Closed	2	3 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	4	5 11am Mass in Rectory	6 7:30am Men's Fellowship Gathering in social hall
7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass Community Meal World Day for Grandparents and the	8 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	9 PGC Inperson at Gesu School (Detroit) 6pm	10 PGC Inperson at St. Fabian Parish Farmington Hills 6pm	11 PGC Inperson at St. Irenaeus Parish (Rochester Hills	112 11am Mass in Rectory	13
14 Exhaltation of the Holy Cross 11:30am Mass Community Meal	15	16 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	17 PGC Inperson at Immaculate Conception Parish - Ira Township 6pm	18	19 11am Mass in Rectory	20
21 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:0am – MOS Meeting 11:30am Mass Community Meal	22	23	24	25 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	26 11am Mass in Rectory	27
28 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass Community Meal	29	30			11am Mass in Rectory	



The VIGIL

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

St Charles Borromeo

1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214 (313) 331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, 10am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm Friday, 9am to 3pm

Pastoral Team

Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ, Priest in Solidum and Moderator

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Reverend Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum

Edward Cotton - Mission Support Director

Rhonda Gilbert – Pastoral Associate

Joan Jacobs & Angie Kadowaki – Boulevard Ministry Ministers

Council Members

Dennis Ballard, Niam Edwards, Alex Grabowski, Marian Harvey, Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Mikhail Perkins, Richard Preuss, Linda Simpkins

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.

St Charles Website: <u>www.stcharlesdetroit.org</u> Email: <u>stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com</u>

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Go to the giving site at:

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