

# The Vigil

**October 11, 2020**  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**

**Mass Times:**  
*(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)*

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30am



## Today's Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
*(God as Savior)*

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
*( Dwelling with the Lord)*

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
*(Sharing in Hardships)*

Matthew 22:1-14  
*(The Wedding Banquet)*

***"The Lord Be With You."***



**P**astor's Pen



This week we have seen our Governor as a target in a kidnapping attempt. It sounds like an action/ suspense thriller! Who could have believed all of this? Some white supremacists have decided that the mandates and executive orders Governor Whitmer had enacted were infringing on their rights. Wow...in the midst of the pandemic, face coverings and closing down in order to keep people safe is tyrannical. What are the real issues? It's usually about fear. Fear of change or losing power can move people to violence and see others as the enemy. In the midst of the Black Lives Matter movement and other calls for equal justice before the law and the possibility of a woman of color in the second position in our government has brought out many fears. People can see that the world is changing, and they become fearful that they may not be able to hold on to the power they once had. As their name implies, white supremacists are claiming that the supremacy of the white race is crucial, and all other races and peoples are inferior. Although we may have great disdain for white supremacists, they call me (and us) to look at our own implied biases.

These are my questions and they may not be yours, so please take no offense. As a white man, do I feel the same way when I see a group of white youths coming toward me as I do of a group of black youths? Do I wonder when I see a person of color in a position of power how they've achieved that position? Would I think that way with a white person in a position of power? What do I think when I see a person of color in an expensive car or an expensive suit or living in a prestigious community? Do I wonder how they attained that wealth? Would I even think about that if it were a white person? I can hear some saying, "here he goes again!" but I ask these questions because if I'm honest with myself, I have to admit that some of these questions are just below my surface. They are so deep within my psyche that they are there even before I have time to think about what they imply. They call me to continue to look at my own worldview and how I see the other person who may look a bit different from me. Most of these issues have laid dormant for many years and now we have seen Charlottesville, Mother Emmanuel Baptist Church, and now the white supremacists wanting to kidnap the governor and topple the state government. As frightening as these times might seem, they are also a time for personal conversion in our own lives. Systemic conversion can only come when we, personally, confront our own prejudices. May we continue to search our hearts and minds for areas of blindness within ourselves so that our world may be a safer and sacred place for all people.

## 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

Jon Bozich  
Mary Canaday  
Wesley Nethercott  
Elaine Rosen  
Roger Sinclair

## 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](http://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](http://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.**

## Civil Responsibility

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. "People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 220). The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

## Stewardship Minute

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a Stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a Stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

# IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR DEFINITIONS OF WHAT YOU PERCEIVE IN DAILY LIFE

YOU WON'T PERCEIVE LIFE CHANGING AROUND YOU.

God is Change.

**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., Oct. 12:** Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tues., Oct. 13:** Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed., Oct. 14:** Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thurs., Oct. 15:** Ephesians 1:3-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri., Oct. 16:** Ephesians 1:11-14; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Luke 12:1-7  
**Sat., Oct. 17:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 12:8-12  
**Sun., Oct. 18:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1st Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

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

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- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual;
- ❖ Confidential sharing; NOT counseling or therapy;
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- ❖ 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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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**With schools back in session...** please take time with your kids to check on their mental and emotional health in addition to the physical. Children are often the most stressed members of our society, even if they don't have the words to express it.

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](http://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*

**10/04/20**

Envelopes	\$2,215.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>



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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](http://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](http://aod.org) – more visible, transparent and clear.