# The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

#### **Mass Times:**

St. Charles:

Wednesday 10:30am; Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

#### Nativity:

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm; Sunday 9:45am

Pastor's Pen





## **October 7, 2018**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Today's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24 (Companions)

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Fear of the Lord)

Hebrews 2:9-11 (Christ Our Brother)

Mark 10:2-16 (Unity of Marriage)

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

As I'm writing this, I am anticipating our annual pet blessing and the dogs, cats, hamsters, etc. who will be coming to church this weekend. It amazes me how good they are in church. There's hardly a bark or a meow! Once a year, I get to talk about our pets in Pastor's Pen! Well, this is the weekend as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis.

For those of you who are not animal lovers, you don't know what you're missing! This will probably make no sense to you and this may be a good time for you to turn to page 2 of the bulletin. We love our pets because they feel like members of our family. (We may even like them more than some of our relatives!) They are part of us and when they're sick or hurt, we suffer along with them and when they die, a part of us dies with them. It's the same with them, they know when we're having a bad day and they know just what to do to make us laugh or just feel better. And when we're sick, they come closer to see how they can comfort us. They shower us with unconditional love and when we don't even want to be around ourselves, they still want to be with us. They wait patiently for us at the door until we get home and then they're so excited to see us. They never lecture us about being late or not spending enough time with them; they are just happy to be able to share each moment they have with us. They don't carry grudges and are always forgiving. They trust us with their lives. When they look into our eyes we can see the innocent love of God in a deep way. Yes, they can melt hearts of people who are grouchy; they can comfort a terminally ill patient in the hospital; they can excite children and cause waves of laughter; they can cause a person with dementia to feel like themselves for a moment as they pet them and feel their love. Yes, these furry creatures have been a blessing to us in so many ways. It's important that we bless them today with our gratitude for their lives and to protect them from all that may harm them.

Someone will always say to me, "you know...dog is just God spelled backwards!" I can already hear the non-dog lovers say such a statement is heresy.. Maybe it is, but maybe, just maybe, they come as messengers from God to remind us that we're loved more than we could ever imagine. Maybe they're just our Guardian angels wrapped in fur! May God bless our pets!

Happy St. Francis Day!

#### 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

Bobby Allen Paul Andrecovich Marilyn Boomer Shawn Burks Liana Caruana Ida Cherry Mary Cunningham Gary Davila Howard Dilworth Kyle Duker Heinrich Ericksen Jill Forton **Doris Harris** John Huddleston Addie Ingram Earline Johnson Ron Kirby Tony Lababera Vanessa Laco-Chambers Dave Laverty Catherine Lewis Tiana Marquez Michael Martin Mary Massaini Dina Maynard Leon McCool Gary Perzyk Judy Pierce Robert Preuss Celeste Rabaut Patricia C. Randall Elaine Rosen Carol Santa Maria Ben Saxon Tom Scallen Marvin Sims Len Stoehr Mark Tamer Rachel Thompson Enza Trah Anna Tyler Sr Jolene Van Handel Belinda Wilson Shawn Wilson

"All of the questions in my life Will be answered When I decide Which road To Choose."

Jenny White

## MEN'S RETREAT: Oct 12-14, 2018,

St. Paul's Retreat Center. See Eric Hintz or James Taylor for more information and to sign up.

#### Mass for Commerce

Everyone is invited to a morning of inspiration by joining His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community at the 25th Annual Mass for Commerce on Wednesday, October 18, at 8 a.m. in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206.

This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women that they are not just business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts and their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them, guiding them every day.

A breakfast will follow Mass. Fr. Tim Hipskind, S.J., author of *What's Your Decision? How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity: An Ignatian Approach to Decision Making,* will sign free copies of his book and answer questions at the breakfast. For more information, call 313-596-7430 or visit the web at *www.massforcommerce.org* 

## Religious Education: October dates to save

'Atrium' for ages 3-6 classes meet each Sunday following the 8:30 am and 11:30 am mass in the Parish Rectory Basement.

**Sunday October 14**<sup>th</sup> classes will meet following the 11:30 mass in the classrooms in the church hall for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>—7<sup>th</sup>. Sacraments for First Communion and Confirmation will also meet on this date, same location.

Sunday October 21, 2018

Mercy In Action - more information will follow soon

**October 28**<sup>th</sup>: **No Class. 'Trunk or Treat' following mass.** Children will come to mass dressed as their favorite saint, angels or civil right activist. Talk with Barbara Taylor or Joni Scott for help with resources.

## Journey for the Entire Parish: RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is a journey of conversion for the person participating in the initiation process, and by extension it can be a journey of conversion for the whole parish! That is, conversion happens if the parish fully embraces the process of initiation and walks the journey of faith with the candidates for initiation.

The *Rite* tells us that those requesting initiation "seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion." This indicates that those who come to our parish door saying, "I want to be Catholic" are indeed *seeking* something. Although they may not articulate it as such, what they really seek is God. So, the parish invites them into this wondrous process whereby they develop, deepen and enrich their relationship with this loving God in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith?

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic?

Here is a way to help a friend, relative or spouse find the answers they seek! Invite them to Inquiry sessions with Joni Scott and our team of Catechists. Topics include What Do Catholics Believe? What is the meaning of the Mass? The Bible, The Saints, Mary, Places in the Catholic Church, Catholics and Prayer, Catholic Practices, and much, much more. Contact Joni Scott—313 331-0253

## Upcoming Events / Meetings

Young Marrieds Sweetest Day Dinner Date Night: "The Not So Newlywed Game", Saturday, October 20, 2018, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM, \$50/couple (St. Fabian Parish, Farmington Hills, MI. Info at:

youngmarrieds\_oct20.eventbrite.com. Young Marrieds = 1st 10 years of marriage.) Babysitting is available at no cost. 313-237-5894. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Marriage and Family Office

Create a beautiful tomorrow today together with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience! Renew the commitment, intimacy and passion in your marriage and make a good marriage even better! 2018 Weekend Date: November 2-4, 2018 at St. Mary (Wayne). Register @encounterdetroit.org or Call 888-322-9963

2018 Natural Family Planning Support Education Series: Deeper Reflection, October 30th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary - Pregnancy Loss and Grief. Far too many have been touched by pregnancy loss and the accompanying grief it brings. How can we remain open to life in such demanding and devastating circumstances? How can we begin to heal the pain we experience? This month we'll offer support, understanding, prayers and a listening ear to couples living with the grief of pregnancy loss. **RSVP** to nfp@aod.org and Please visit online at www.aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and more information!

## Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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## **October Mass Intentions**

Sunday, October 7, 2018
Sandra Turnball
Merrie Ruzzin
Yvonne Salveta Rhoads
Roberto Ruzza
Catherine Clyne

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Victor and Susanne Fileccia

Sunday, October 14, 2018 Fr. Ed Borycz Ed and Rose Borycz

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Lisa Little

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Carl Ayoub

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Rosario Calabro

Sunday, October 28, 2018 Jody Cunningham

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

James Charles

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon., Oct. 08: Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c; Luke 10:25-37

**Tues., Oct. 09:** Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Luke 10:38-42

Wed., Oct. 10: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Luke 11:1-4

**Thurs., Oct. 11:** Galatians 3:1-5; Psalm: Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Luke 11:5-13

Fri., Oct. 12: Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 11:15-26

**Sat., Oct. 13:** Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 11:27-28

Sun., Oct. 14: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Weekly Collection, 09/30/18 See here next week!

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Gather them Home: All Souls Day Community Memorial Service, November 2nd

The final expression of our faith as Catholics is the blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to life everlasting. By burying the bodies of the faithful, we confirm our faith in the resurrection of the body that death is not the end.

Gather Them Home is a no-cost mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit to help those looking for a final resting place for a loved one's remains they currently have at home or in safe keeping.

There will be three locations for the All Souls Day Community Memorial Services:

- 9:00am Mass at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield
- 11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Cemetery in Bronwstown
- 2:00pm Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe

For more information and to register please visit us online at www.gatherthemhome.org.

## Scholarship Opportunity...

Eastern Michigan is offering a new scholarship providing 2 years of free tuition. Students must live on campus for all 4 years and have a 3.0+ GPA, 20+ ACT/1020+ SAT to qualify. More information at: www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2018/08/emu\_offers\_free tuition progra.html

Using Your Mobile Device to Make Online Contributions... 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
- 3. Click on "Donate"
- **4. Choose** to Login or Create Account
- **5. Follow** the directions on the screen to make your donation!



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