

The Vigil

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Last Sunday in Liturgical Year A

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus
accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



“The Lord Be With You.”

Today’s Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
(The Lord’s Care)

Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
(The Good Shepherd)

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
(Christ the First fruits)

Matthew 25:31-46
(The Last Judgment)

Pastor’s Pen



On this weekend when we give thanks, we shout in gratitude for new life!

Riley Anne Erickson was baptized yesterday in a private family gathering at St. Charles (due to COVID -19 fears). Riley is the daughter of Martin and Laura Erickson. Laura is the daughter of Mary Anne and Paul Andrecovich. Laura and Martin, we are so grateful to meet Riley at the waters of baptism. May this begin a wonderful chapter in her life when she realizes in the years ahead that she is, truly, a beloved daughter of God. Riley, we welcome you with open arms and know that you always have a place at St. Charles. We are certainly not perfect, but I believe we try our best to follow the Gospel and allow Christ to work in our lives. Our prayers are with you, Martin, Laura, Riley and the rest of the family. May Riley’s baptism open new doors of faith, hope and love for all of us.

This weekend we come to celebrate the last Sunday of the Church year and we have much to reflect on. This has been a year like no other. Thanksgiving has always been a time for family without all of the busyness of Christmas. It has always meant family reunions, good food, overeating, football, and all the family traditions that mark this holiday for each of us. In 2020, we face this holiday week with pandemic surges throughout the country, virtual thanksgivings rather than our traditional gatherings, quarantines, and political upheaval. Some of us will spend this holiday grieving for those we have lost because of COVID or other illnesses, others will feel lonely because they will not have family with them, others will not be able to visit relatives in nursing homes and hospitals and all of us just want to go back to what we thought was “normal.” In the midst of all of this, we have this feast to mark the last Sunday of the year. Officially it is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It sounds a bit oppressive and scary. King of the universe seems like a pretty powerful position and we know how people in power can abuse their authority. We have only to read the Gospel today to realize that our King is much more like a Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. He is the champion for those who are poor, hungry, thirsty, homeless, in prison, sick and cast away by the larger society as not important. Yes, this King uses his power, not for himself, but for those who feel powerless. In this moment when we all feel powerless, our King reminds us that we are not alone. This feast celebrates the fact that no matter what happens, our King will not desert us but will give us the strength we need for whatever comes! We have much to be grateful for on this Thanksgiving.

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
Joe Lucent
Waletha McCrary
Wesley Nethercott
Elizabeth Pillete
Roger Sinclair

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse:

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 1st.** See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. 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.

An update on the Mass dispensation from Archbishop Vigneron

Summary: Due to Covid 19, he has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit until **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Read on for details.

November 13, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these difficult months during the pandemic, I have granted a general dispensation from the grave obligation that we as Catholic Christians have to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in part to help ease the conscience of those who are unable to be present for public worship due to risk of illness to themselves or their families. The most recent dispensation expires on November 22, at which point we had hoped the pandemic would have eased enough to allow all of us to return in an unrestricted way to our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Unfortunately, local and state health officials report that we not only continue to experience an increase in cases in our region and elsewhere, but that the rate of increase is rising dramatically and dangerously. I have been in communication with leaders in our Catholic hospitals and they are very concerned about the immediate future and the challenges they face caring for all those in need, not just those experiencing serious complications from COVID-19.

Dispensation: After carefully considering these and other factors, I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit **until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. As we have from the beginning, we will continue to closely monitor the situation in our region, with an eye on the day – hopefully in the not-too-distant future – when all of us are able to safely reunite in our normal patterns of worship.

Attending Mass: This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly. At the same time, one should not take advantage of the dispensation without a true need. Catholics who have already begun to engage in non-essential activities, such as widening one's social circle or going out to eat, should return to Sunday Mass – an essential activity – as church capacity allows. Our souls greatly need the grace that comes from the re-presentation of Christ's saving death and resurrection and this is what Jesus has entrusted to us in the celebration of the Mass. Just as businesses, schools, and other locations have opened safely, so have our parishes. Our pastors, parishes, and the faithful have worked diligently and adapted well in order to ensure the health and well-being of everyone who has been able to come to church for Mass, Confession, or to pray. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for the efforts that have been undertaken to implement and maintain the first-rate precautionary measures that have kept our parishes and schools safe.

Keeping Holy the Lord's Day: Whether or not they are able to attend Mass, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day. This a divine law that neither I nor anyone else can ever dispense. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as such Christians from the earliest days have set it apart as a day unlike others. When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to observe the Sabbath by prioritizing prayer, time for God and for family, and works of charity. To that end, many of our parishes have been broadcasting their services over the internet during these last several months. While this virtual means of watching Mass can never replace the unmediated contact with the Real Presence of Our Lord we receive by being present and participating in Mass, these livestreamed Masses have been a way to help Catholics nourish their souls when they cannot be present for Mass.

Let us trust that the Lord accompanies us through all difficulties, including this pandemic. As we approach Advent and prepare for flu season, we should remember to pray daily for health care workers, first responders, including our priests, and all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the months to come. Let us also continue to invoke Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness for those who suffer illness, asking her to pray with us for healing and protection for the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

With assurances of my prayers for you, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit

Black Catholic History Month Events

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Black Catholic Ministry invites all to the following virtual events for Black Catholic History Month:

Ashe — Be With Us - A four-part transcendent and impactful celebration of Purpose, Pride and Power. Learn more and register at www.aod.org/events/560

Ashe – Our Great Gifts Retreat - This one-hour retreat will be a diocesan wide celebration of Black Catholic History Month. The retreat will consist of music, prayer, Scripture reading, preaching and calling for the intercession of our ancestors. **November 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Learn more and register at www.aod.org/events/559

Weekly Collection

11/15/20

Envelopes	\$1,493.58
Loose	\$ 109.05
All Saints	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$1,622.63

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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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Rosie Davis

Sunday December 27, 2020
Deceased Members of the Sinclair Family
Patrick Buczk

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 23: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 24: Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13; Luke 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 25: Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Luke 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 26: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 21:20-28

Fri., Nov. 27: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a AND 8a; Luke 21:20-28

Sat., Nov. 28: Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Luke 21:34-36

Sun., Nov. 29: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities of Michigan News: The 30th Annual Adopt-a-Family Program

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we are pleased to bring you the Adopt-a-Family program for this Christmas season in 2020.

About Adopt-a-Family:

For over three decades, faithful parishioners and donors throughout the counties served in the Archdiocese of Detroit have generously opened their hearts to the families in our region. While many families receive gifts of clothing or toys from area parish giving trees, more direct financial assistance can become a great blessing to help purchase food, prescriptions, rent, and utilities.

Who Can Apply:

Archdiocesan staff and administrative personnel, Christian service coordinators, criminal justice ministers, campus ministers, health care chaplains, and St. Vincent dePaul coordinators are encouraged to nominate families most in need. Individuals and other groups can also apply on behalf of a family in need.

How to Apply:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, applications will only be accepted electronically at <https://ccsem.org/2020-adopt-a-family-program>

Application Period: October 26 – November 23, 2020.

Amount of Gift:

The amount gifted to each family will be based on the cumulative number of donations and applications received as of November 23, 2020.

“Live for love, without love, you don’t live.”

The Family of Parishes of:
*Nativity, Sacred Heart, St. Augustine & St. Monica, St. Charles
Borromeo and St. Elizabeth*
Invite you to an ONLINE Advent Series

The Journey to

Bethlehem



Friday, November 27th
Sacred Heart

“Praying in Hope”



Friday, December 11th
Nativity/St. Charles Borromeo

“Mary, Cause of OUR Joy”



Friday, December 4th
St. Augustine-St. Monica

“Walking in Faith”



Friday, December 18th

“Sharing the Love of the
Messiah”

Online @: www.sacredheartdetroit.com/journey





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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.

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