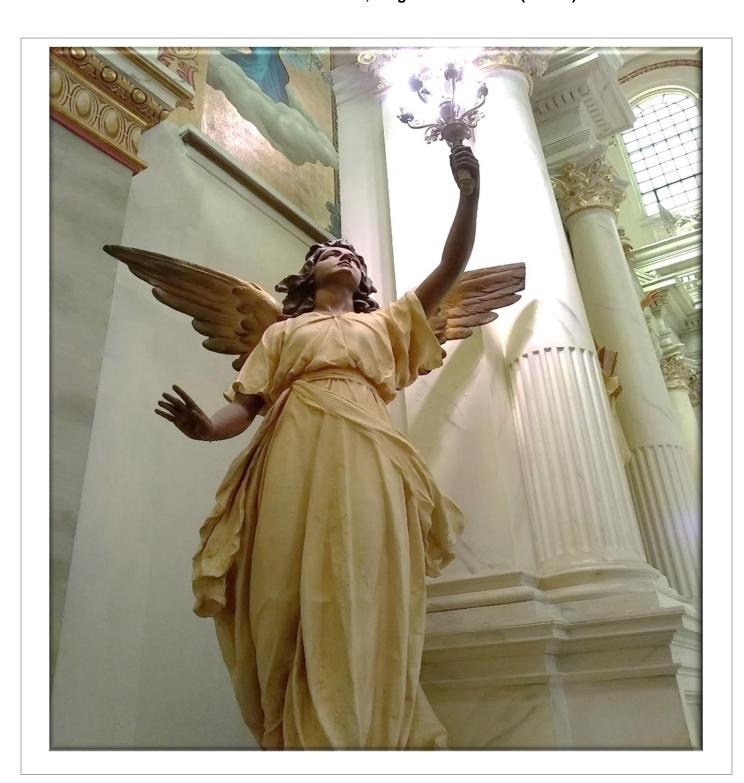
## St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

# The VIGIL

Sunday, November 24, 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)





# "With a Frayer..."

#### **Sunday Food for You**

#### The Kingdom of God is ...

The Kingdom of God is ... a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is ... a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith.

The Kingdom of God is ... in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is ... a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace.

Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may "free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love."

Jesus enters human history as God's anointed son who announces the nearness of the reign of God (Mk 1:9-14). This proclamation summons us to acknowledge God as creator and covenant partner and challenges us to seek ways in which God's revelation of the dignity and destiny of all creation might become incarnate in history. It is not simply the promise of the future victory of God over sin and evil, but that this victory has already begun—in the life and teaching of Jesus.

Gerald Darring St. Louis University

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#### St. Charles Thanksgiving through Christmas Mass Schedule - 2024

ı	Wednesday	11/27/24	No Mass (see included Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
ı	Thursday	11/28/24	No Mass (see included Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
ı	Sunday	12/01/24	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
ı	Sunday	12/08/24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
ı	Monday	12/09/24	Immaculate Conception 11am in the church (Holy Day of Obligation)
ı	Sunday	12/15/24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
ı	Sunday	12/22/24	4th Sunday of Advent 11:30am (Church decorating after Mass)
ı	Tuesday	12/24/24	Christmas Eve 8pm in the church
ı	Wednesday	12/25/24	Christmas 11:30am in the church
ı	Tuesday	12/31/24	New Year's Eve 11pm in the church

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**Religious Ed News:** Thank you to our Confirmands Ava Bell, Caiden Rendles, and Henry Rennpage who attended their second of three retreats along with their sponsors this past Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>. There retreat was held at the MSU-Detroit Partnership for Food. Mr. Naim Edwards is the Director of this program which is located on some of the most beautiful and peaceful grounds in the City of Detroit. Your place is a jewel in the City, and your homemade pizzas that were made on site and baked in the brick oven were delicious! Confirmation will be celebrated on June 8, 2025. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director, Doris Allen and Barbara Taylor, Catechists.

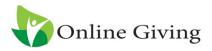
Thank you to all of our youth and teens that wrote and decorated 30 beautiful cards and letters to our Veterans during our Mercy and Action Day. The cards were delivered to the John D. Dingel VA Medical Center for Development and Civic Engagement, Detroit, MI. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director and Janis Ayoub, Evangelical Charity.

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 to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal. Today, November 24, 2024: "The Corner Table"; December 1,2024: No Meal (Holiday Weekend); December 8, 2024: Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Group; December 15, 2024: Sponsor Needed; December 22, 2024: Knights on Bikes

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support. **This week we need Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles.** If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation will help with our monthly bill. Thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families.

**Boulevard Ministry News:** The Boulevard Ministry of St. Charles will be hosting a Christmas party for our friends that suffer from mental illness and cognitive challenges. We will be hosting the parties at two group homes and the local nursing home. If you are interested in participating in the parties, please arrive promptly at 10:30 am at St. Charles outside of the rectory on December 10th. From there, we will board the bus, visit the various homes, sing Christmas carols and distribute gifts. We are also in need of baked goods for the party. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church November 17th. Please consider donating individually wrapped homemade treats for 27 people. The drop off date will be December 8th at the back of church. Our friends LOVE homemade treats! Any questions please contact Angie Kadowaki at <a href="mailto:kadowakiangie@gmail.com">kadowakiangie@gmail.com</a>. Or Joan Jacobs at <a href="mailto:imjacobs6@gmail.com">imjacobs6@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! ~ Angie Kadowaki and Joan Jacobs.

"We can disagree and still love each other unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist." ~ James Baldwin



Go to the giving site at: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit

#### The VIGIL

#### PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

# PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Paul Andrecovich Kathy Ayoub June Buersmeyer Mary Canaday Mamie Cusimano Mark Dearing Joy Harris Carol Herman Joyce Hurley Joan Jackson Bertha Jackson-Hyde Kathy Kapa Leslie Kirby Ron Kirby Pamela Little Michael Martin Gloria Parham Ronald Parham Vertis Park. Sr. Earlene Park-Williams **Greg Pullis** Gregory Richardson Thomas Travlor Anna Tyler

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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

November 24, 2024

Mary Niemic

December 01, 2024

Kyria, Kenyanna & Frank Richardson

**Dorothy Taylor** 

December 08, 2024

Alexander Grabowski Mary Ingram Elfrieda Samuel

December 15, 2024

George Zigas

December 22, 2024

Steven & Catherine Bogotaitis

December 29, 2024

Thomas & Willie Nance

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Daniel 7: 13-14 (Everlasting Kingship)

Psalm 93:1abc, 1d-2, 5 (The Lord is King)

Revelation 1: 5-8 (The Alpha and Omega)

Mark 11: 9, 10 (Son of David)

John 18: 33b-37 (Christ's Kingdom)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2024

#### For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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

Mon., Nov. 25: Revelation 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Psalm 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 21: 1-4

Tues., Nov. 26: Revelation 14: 14-19; Psalm 96: 10, 11-12, 13;

Revelation 2: 10c; Luke 21: 5-11

Wed., Nov. 27: Revelation 15: 1-4; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Revelation 2:

10c; Luke 21: 12-19

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

5; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 20-28

Fri., Nov. 29: Revelation 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Psalm 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Luke 21:

28; Luke 21: 29-33

**Sat., Nov. 30:** Romans 10: 9-18; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4: 19;

Matthew 4: 18-22

Sun., Dec. 01: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalms 2: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; First

Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Psalm 85: 8; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

#### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewardship Sharing

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how many resources do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share through Stewardship your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

#### **COLLECTION INFO**

November 17, 2024

Collection \$ 12,000.00 Online \$ 787.00

TOTAL \$ 12,791.00

### November is Black Catholic History Month.

The Saintly Six, as they are called, are six Catholic African American candidates for sainthood:

Venerable Sr. Henriette DeLille 1812-1862 New Orleans, LA.

Fr. Augustus Tolton 1854-1897 Chicago, IL.

Servant of God Julia Greeley c. 1833-1918 Denver, Co.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint 1766-1863 New York, NY

Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman 1937-1990 Jackson, MS

Venerable Mother Mary Lange 1794-1882 Baltimore, MD

https://www.josephitepastoralcenter.org

[Religious Education Monthly Calendar. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					All Saints First Friday of the Month	All Soul's Day
No Rel. Ed. Classes. Alumni Sunday. St. Martin de Porres.	St. Charles Borromeo. (M)	Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	Rosary 7pm Zoom.	7 OCIA Class 7pm on Zoom	U. S. Bishops endorsed NBCC Pastoral Plan 1989.	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. (F)
Children Liturgy of the Word. Rel. Ed. Following Mass.	St. Martin of Tours. (M) Veterans Day.	Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. (M) Rosary 7pm Zoom.	OCIA Class 7pm on Zoom.	St. Albert the Great. Rosa Parks received Spingarn Award 1979.	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude.
17 Children Liturgy of the Word. Rel. Ed. Following Mass.	The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles.	Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	Rosary 7pm Zoom.	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (M) OCIA 7pm.	St. Cecilia (M)	World Youth Day weekend begins 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> .
World Youth Day Mass and celebration.	25 34 <sup>th</sup> or Last Week in Ordinary Time.	Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	Rosary 7pm Zoom.	Thanksgiving Day.	100 years of Josephite Evangelization 1997.	St. Andrew Apostle. (F)
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Retreat 2:30pm- 5:30pm.**						

#### In honor of Black History Month, here are five contemporary Catholics

to follow to find daily encouragement and inspiration. These men and women have answered God's call to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth, carrying the light of Christ to others through their words and example in a public way.

#### **Sister Josephine Garrett**

Sr. Josephine is a religious sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth, a licensed counselor, and author and podcast host of Hope Stories with Black Catholics. Follow her work for inspiration, hope... and lots of joyful laughter!

#### Fr. Josh Johnson

Fr. Josh is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Podcast Host of "Ask Fr Josh" with Ascension Presents, and author of *Broken and Blessed: An Invitation to My Generation*.

#### **Gloria Purvis**

A podcast host, speaker, and celebrated public intellectual, Ms. Purvis was the creator and host of the EWTN TV series *Authentically Free at Last*, hosts The Gloria Purvis Podcast, served as a consultant for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Religious Liberty, and was named Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic of the Year for 2020. She also served as the inaugural Pastoral Fellow at the University of Notre Dame's Office of Life and Human Dignity at the McGrath Institute for Church Life, and currently she is serving as a scholar in residence at St. Martin's University for the 2023-24 academic year.

#### **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**

Known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon," Deacon Burke-Sivers is the author of six books, host or cohost of several popular EWTN television series, a husband and father, and a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher who travels the world sharing the Good News of Jesus and the truth of the Catholic faith. He is the host of *Beacon of Truth* on EWTN Radio, has appeared in the major motion picture *Power in My Hands*, and his video reflections on the Mass readings are featured by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. With degrees from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Dallas, and as a Benedictine Oblate of Mount Angel Abbey, Burke-Sivers is a deeply informed and wise speaker and writer. His no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith brings inspiration and challenge, and he is especially knowledgeable about marriage and family life, discerning God's will, the sacraments, male spirituality, evangelization, and prayer.

#### **Damon Owens**

Damon Owens has served as an international speaker and evangelist for decades, focusing his work on the good news of marriage, sexuality, Theology of the Body, Theology of the Family, adoption, and NFP.

Mr. Owens currently serves as founder and executive director of joytob, a Catholic teaching ministry, but he began his career with 16 years in the technology sectory before selling out of his firm to found organizations dedicated to building a marriage culture through training, seminars, and conferences. He also has served as the first executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute and Chairman of the International Theology of the Body Congress. He lives outside Philadelphia with his wife Melanie and their eight children.

# Advent Revival "From the Manger: Jesus-the Hope, Joy, & Love He Brings"

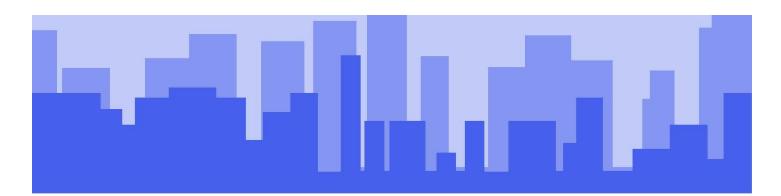
Lower East Side Family of Parishes

REVIVALIST FR. CHRIS TALBOT FAMILY MODERATOR

FEATURING

- THE ST. CHARLES/NATIVITY AND SACRED HEART DANCERS
- RECONCILIATION
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING
   THE REVIVAL

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 01, 2024 • 3PM
ST. AUGUSTIN/ST. MONICA PARISH
AT THE CORNER OF SYLVESTER AND SEMINOLE
(ONE BLOCK NORTH OF MACK AVENUE)



## **FOP – DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY**

Thanksgiving and Christmas Mass Schedules - 2024

11/16/2024

Thankogiving and official mass concadics	11/10/2021
ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
<ul> <li>□ Thanksgiving Mass –Pre (11/26) 6 PM</li> <li>□ Immaculate Conception (12/9) No Mass</li> <li>□ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (12/22) 10 AM</li> <li>□ Christmas Eve Mass (NIGHT) 12 Midnight</li> <li>□ Christmas Day Mass 10 AM</li> <li>Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator</li> <li>4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214</li> <li>313.921.4107</li> <li>www.saintamparish.org</li> </ul>	☐ Thanksgiving Mass – Pre (11/27) 6 PM ☐ Immaculate Conception (12/9) 6 PM ☐ 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (12/22) 9:30 AM ☐ Christmas Eve (NIGHT) 5 PM ☐ Christmas Day 9:30 AM Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator 5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213 313.922.0033 www.nativitydetroit.org
SACRED HEART	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
☐ Thanksgiving Day 9 AM ☐ Immaculate Conception (12/9) 5 PM ☐ 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (12/22) 8AM/10AM ☐ Christmas Eve Mass (NIGHT) 9 PM ☐ Christmas Day Mass 9 AM Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum 1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI. 48207 313.831.1356 www.sacredheartdetroit.com	<ul> <li>□Wednesday, 11/27/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)</li> <li>□Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)</li> <li>□Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 11:30am</li> <li>□Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:30am</li> <li>□Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception 11am in the church (Holy Day</li> </ul>
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY	of Obligation)
<ul> <li>□ Thanksgiving Day         (with Sacred Heart)</li> <li>□ Immaculate Conception (12/9)         (with Sacred Heart)</li> <li>□ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (12/22) 12 NOON</li> <li>□ Christmas Eve (NIGHT)</li> </ul>	□Sunday, 12/15/24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am □Sunday, 12/22/24 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am ( <b>Church decorating after Mass</b> ) □Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve 8pm in the church □Wednesday, 12/25/24 Christmas 11:30am in
<ul> <li>(with Sacred Heart)</li> <li>□ Christmas Day</li> <li>(with Sacred Heart)</li> <li>Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum</li> <li>3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit. MI. 48207</li> <li>313.921.9225</li> <li>www.stelizabethdetroit.org</li> </ul>	the church □Tuesday, 12/31/24 New Year's Eve 11pm in the church  Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI. 48214 313.331.0253

www.stcharlesdetroit.org

#### NATIVITY LOTTERY TICKET ORDER FORM

Here is the way our Nativity Lottery works:

- \*Tickets cost \$30 each.
- \*Only 1,000 tickets are sold. First come, first served.
- \*They are numbered from 000 to 999.
- \*Each ticket gives you a chance to win on every Wednesday night's three-digit lottery number for a FULL YEAR (beginning January 1, 2025)
- \*If your number matches the three numbers drawn (no boxing), you win \$100.00.
- \*If your number is the number before or after the winning number, you win \$25.00.

So, you really have 159 chances to win this year as there are 53 Wednesdays in 2025. And if you don't win, Nativity still does because the proceeds will be used to pay for continuing needs to keep the Church strong and beautiful.

Just complete the order form below and mail it with your check. We will send you the ticket with your number. Please send a separate order form for each ticket ordered if a different name. Feel free to copy the form for your friends or call and we will mail them a form. But hurry, remember, tickets are limited!

Tickets will be mailed by early December. Your number will be picked by draw. We will mail checks to those with the winning numbers each week.

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Member of Class of	or parish member during
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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH 5900 McClellan Detroit, Michigan 48213 Phone 313-922-0033 PGC = Protecting God's Children Training Session

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Solemnity of All Saints - Ho- ly Day of Obli- gation 11am: Mass in St. Charles Church 6pm Mass at St. Augustine/St. Monica	2 All Souls Day In Person PGC Ray Township 9am
3 Alumni Sunday 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	4 5pm Faith & Fellowship Partners	5 Election Day  Dancers 5:30pm-8pm	6 Online PGC 6pm	7	8 11am: Mass in Rectory	9 Dancers 10am-2pm In Person PGC Northville 9am In Person PGC Royal Oak 9am
10 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	11 Veteran's Day  5pm Faith & Fellowship Leaders  Online PGC 6pm	12 Dancers 5:30pm-8pm	13	14	15 11am: Mass in Rectory	16 Disciples Program 1pm-2:30pm
17 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	18 5pm Faith & Fellowship Partners  Dancers 5pm- 8pm	19 Dancers 5pm-8pm	20 Dancers 5pm-8pm	21 Concert Dress Rehearsal 6pm In Person PGC Troy 6pm	22 11am: Mass in Rectory	23 30 Steps Higher Concert 7pm In Person PGC Warren 9am
24 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	25 5pm Faith & Fellowship Leaders	26 Pre- Thanksgiving Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 6pm	27 Pre- Thanksgiving Mass at Nativi- ty 6pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Mass at Sacred Heart 9am	29 Office Closed—No Mass Today	30

#### The VIGIL

#### **PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION**

#### St Charles Borromeo

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

stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com

**FaceBook**: St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit

#### St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, 10am to 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Friday, 9am to 3pm

#### **Pastoral Team**

Fr. Chris Talbot. Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

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

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Rhonda Gilbert - Parish Ministries Coordinator

#### **Council Members**

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey, Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King, Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage

# OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times
Friday: Mass 11am
Sunday 11:30am
Live Stream

Nativity of Our Lord Mass Times Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am Sunday 9:30am

> St Augustine / St Monica Mass Times Wednesday, 9am Sunday 10am

#### **Family of Parishes Prayer Groups**

**Tuesday Men's Prayer Group** 6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

#### **Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study**

St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

#### 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.

#### 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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. (aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.