

# The Vigil

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."**

**November 28, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Liturgical Year C**

## Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
(*The Lord's Messiah*)

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
(*Eye on God*)

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
(*Lives Pleasing to God*)

## Pastor's Pen



Good morning and God bless you.

Today, Jesus teaches us about using every minute of our lives and not wasting anything of the opportunities for faith, hope and love.

Thanks to the volunteers who came to the church last Saturday to rake leaves, trim bushes, clean up flower beds and have some really good cookies. The grounds look really nice.

I am sorry for the church being only in the 50s last week. The heat was on and the basement was warm, but the heat wasn't making it to the church. With Rhonda's help, we called Durant Mechanical Sunday afternoon and as of this writing, they will be coming out to get us back in shape.

You are invited to the Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes commissioning Mass at 6 PM on Tuesday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Parish. Bishop Hanchon will preside at Mass as we pledge to work together in the Kingdom of God.

Last Sunday afternoon, we visited Mt. Elliott cemetery, where the remains of all early residents of Detroit are buried (brought from now closed cemeteries). We stopped at the site of the home where the first Black Catholic family lived. We had a good, if windy visit to Milliken State Park to better understand the early years of the Detroit settlement. We visited Sainte Anne's, the parish where generations of Black Catholics of Detroit worshipped, were baptized, were married and buried. Those of us on the tour appreciated being able to ride in the St. Charles bus.

Please continue to pray for those who have gone before us, the faithful departed. We are fortunate that the Catholic cemeteries in the Detroit area are beautifully maintained. You might try making a visit this month.

A blessed week,  
Father Dan

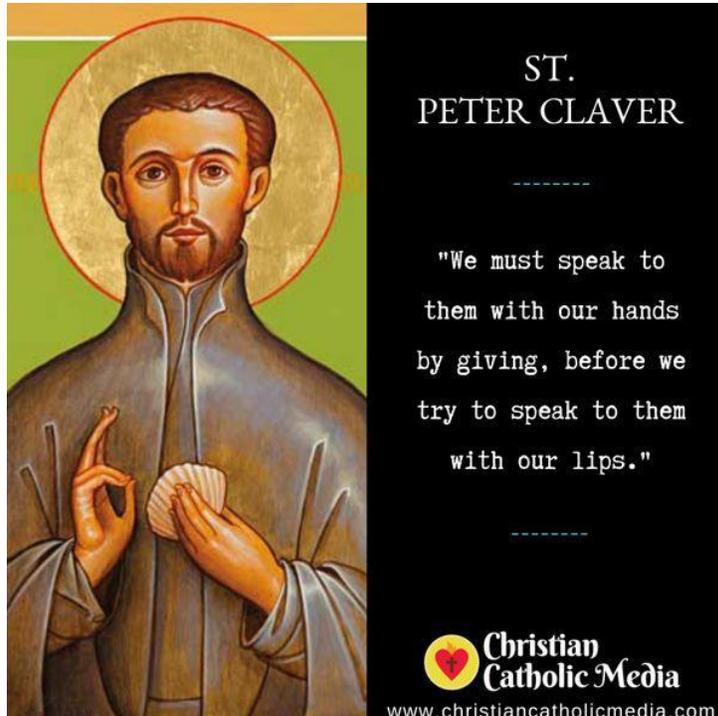
### St. Charles Mission Statement

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.

## 2021 CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

### 2021 Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

#### St. Peter Claver



St. Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580. Peter Claver, a Jesuit Priest, while studying philosophy became influenced to go to 'the Indies' to Evangelize and minister to the enslaved. In approximately 1610, he arrived in what is now known as Cartagena, Columbia which was the epicenter of the slave trade. His mission was to nurture physically and spiritually as many suffering slaves as he possibly could. He would enter the deplorable conditions of the slave ships and administer aid to those suffering.

Through his efforts of ministry and evangelization, St. Peter Claver was responsible for the conversion of over 300,000 enslaved, and he worked tirelessly until his death for the abolition of slavery and the salvation of those who had been victimized by it.

St. Peter Claver was Canonized on January 15, 1888.

# Community

Pray for the  
Healing Presence

Clara Boltman  
Mary Canaday  
Frank Catania  
Simone Eder  
Vickie Figueroa  
William (Bill) Leto  
Waletha McCrary  
John Pillette  
Charles Sheron  
Pat Sprankle  
Anna Tyler  
Father Clarence Williams

## IS YOUR DETROIT HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

Tens of thousands of Detroit homes are dangerous to live in. A recent U of M study estimated that 24,000 Detroit homes need major fixes, such as leaking roofs, broken furnaces, and faulty wiring. That's 5 percent of the city's housing stock. Housing advocates contend the real number is far higher.

**Detroit Home Repair Resource Guide** is a 2019 list of many nonprofits and other agencies that offer help for residents. Contact information for the City of Detroit, United Community Housing Coalition and several other organizations are listed in the 70-page guide. It can be found online at

<https://poverty.umich.edu/files/2020/03/DETROIT-HOME-REPAIR-RESOURCE-GUIDE.pdf>

### 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. See [detroitcatholic.com](http://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](http://protect.aod.org).

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### FEBRUARY 18-20TH WEEKEND IS THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT.

The theme for 2021-2022 is "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope"

These past months have been difficult and challenging: a roller coaster of emotions, feelings and experiences. We have been navigating through a worldwide pandemic. In his book *Dream*, Pope Francis says "the question is whether you're going to come through this crisis and if so, how? The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same."

This retreat experience will invite a re-connection -- to God's story and our faith story -- to better anchor us in our path to hope.

For more information about our retreat weekend @ St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center on the westside of Detroit, please contact Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST!

**Did you know...** that Archbishop Vigneron has a podcast? Well, he does. During the monthly podcasts, "*Eye on Jesus*", Archbishop Vigneron discusses the missionary transformation of the Church in southeast Michigan.

You can find out how to listen, read about upcoming topics, and listen to past podcasts by going to AOD.ORG and clicking on the "Unleash the Gospel" link. Scroll down and look on the right side of the page for the podcast link.

#### Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes Commissioning Mass

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Time: 6pm

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish  
3138 E Canfield St.

Detroit, MI 48207

Celebrant: Bishop Hanchon

**Nativity Church Christmas Program:** After much consideration for the safety of all, it has been decided that we will be packing the gifts for the families in our Christmas program. As much as we would have loved to do the "Christmas Store," we feel it is just not possible given that Michigan Covid cases continue to rise and we continue to have low vaccination rates, especially in the city of Detroit. **Volunteers will be needed the week of December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.** We will keep the shifts at 3 hours, small groups of 4 at a time in the church basement so we can be socially distanced. There will be day and evening shifts. We ask that anyone volunteering be vaccinated. Please call the Nativity parish house at **313-922-0033** if you would like to help.

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of Nativity Parish and all of the Food Pantry volunteers, we wish to thank you for your continued support of the emergency food pantry. Your weekly contributions help keep food on the shelves for us to share with those who come to us. As the need seems to continue to grow, it is nice to know that you are helping us feed our neighbors.

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On the Nativity website ([nativitydetroit.org](http://nativitydetroit.org)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/NativityDetroit/](https://facebook.com/NativityDetroit/)) you will find our weekly bulletin. There is a detailed explanation of the tags available to take to purchase something for a family in our program and, once again, we are asking for gift cards for Amazon, Kohls, Target, or Visa Gift Cards. You can give gift cards to Rhonda at Mass, and we will get them from her.

Also, we have an option for signing up to shop for an entire family. Last year some St. Charles families chose this option, and we were overwhelmed with your generosity. Please call the Nativity parish house with any questions and we can match you with a family.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Anne Crowe, Food Pantry and Christmas Program Coordinator

### St. Charles Wooden Christmas Ornaments for Sale!

Local artist Stephen Burkett of Abs Wood Works has made Christmas ornaments that have the likeness of St. Charles on the front. If you are interested in purchasing, please go to [stephenburkett.squarespace.com](http://stephenburkett.squarespace.com) or email the artist at [stephenburkett@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenburkett@yahoo.com). **The cost is \$10/ornament** (Cash/check/ PayPal). Shipment is available.

**All orders must be placed no later than December 1, 2021. Orders will be delivered to the church for pick-up on after mass on Sunday, December 12, 2021.**



### Stewardship Minute: Advent

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."  
(Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

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
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Who is it for?

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

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### St. Charles Web Site:

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### Pastoral Team

Brother Ray Stadmeyer OFM Cap., Pastor  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

### Council Members

Steven Dearing	Linda Simpkins
Rhonda Gilbert	Adrienne Strubank
Dan Hurley	Gabrielle Taylor (youth rep.)
Joyce Hurley	Alonda Walker
David Nadeau	Paco Williams
Diane Simpkins	

### November / December

#### Mass Intentions

November 28, 2021

**Mary Cunningham  
Allaletta Polyzois**

December 05, 2021

**Rosie Davis, Elaine O'Neil,  
Patrick Buczak**

December 12, 2021

**Tony Gilbert, Roy King**

December 19, 2021

**Ida and Liz Cherry**

December 26, 2021

**Everyone who died from  
Covid-19 in 2021**

# GRACE

*... is the meal of life.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 29: Isaiah 2:1-5;  
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tues., Nov. 30: Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;  
Matthew 4:18-22

Wed., Dec. 01: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec. 02: Isaiah 26:1-6;  
Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri., Dec. 03: Isaiah 29:17-24;  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

Sat., Dec. 04: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun., Dec. 05: Baruch 5:1-9;  
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Luke 3:1-6

### Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*(Adapted from [Vatican News.](#))*

### Weekly Collection

11/21/2021

Envelope	\$ 1,425.16
Loose	\$ 52.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 130.00
Holy Days	\$ 65.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,065.00

**Total \$ 2,837.16**

*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?*



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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.

Individuals may also contact the Archdiocese of Detroit. We place no deadlines or time limits on those who wish to come forward for help; be it five, 15, or 50 years later, our diocese accepts and responds to all reports.

The Archdiocese of Detroit reports every complaint it receives, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded. This is done in accordance with voluntary agreements signed in the spring of 2002 by the archdiocese and prosecutors from all six counties within its boundaries. As a result of the agreements, the archdiocese shared case files of priests accused of sexual misconduct in previous years and committed to turning over all complaints in the future.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

### **Emergencies**

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call **911**

### **Law enforcement**

Individuals who suspect clergy sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults are encouraged to contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office by calling its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by emailing [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department.

### **Mandated reporting**

Mandated reporters in Michigan must make an immediate verbal report to the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at (855) 444-3911, followed by a written report within 72 hours. Reports also can be [made online](#). (See below for [more information](#) on mandated reporters.)

### **Archdiocese of Detroit**

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Tony Latarski, can be reached at **(313) 237-6060** or toll-free at **(866) 343-8055**. Individuals also may email [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Mr. Latarski has an extensive background in law enforcement and works to receive and respond to all complaints. All calls and messages regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. Callers will be asked to provide their name and telephone number.

This contact information is shared as part of an effort by the archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. They are for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only.

More information about the reporting process from *Detroit Catholic*: **For archdiocese's victim assistance coordinator, helping survivors is a ministry of compassion.**

Please note that this article references Mr. Latarski's predecessor, who retired after serving for many years in the role of Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

### **Reporting a bishop**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Reports of sexual misconduct by other Church personnel — priests, deacons, laypersons — should be reported-in using the means described in the above sections.



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