

The Vigil

December 01, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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



Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5
(*The Messianic Time*)

Psalms 122:1-9
(*Joy in the Lord's House*)

Romans 13:11-14
(*Put On the Lord*)

Matthew 24:37-44
(*Stay Awake*)

Pastor's Pen



"The Lord Be With You."

First Sunday of Advent

I hope everyone had a fun and restful Thanksgiving weekend! Now we are in the month of December and are moving full throttle toward Christmas. Black Friday has already passed by and is in our rearview mirrors. There will be sales and shopping and baking and cooking and wrapping and more shopping and eating and cooking more and eating more and picking out Christmas trees and putting up decorations and.... Yikes..It seems exhausting just thinking about it, but we do it every year and if you're like me, you tell yourself that this year will be calmer and more organized. Well, I can bet that on the 24th I will be on a long line at Kroger's with other sad souls picking up the things I forgot to get! So, how do we do it differently this year? I'm not sure but I think I have to adjust my sense of priorities. Our gospel calls us to stay awake and be ready. So how do we stay awake in this time of madness? How do we keep our sense of joy in this frantic pace and stressful days of Christmas preparation? I think one way is to ask ourselves what we're celebrating apart from the lights and glitter of this season? Aren't we celebrating in the birth of Jesus the fact that God wishes to be one of us? God wanted to look us straight in the eye and tell us that we were loved beyond all that we could imagine. What better gift could we receive than that gift? We celebrate the fact that the Light came into the world to dispel all of the darkness. Isn't that Light brighter than any lights on our trees?

Maybe this year in an effort to "stay awake" to life, we can spend more time quieting our lives. Maybe we can limit the parties and get-togethers and spend more time with those we are closest to. Rather than hours of shopping, maybe we can use the money to help someone or donate to a charity or use the time we would have used for shopping to write a few words telling people how much they mean to us. This is the season to realize that Love entered the world in the person of Christ and the world will never be the same. It reminds us that God who came to save us in Christ, came to save everyone because we are all related. We are all Kin. When we awaken to the fact that we are all related, we realize the huge responsibility that is ours. We are called to welcome the strangers, heal the brokenhearted, bind up wounds from racism and all the isms that divide us, heal relationships in our families and bring hope to a world that often seems to have lost its way. Yes, let's "wake up" this year and realize what's most important in our lives. As we prepare for Christmas, Love is all that matters!

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

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Healing Presence

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Gary Perzyk
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Celeste Rabaut
Elaine Rosen
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Ben Saxon
Marvin Sims
Len Stoehr
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Unza Tranchida
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Mary Lou West
Belinda Wilson
Shawn Wilson
Rashad Whigham

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you'd like to
give.

SAVE THE DATE:

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND February 7-9, 2020

Women of St. Charles! Our annual retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center in Detroit is on the weekend of February 7-9, 2020. This year's theme is: "Who Do You Say that I Am?" Many people have opinions about who Jesus is. This theme helps each of us to explore who Jesus is for us, and to deepen our relationship with Him. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday night, and ends after breakfast and Mass on Sunday morning. Each woman has her own room and bathroom. The retreat center is located on the west side of Detroit on 18 acres of land, with lots of spaces indoors and outdoors to unwind and settle into the wonderful hospitality.

Please see or call Jessica Taylor at 313.917.0129, or Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 to reserve your spot, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at www.stpaulretreat.org.

CSA Minute: Christian Stewardship

Earlier in November, the Department of Development and Stewardship distributed weekly reflections for the readings in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word in Cycle A, which parishes can begin including in their bulletins this weekend. These Stewardship Thoughts are designed to encourage reflection on the grace God gives to each of us through His gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and how we are called to "steward" those gifts to serve Him in advancing His Kingdom on earth.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to provide materials and guidance on Christian stewardship education, including the Department of Development and Stewardship's award-winning stewardship education manual, *Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit*. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

Stewardship Minute: Advent

We begin this Advent season by preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. In today's Scripture passages, we are reminded that we do not know the exact day the Lord will come for us. Therefore, we must always be prepared. When St. Paul professes, Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, he is encouraging us to put on Christ and admonishing us to avoid temptations of the flesh. When we meet the Lord, He will ask for an accounting of our stewardship of the blessings He gave to us during our lifetime. How will we respond? Daily Advent reflections, available at www.wordonfire.org and other Catholic websites, help prepare us spiritually for the joyous celebration of Christmas.

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, go to 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

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Is your home ready to brave Michigan's winter? Are you and your family well-prepared? And are you able to make sure others are ready too? Think of how you can help others stay warm this winter. Be creative with solutions, and use compassion as your inspiration!

Weekly Collection

11/17/19

Envelopes	\$ 1,728.00
Loose	\$ 342.98
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
Thanksgiving	% 5.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,155.98

11/24/19

Envelopes	\$ 2,378.78
Loose	\$ 606.53
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
All Saints	\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving	% 105.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,210.31

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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December Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 01, 2019
Anthony Gilbert
The Henley Family

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Harvey and Lorraine Dearing

Sunday, December 8, 2019
Rosie Davis
The Raggio Family
Liz Cherry

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Terrence Dearing

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Rosie Davis

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Gregory Dearing

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Angela Bologna
Sister Mary Ann Untener

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Deceased Family and Friends
of St. Charles

Sunday, December 29, 2019
Deceased Members of the
Sinclair Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 02: Isaiah 4:2-6;
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tues., Dec. 03: Isaiah 11:1-
10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17; Luke 10:21-24

Wed., Dec. 04: Isaiah 25:6-
10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec. 05: Isaiah 26:1-6;
Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri., Dec. 06: Isaiah 29:17-24;
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew
9:27-31

Sat., Dec. 07: Isaiah 30:19-
21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sun., Dec. 08: Isaiah 11:1-10;
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to a change in our Collection Computer Software, your envelope number may change beginning in January 2020. Nothing else will change! If this change affects your envelope number, you will notice the change in the envelopes you receive at year end. We apologize if this affects you, but the changes will allow us to streamline collection information input plus will save the parish some money.

Do You Have Items That Need To Be Recycled? ... The City of Detroit's recycling Drop-Off Center is open Monday & Wednesday, 10a-6p, and Saturdays 9a-3p at 1331 Holden Ave, 48202 (not far from the Fisher Bldg in New Center). **NOTE: THIS IS A SORT-IT-YOURSELF CENTER, NOT A DROP & GO**, but it's well-organized with readily available staff to help you. Items you can recycle there: **PAPER, PLASTICS, GLASS, METALS, CARDBOARD, BATTERIES, STYROFOAM, LIGHT BULBS, ELECTRONICS, PLASTIC BAGS, BOOKS, INK CARTRIDGES, COOKING GREASE, ASEPTIC / CARTONS.** For more information please visit www.recyclehere.net

You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!

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<http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>

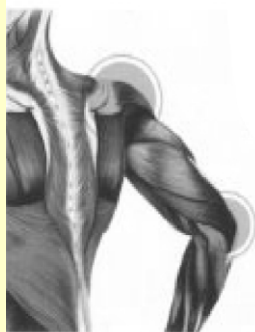
2. Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner

3. Click on "Donate"

4. Choose to Login or Create Account

5. Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!

Retreats Still Available... at St. Paul's Passionist Retreat Center on the westside of Detroit. Participate in one of the many retreat weekends between now and May 2020. Just go to: www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats/ to get a list and to register. For more information, or for help with registration, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.



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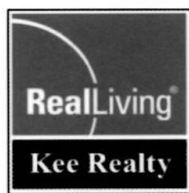
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.