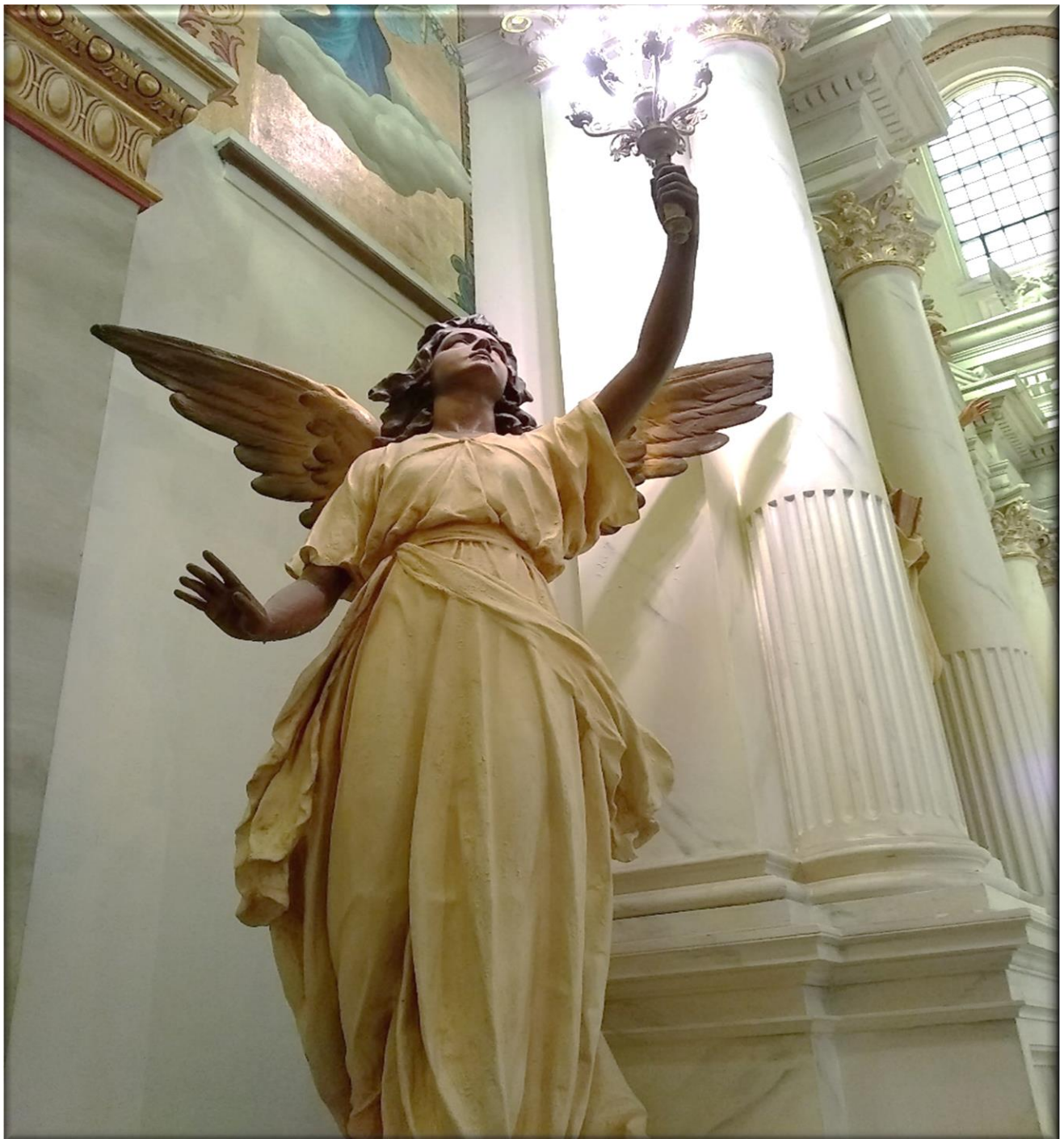

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, December 01, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)





Sunday Food for You

Wake Up Call

Why do we have Advent?

You say, "I don't know, it always just comes along," or, "I don't know, no one ever told me." I have heard these answers and others a number of times. Especially this one: if Christ has already been born, what is this Advent waiting all about? Have we forgotten about his birth?

Strangely that is part of the answer. It has to do with his birth into our hearts and also to do with our forgetfulness.

Are you ready for the warning?

Our hearts get drowsy and scatterbrained, tired out by the anxieties of daily life. Maybe we distract ourselves from our troubles by working very hard, or becoming depressed, or becoming fascinated with drink, or sex, or out-of-control emotions, or gambling, or email, or golf, or surfing the web, or pride, or, or, or (you name yours). Whatever it is for you, the very clear message of Advent is, "Settle down for a while." Open the door just a bit to let God in.

The Church has a liturgical strategy in the Advent Sunday readings. Each week's First Reading is the carrot: usually positive, a promise of good. Then the Gospel hits us with a big stick to wake us up.

Take the First Reading this Sunday. It reminds us of the promise God made to his people: Rightness and justice will come to the earth. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day.

What a lovely thing it is to desire such a time. Too good to be true? Just pious thought? Read the First Reading now and ask yourself such questions. Spend time with the puzzles. Pray to God for help. The Responsorial Psalm will help you. It asks God to make known his ways to us, to guide us and teach us.

The Second Reading urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are not yet sure what it means. Love others and be loved. A challenge.

Ah, and then Gospel the It tries to wake us up, especially if the above has not helped. "But I am perfectly awake," you say. Alright then, go ahead and read the Gospel. It is the "stick."

It features signs in the sun, moon and stars, nations in dismay, the roaring of the sea and the waves, people dying of fright, and the Son of Man appearing in the clouds with power and great glory.

Terrifying?

So you are completely ready for it? Let yourself imagine it what it might be like. Picture it scene by scene and don't worry about being exact. Just experience it.

Will such a shakeup really happen literally? We do not know. Maybe much worse is yet to come, judging from the state of the world today. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of a horrific climate change, of a crash of the entire economy, or the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say "You are right, I do find I am afraid of these"; then go back to the Responsorial Psalm and pray. Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly.

Welcome to Advent.

John Foley, SJ
St. Louis University

Please note:

We have received notice from a few members that they received either a text or email from someone claiming to be Fr. Chris. The text or email is asking the receiver to purchase some gift cards for him. **Please remember, Fr. Chris will NEVER text, call or email any of our members requesting gift cards. The texts and emails sent today were from a scammer just trying to use your connection to the church.**

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, Mac & Cheese and Cookies or Cake Mix and Frosting for the Christmas boxes of food.** Thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families. We have begun preparing for our Christmas Assistance Program. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Anne at the parish house 313-922-0033. Many dates are available from December 1st-December 20th to help in the day and evening hours. The first week of December will be sorting and organizing gifts that have come and sorting food. This would be a great way for teens to receive service hours.

Boulevard Ministry News: Thank you for your interest in the Christmas party for the Blvd ministry. Reminder to bring treats/cookies to Mass on Dec 8th ~ we will receive them at the table in the back of church after Mass.

St. Charles Thanksgiving through Christmas Mass Schedule - 2024

Wednesday	11/27/24	No Mass (see included Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
Thursday	11/28/24	No Mass (see included Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
Sunday	12/01/24	1 st Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Sunday	12/08/24	2 nd Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Monday	12/09/24	Immaculate Conception 11am in the church (Holy Day of Obligation)
Sunday	12/15/24	3 rd Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Sunday	12/22/24	4 th Sunday of Advent 11:30am (Church decorating after Mass)
Wednesday	12/25/24	Christmas 11:30am in the church
Sunday	12/29/24	The Holy Family Sunday 11:30am
Tuesday	12/31/24	New Year's Eve 11pm in the church



Online Giving

Go to the giving site at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>



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First Advent Candle/Sunday: Hope

“Once in our world, a Stable had something in it that was bigger than our world”-C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the **“Prophecy Candle,”** the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s retelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**. <https://hallow.com/blog/advent-candles-and-advent-wreath>

The History of Advent

The season of Advent developed in the Church overtime. Here are 10 facts that you may not know about the roots and meaning of Advent.

1. Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the birth of the Lord. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* or coming.
2. Advent has a changing start date. It starts on the Sunday closest the the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30th) can begin as early as November 27th or as late as December 3rd.
3. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Advent was chosen to begin the year as a representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With his birth, the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of Christ the King, his reign over the universe.
4. The Advent season has two meanings. It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and also the second coming when the Lord will return again.
5. **Hope** is a predominate theme of Advent. The Israelites hoped for a Messiah to come, and Christ entered the world. We are hopeful for the arrival of Christ again into the world.
6. Advent is a reminder that the Old Testament promises of the coming of the Messiah, the line of **Jesse (Lk: 23-38) each Sunday during Advent children in our religious education program will be placing symbols on the Jesse Tree with their parents in the opening procession.** Isaiah is often read during this season to remember that we are waiting for the day when the Messiah will come again.
7. Advent focuses on light as opposed to darkness. Christ entered our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light the world.
8. Advent has two parts. The first portion **the first Sunday of Advent until December 16th** is preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second portion **December 17th to 24th** directly prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ. Christmas.
9. The origins of Advent can be traced back to the church of France. In the 4th century, the church of France used the period before Epiphany as a time of preparation for Baptism. It was called “St. Martin’s Lent” for the 40 days that started or November 11th, feast of St. Martin of Tours.
10. Advent, as we know it today, was developed in Rome. Pope Gregory I in the late 6th/early 7th century composed many prayers, antiphons, and psalms responses. Many themes and ideas we now know can be traced to the Roman Advent season. <https://nolacatholic.org/the-history-of-advent>

The VIGIL

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Paul Andreacovich
Kathy Ayoub
Shannon Boivin
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
Hariett McDonald
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Greg Pullis
Gregory Richardson
Kevin Scully
Thomas Traylor
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

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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
(The Lords Messiah)

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

First Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2
(Lives Pleasing to God)

Psalm 85: 8
(God's Salvation)

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
(Prayerful Vigilance)

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

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year
strengthen our faith, helping us to
recognize the Risen Christ in our
daily lives, and that it may
transform us into pilgrims of
Christian hope.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 02: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Psalm 80: 4; 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 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Isaiah 55: 6; 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;
Isaiah 33: 22; Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Sun., Dec. 08: Baruch 5: 1-9; Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 4, 6; Luke 3: 1-6

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards Prepare

*"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 living Stewardship and sharing your God
story with others, especially those that are closest to
you. Invite and accompany them on their faith
journey this Advent.

COLLECTION INFO

November 24, 2024

Collection \$ 3,401.88
Online \$ 882.00

TOTAL \$ 4,283.88

December 2024
St. Charles Borromeo

PGC=Protecting God's Children Training

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 11:30am Mass <u>NO</u> Community Meal	2 Faith & Fellowship 5pm-8pm	3	4	5	6 Mass in Rectory 11am	7 PGC-Eastpointe
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:30am Mass Community Meal	9 Immaculate Conception Mass in church 11am	10 Blvd. Ministry Party	11 DCPA Meeting 5pm-8pm	12	13 Mass in Rectory 11am	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 11:30am Mass Community Meal	16 Faith & Fellowship 5pm-8pm	17	18	19	20 Mass in Rectory 11am	21 Disciple Program 1pm-2:30pm
22 4th Sunday of Advent 11:30am Mass Community Meal Decorating After Mass	23	24 Christmas Eve Mass in church 8pm in the church	25 Christmas Day Mass at 11:30am	26	27 Mass in Rectory 11am	28
29 Holy Family Mass at 11:30am <u>NO</u> Community Meal—Holiday	30	31 New Year's Eve Mass 11pm in church				

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

ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA

- ☐ Tuesday, 11/26/24 Thanksgiving Mass – Pre (11/26) 6 PM
- ☐ Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- ☐ Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception No Mass
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/24 4th Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve Mass (NIGHT) 12 Midnight
- ☐ Wednesday, 12/25/2024 Christmas Day Mass 10 AM
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/31/2024 New Year's Eve No Mass

Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator

4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214
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www.saintamparish.org

SACRED HEART

- ☐ Thanksgiving Day 9 AM
- ☐ Immaculate Conception (12/9) 5 PM
- ☐ 4th 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

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ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

- ☐ Thanksgiving Day (with Sacred Heart)
- ☐ Immaculate Conception (12/9) (with Sacred Heart)
- ☐ 4th Sunday of Advent (12/22) 12 NOON
- ☐ Christmas Eve (NIGHT) (with Sacred Heart)
- ☐ Christmas Day (with Sacred Heart)

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum
3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit. MI. 48207
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www.stelizabethdetroit.org

11/16/2024

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- ☐ Wednesday, 11/27/24 Thanksgiving Mass – Pre - 6 PM
- ☐ Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- ☐ Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/2024 Immaculate Conception 6 PM
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/2024 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve 5 PM
- ☐ Wednesday, 12/25/2024 Christmas Day 9:30 AM
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/31/2024 New Year's Eve No Mass

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

- ☐ Wednesday, 11/27/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- ☐ Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- ☐ Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception 11am in the church
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/24 4th Sunday of Advent 11:30am (Church decorating after Mass)
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve 8pm in the church
- ☐ Wednesday, 12/25/24 Christmas 11:30am in the church
- ☐ Sunday, 12/29/24 The Holy Family Sunday 11:30am
- ☐ Tuesday, 12/31/24 New Year's Eve 11pm in the church

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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.