

# The Vigil

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



**December 2, 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Today's Readings**

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

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

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

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

**P**astor's Pen



Here we are on the first Sunday of Advent and we begin what traditionally has been the time of waiting. The church reminds us that we are waiting for the birth of Christ into our world, into our families and into our hearts. Personally, what are we waiting for this Advent season? What are our hopes for this season? Do we just hope to get through the holidays in one piece or do we want something more than that? Most of us will be deluged with the busyness of these days and will become numb to the deeper issues and desires of our lives.

So I ask again: If Christ were here in the flesh and wanted to grant us one blessing this Christmas, what would we ask for? Would we want an end to hunger throughout the world? Would we want the end of war in Yemen and in all those pockets of violence through out the world? Would we want to reverse global warming? Would we want to resolve the immigration issue? Would we ask to reunite all those children who were separated from parents at the border? Would we want to put an end to homelessness? Would we ask him to stop the opioid crisis and end all drug addiction? Would we ask him to help us with the mentally ill persons who roam our streets just looking for a little comfort? Would we ask him to stop the gun violence in our land so no more innocent victims would be killed? Would we ask him to heal all victims of abuse? Would we ask him to heal our church of all abuse and help our hierarchy to be more transparent? Would we ask to eradicate cancer throughout the land? Would we ask for something for someone closer to us? Would we ask to heal a family member who is ill? Or would we ask for some superficial things: a new car, a vacation, all our bills paid, a winning lottery ticket, a new house, etc.?

Our society settles for the last items to bring us joy this Christmas and we will see ads upon ads telling us what we need to be happy. Let's not fall for it but allow ourselves to hold out and wait for something deeper this Christmas. Let's allow Christ to come closer and give us the courage to dream of a world where all God's children can find some joy. If we listen closely we will hear Christ turn the question on us and ask, "What are YOU waiting for? Don't just sit waiting for me to change the world but roll up your sleeves and let's create a world together where there is no hunger or war or homelessness or global warming or violence. Christ wants to know why we're waiting when he has given us what we need to build a world of peace and goodness. Happy Advent and let's do something!

**Feast of Immaculate Conception: One combined Mass on Friday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Nativity.**

## 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*

Bobby Allen  
Paul Andreovich  
Marilyn Boomer  
John Bozich  
Shawn Burks  
Liana Caruana  
Ida Cherry  
Mary Cunningham  
Gary Davila  
Howard Dilworth  
Kyle Duker  
Heinrich Ericksen  
Jill Forton  
Doris Harris  
John Huddleston  
Addie Ingram  
Earline Johnson  
Ron Kirby  
Tony Lababera  
Vanessa Laco-Chambers  
Dave Laverty  
Catherine Lewis  
Edward Malik  
Tiana Marquez  
Michael Martin  
Mary Massaini  
Dina Maynard  
Leon McCool  
Gary Perzyk  
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Patricia C. Randall  
Elaine Rosen  
Carol Santa Maria  
Ben Saxon  
Tom Scallen  
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Rachel Thompson  
Enza Trah  
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Belinda Wilson  
Shawn Wilson  
Jenny White

**“HOPE...  
is neither  
dream nor  
extravagance;  
hope is a  
necessity.  
It is life.”**

## St. Charles Giving Trees

We will have two giving trees in the back of the church this year. The **green** tree is for our children, the **silver tinsel** one is for our friends who ride the bus. If you'd like to participate, select a tag, then attach it to your wrapped gift and return to St. Charles by Sunday, December 16. Gifts may be brought to the rectory, Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - or - to Steve Dearing or Harriet Lodholz at the 11:30 mass on Sundays. Thank you!

## Religious Education News: *Why the Jesse Tree?*

The Jesse tree was created to help people link the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The tradition of decorating Christmas trees actually predates the arrival of Christianity in western Europe and was adopted by the early Church in order to associate the custom more clearly with decorations related to the events of Jesus' birth and the prophecies about him in the Old Testament. Many parishes and families make Jesse trees during Advent to remind them of these events as they prepare for Christmas.

### Symbols for December 2nd

Adam and Eve: *Apple*  
Noah: *Rainbow or Ark*  
Abraham: *Field of Stars*  
Isaac: *Ram*  
Jacob: *Ladder*  
Joseph: *Coat of Many Colors*

## Help Families in Need this Christmas

You can help make Christmas a little brighter for needy families in southeast Michigan. Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's ***Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund*** will help nearly 200 families this season, all nominated by Catholic parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. **The more donations the fund receives by December 7, the more we can give to each family!** Donate in one of two ways: Send a check made payable to CCSEM with "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund" in the memo line to our CCSEM main office at **15945 Canal Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038**. OR: Donate online at **ccsem.org/donate**. Select the box stating: "I would like to designate this donation to a specific fund." Then scroll down the list and select the "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund." Donations received after the donation deadline of Dec. 7 will be used to help families throughout the year. Questions? Contact Kelly Luttinen at (248) 548-4044 x3621 or [luttinenk@ccsem.org](mailto:luttinenk@ccsem.org).

## Online Giving

To be sure that your online donation is included in your contribution amounts, **we MUST have your email address**. Please make sure we have this information by either calling the rectory, sending an email to the parish at [stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com](mailto:stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com) or dropping a note in the collection basket with your email address. **Without the email address, your online contributions will not be added to your collection data or included in your year-end statement.**

## FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS AT CVS

The following health screenings are being offered free in December at select CVS stores: *Body Mass Index; Blood Pressure; Glucose; Total cholesterol; Individual Health Access Plan; Professional Consultations; Smoking cessation counseling; Diabetes Resources.* In addition, you will receive a \$5 coupon for CVS Brand items for participating. **Dates** for the two CVS locations near St. Charles are as follows: 3200 E. Jefferson – **TODAY**; 12907 E. Jefferson - **Dec. 8 & 9**. For more information, call 855-827-7867 or see [CVS.com/projecthealth](http://CVS.com/projecthealth)

## Upcoming Events / Meetings

### **Advent at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Bloomfield Hills.**

Registration online or by contacting the front office at 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

**December 9– Advent & Christmas Concert. Sunday, 3:00 PM.** Caitlin Lynch, Soprano, and Jonathan Lasch, Baritone, accompanied by Jean Schneider. Afterglow follows. Info and tickets at: [www.manresa-sj.org/120918-concert](http://www.manresa-sj.org/120918-concert)

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND February 8-10, 2019 --** Women of St. Charles! Your annual retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center in Detroit is on the weekend of **February 8-10, 2019**. This retreat experience is designed to help us rediscover the intimate call of God to each one of us to grow in holiness and live in JOY! For reservations, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org).

### *Weekly Collection* **11/25/18**

Envelopes	\$1,678.00
Loose	\$ 851.36
Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 85.00
<u>Christmas</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,085.36</b>

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

St. Charles Borromeo  
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### **Pastoral Team**

Brother Ray Stadmeyer OFM Cap., Pastor  
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### **Council Members**

Mary Ann Andrecovich	Steve Llorens
Peter Benedetto	Jessica Taylor
Danielle Daguio	Alonda Walker
Gerry Danielewicz	Mark Wedgeworth
Jackie Harrison	Paco Williams

## December Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2, 2018

**Tony Gilbert (8:15)  
Robert and Albert Henley  
Bob, Helen, Alberta, Mary Rose,  
and Florence Henley**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018  
**Harvey and Lorraine Dearing**

Sunday, December 9, 2018  
**Mr. and Mrs. James Raggio,  
Lillian, Rose, Ernie, James,  
Steve, Andrew and Angela  
Raggio, Liz Cherry**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
**Terrance Dearing**

Sunday, December 16, 2018  
**Fr. Ed Borycz, Ed and Rose  
Borycz**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
**Gregory Dearing**

Sunday, December 23, 2018  
**Angela Bologna  
Sr. Mary Ann Untener**

Wednesday, December 26, 2018  
**Georgia Hernandez**

Sunday, December 30, 2018  
**Deceased Members of the  
Sinclair Family**

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., Dec. 03:** Isaiah 2:1-5;  
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,  
8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

**Tues., Dec. 04:** Isaiah 11:1-  
10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wed., Dec. 05:** Isaiah 25:6-  
10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thurs., Dec. 06:** Isaiah 26:1-6;  
Psalm 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21,  
25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Fri., Dec. 07:** Isaiah 29:17-24;  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew  
9:27-31

**Sat., Dec. 08:** Genesis 3:9-15,  
20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd, 4;  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke  
1:26-38

**Sun., Dec. 09:** Baruch 5:1-9;  
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke  
3:1-6

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A St. Charles parishioner** is in need of a reliable car for about \$2,000. If you know of someone selling a car or if you are selling a car, please call Mike at 313-506-6369. Thank you for your kindness!

**As you start planning for the upcoming holidays**, please think about donating to our new effort to feed those in need. **We are going to collect Kroger gift cards that will be given to those who need food for the holidays.** This way, they will have a say in the food that is served to their family and be able to retain a sense of pride! **Donations can be dropped in the collection basket or given to Brother Ray or Rhonda Gilbert.** *Thank you for your generosity and compassion!*

**CITY RESOURCES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** St. Charles is located in City Council District 5 and in Detroit Police Precinct 11. Here is some key contact information for those who live in the neighborhood. Clip this out and keep it handy in case you need it.

Mary Sheffield, District 5 Councilmember, (313) 224-4505, [CouncilmemberSheffield@detroitmi.gov](mailto:CouncilmemberSheffield@detroitmi.gov)

Marshall Bullock. District Manager, (313) 236-3523

[BullockM@detroitmi.gov](mailto:BullockM@detroitmi.gov)

11th Precinct, 5100 E. Nevada Ave. (313) 596-1100, Neighborhood Police Officer - Joseph Corbett (313) 643-0699

**Using Your Mobile Device to Make Online Contributions...** *You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!* **Follow these directions: (and see note below this week's mass intentions)**

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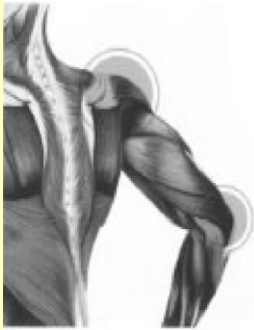
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**2. Click on** the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner

**3. Click on "Donate"**

**4. Choose to** Login or Create Account

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



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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](http://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](http://aod.org) – more visible, transparent and clear.