

# The Vigil

**December 08, 2019**

*Second 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 11:1-10  
*(Messiah of Peace)*

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
*(Justice and Peace)*

Romans 15:4-9  
*(Instruction from Scripture)*

Matthew 3:1-12  
*(Prepare for the Lord)*

**Pastor's Pen**



***"The Lord Be With You."***

## ***Second Sunday of Advent***

Isaiah has a beautiful reading today. I often think when I read this that Isaiah understands God's mind when God is daydreaming about his hopes for the world. Part of this section has been on our Christmas cards at one time or another:

*"Then the wolf will be the guest of the lamb,  
And the leopard will lie down with the kid;  
The wolf and the young lion shall browse together,  
With a little child to guide them.  
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,  
Together their young shall rest;  
The lion shall eat hay like the ox.  
The baby shall play in the cobra's den,  
And the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.  
There shall be no harm or ruin on my holy mountain;  
For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
As water covers the earth."*

These are beautiful images of peace and serenity. They call us to a time when all of creation will be in right relationship. How God must yearn for that day. Can we even imagine a world where peace flows throughout the land? Can we envision a day when global warming will be a thing of the past? Can we allow ourselves to entertain the notion of a day when we hear of no mass shootings, no terrorist attacks, and no one killed in any kind of violence? Can we imagine a day when money will be spent on food for hungry children, schools, medical care for all, supportive housing for mentally ill and services that support those who are most vulnerable among us rather than on Defense budgets? Can we dream of a day when there are no homeless people because everyone has a place to stay and all have found the road to recovery from drugs? When we can begin to imagine a new world, then we can begin to understand the dreams of God for our world? Will we allow ourselves during this Advent season to daydream with God and then ask God what our part is in his glorious dream?

## **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

Patricia Anderson  
Paul Andreovich  
Marilyn Boomer  
John Bozich  
Shawn Burks  
Liana Caruana  
Ida Cherry  
Gary Davila  
Julie Demonbreuen  
Howard Dilworth  
Brianna Denson  
Brittany Denson  
Kyle Duker  
Heinrich Ericksen  
Joseph Fisher  
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Dave Lavery  
Catherine Lewis  
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Carol Santa Maria  
Ben Saxon  
Marvin Sims  
Len Stoehr  
Mark Tamer  
Rachel Thompson  
Unza Tranchida  
Anna Tyler  
Sr Jolene Van Handel  
Mary Lou West  
Belinda Wilson  
Shawn Wilson  
Rashad Whigham  
Jenny White

*"People, get ready,  
there's a train  
a'coming. You don't  
need no ticket, you just*

*get on board. All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming; Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord..."*

### Giving Trees

We have two different Giving Trees at the back of church. **The GREEN tree is for our children, the SILVER tinsel tree 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 15. Gifts may be brought to the rectory, Monday through Thursday between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM or you can give the gifts to Joy Harris at the 11:30 mass on Sunday.** If you have any questions, please see Joy Harris about the children's gifts or Harriet Lodholz about the gifts for people who ride the bus. They both attend the 11:30 mass. Thank you!

### Help Needed by Nativity of Our Lord Parish

Our sister parish is asking for our help as they provide gifts, food and gift wrapping for families. **If you are available to help families shop for items in the church basement, wrap gifts, help carry items to cars, offer a warm smile or help in any other way, please call Anne at Nativity at 313-922-0033. The event takes place from December 16, 2019 through December 20, 2019.** The parish is also in need of wrapping supplies such as boxes, paper, tape, and ribbon. Please contact Anne at the above number if you can donate any of these items.

### CSA Minute: Hispanic Ministries

Bishop Arturo Cepeda will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this **Wednesday, December 11**, in honor of an important feast day to our Hispanic Catholic community.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a native Mexican, twice in 1531 on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. We celebrate the feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. St. Juan Diego's feast day is December 9.

Gifts to the CSA help fund Hispanic Ministries, which include conferences for men, women, and youth, as well as religious education, adult faith formation, leadership, and catechist formation programs for Hispanic families.

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 5 p.m. with the Rosary followed by singing and dancing. Bishop Cepeda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

### 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](http://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](http://protect.aod.org).

## Upcoming Events / Meetings

### **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 food and hospitality.

Please see or call Jessica Edwards 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](http://www.stpaulretreat.org).

### *Weekly Collection*

**12/01/19**

Envelopes	\$1,634.00
Loose	\$ 593.00
Maintenance	\$ 474.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 41.00
Christmas	\$5,450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,197.00</b>

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

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### **Pastoral Team**

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

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Dan Hurley	Gabrielle Taylor
Joyce Hurley	(youth rep.)
David Nadeau	Alonda Walker
Diane Simpkins	Paco Williams

## December Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019  
**Terrence Dearing**

Sunday, December 15, 2019  
**Rosie Davis**

Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019  
**Gregory Dearing**

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

Wednesday, Dec 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. 09:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

**Tues., Dec. 10:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14

**Wed., Dec. 11:** Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Matthew 11:28-30

**Thurs., Dec. 12:** Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcd; Luke 1:39-47

**Fri., Dec. 13:** Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

**Sat., Dec. 14:** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun., Dec. 15:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

## 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](http://www.recyclehere.net)

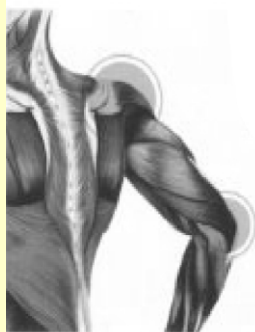
**You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!**

- 1. Go to**  
<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!**

## **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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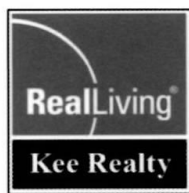
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## Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.