

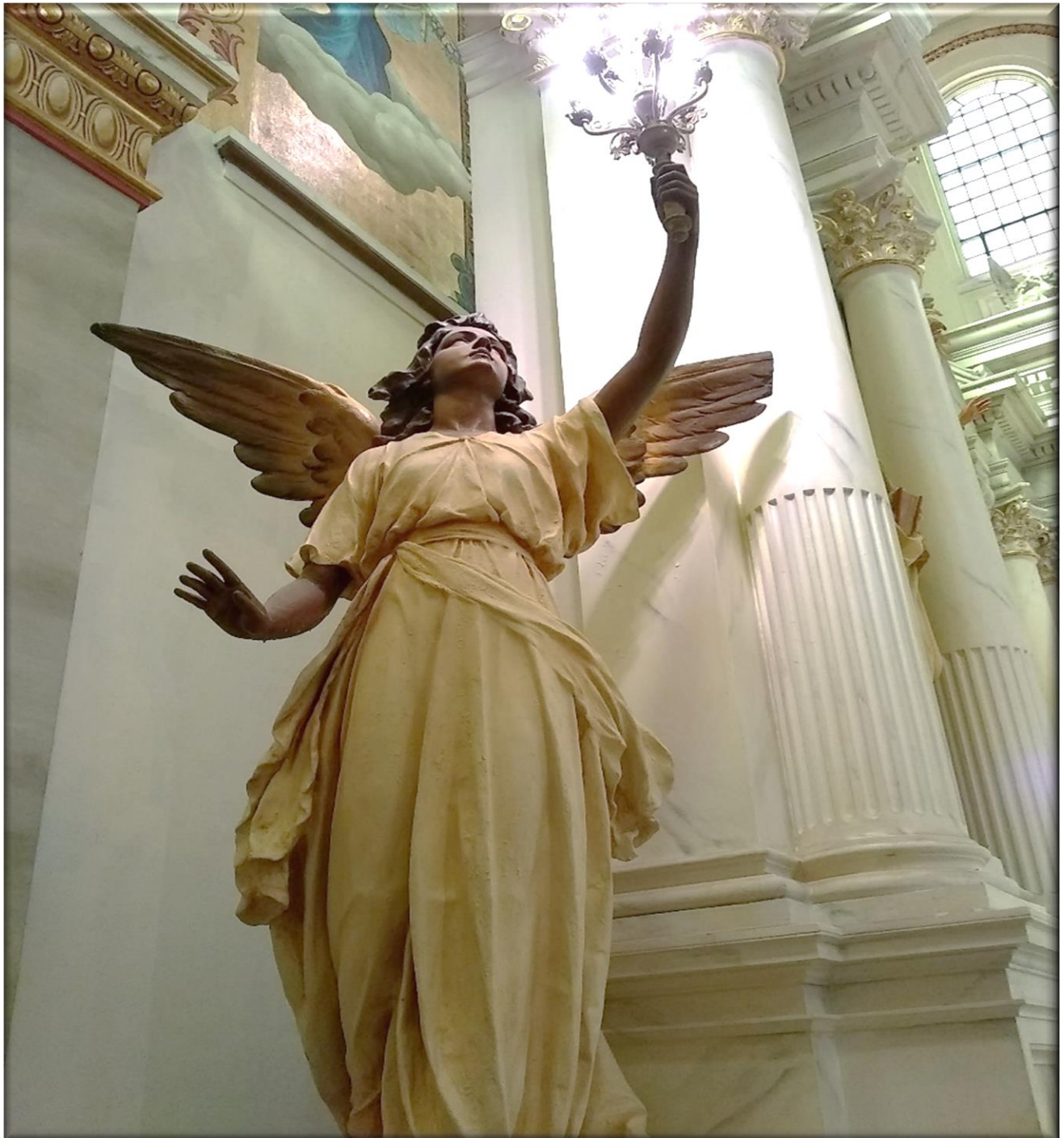
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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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**Sunday, December 08, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)**





## Sunday Food for You

### Prepare the Way

Now begins the second week of the Church's world-wide retreat in preparation for Christmas.

It is Advent, the quiet time, the great contrast with our culture's wild consumer-bonanza. It lets you and me examine just how open we are to the birth of Christ in our souls.

Will you let him be born in you this year, a little more than in the past?

We are afraid, no mistake about it. The present era of world time discourages many of us.

Terrorism desires to destroy our way of life, for one thing. But add it's effect in Ukraine, Iraq, Palestine, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Georgia, Africa, the Balkans, and so many more. And consider the gigantic unemployment and loss of jobs in the United States, the disenfranchisement of the poor, the biggest annual deficit in history, huge corruption in the most trusted and giant companies, the biggest annual budget spending increases in history, and the world-wide climate disaster—who would not be depressed?

Parents in the United States worry themselves either too little or too much about conditions for their growing children. Not just the unstoppable sale and use of drugs in high-schools and grade schools, not just sexual promiscuity as a way of life that is being aggressively marketed to the youth segment of the population, but also the increasing collapse of values that we call the "new morality," but which is really dissolution.

In the face of all this, who can just sit back and have Advent?

But listen to what the First Reading proposes for our Advent retreat.

Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name.

God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever as the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Has someone quietly lost his or her mind? Or is Church just irreparably cut off from the "real world," hiding in pews and doting on a comforting and "nice" view of life?

Neither.

We are being asked to let our approach to life and to tragedy undergo revision, stretching.

The one who is gestating right now in our hearts, the one who is to be born there very soon, that one comes not to make the world pleasant and polite, but to connect it at its very roots with the mysterious depths of God, that one is on the way.

What do we do with widespread terrorist factions planning to throw down our life and all that surrounds it? The only answer we have comes from one who knows our life intimately well and who wants to be born in us. He has been in failure and disillusion and has dealt with them.

So the question is, will we let him be born in us again this year, a little more than in the past? Are we willing to let our womb stretch wider than ever before and so make room?

"Yes, but ..."

Is that your response?

Well, be at rest. You do not have to be capable of such a Christ-like feat all by yourself. As Paul says in the Second Reading, "the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." The tender care of God and of his carefully-tending mother are with you just as they promised, if you will allow them to help.

Against this background, the Gospel begins the Advent storytelling that is such native soil to human beings. Once upon a time the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah (John the Baptist) in the desert, and he began announcing the coming of Jesus.

Listen.

Let us do all we can to "prepare the way of the Lord."

**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.**

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**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, December 8, 2024: Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Group; December 15, 2024: Angie Kadowaki & Family; December 22, 2024: Knights on Bikes; December 29, 2024: No Meal – Holiday; January 5, 2025 – Sponsor Needed; January 12, 2025 – Eric Eder and Crew; January 19, 2025 – Sponsor Needed; January 26, 2025 – Rosary Group; February 2, 2025: Sponsor Needed; February 9, 2025: So. Rockwood Methodist Church; February 16, 2025: Sponsor Needed; February 23, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans**

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support. **This week we need Pork & Beans, Tuna and Side Dishes.** If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation will help with our monthly bill. Thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families.

**St. Charles Thanksgiving through Christmas Mass Schedule - 2024**

Sunday	12/08/24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Monday	12/09/24	Immaculate Conception 11am in the church
Sunday	12/15/24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Sunday	12/22/24	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am ( <b>Church decorating after Mass</b> )
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

**Votive Candle Cost Update**

Due to rising costs for the votive candles, we are increasing the cost for each candle to \$1.00. The increase will be effective beginning 01/01/2025.



**Online Giving**

*Go to the giving site at:*

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



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### *Peace*

**“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” – Pope Francis**

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **Peace**. Like the first candle, it is also purple. The second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the First Candle of Advent, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.



## 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 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

Baruch 5: 1-9  
(God's Favor on Jerusalem)

Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
(The Lord's Wonders)

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11  
(Cooperating with Joy)

Luke 3: 4, 6;  
Prepare the Way)

Luke 3: 1-6  
(Prepare for the Lord)

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. 09:** Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 28; Luke 1: 26-38

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

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

**Thurs., Dec. 12:** Zechariah 2: 14-17; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19; Luke 1: 26-38

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

**Sat., Dec. 14:** Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-  
19; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

**Sun., Dec. 15:** Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4: 4-  
7; Isaiah 61: 1; Luke 3: 10-18

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Live Stewardship

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may  
increase ever more and more in knowledge and  
every kind of perception, to discern what is of  
value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy  
to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts.  
But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love  
for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling  
your "obligation" to give them something? To  
live **Stewardship** and grow in friendship with  
someone, you need to spend time with them and  
learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year,  
buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those  
you love.

### COLLECTION INFO

**December 01, 2024**

Collection \$ 1,506.58  
Online \$ 1,012.00

**TOTAL \$ 2,818.58**

December 2024  
St. Charles Borromeo

**PGC=Protecting God's Children Training**

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

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception No Mass
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/24 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
313.921.4107

[www.saintamparish.org](http://www.saintamparish.org)

### SACRED HEART

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

[www.sacredheartdetroit.com](http://www.sacredheartdetroit.com)

### ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

- ☐ Thanksgiving Day (with Sacred Heart)
- ☐ Immaculate Conception (12/9) (with Sacred Heart)
- ☐ 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
313.921.9225

[www.stelizabethdetroit.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/2024 Immaculate Conception 6 PM
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/2024 4<sup>th</sup> 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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5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213  
313.922.0033

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/08/24 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception 11am in the church
- ☐ Sunday, 12/15/24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:30am
- ☐ Sunday, 12/22/24 4<sup>th</sup> 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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# The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance

9200 Gratiot Ave. Detroit, MI 313-922-1435 [www.DCPAsite.com](http://www.DCPAsite.com)

The DCPA 4th Quarter 2024 Membership Meeting is Wednesday  
December 11, 2024.

## St. Charles Borromeo Parish

1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214

Wednesday December 11, 2024 6:30pm

(Please enter the building from the rear parking lot.)

Please come join us and meet DCPA's newest  
member, Executive Director, Bill Wagner!

## DCPA COMMUNITY







# ARETHA'S JAZZ CAFE

When

**JANUARY 3, 2025**  
**8PM-10PM \$10.00**

THE JAZZ RESURGENTS

FEATURING:

DWAYNE COLLINS – GUITAR

BOBBY STRENG – SAXOPHONE

FREEMAN SPELLS – BASS

JOHN DOUGLAS – TRUMPET

MIKE ZAPORSKI – PIANO

BILLY HIGGINS – DRUMS

STEVE HUNTER - TROMBONE



THE BRAZEAL DENNARD CHORALE

CAROLS BY  
*Candlelight*

Saturday, December 21, 2024  
at 4:00 p.m.

Westminster Church of Detroit  
17567 Hubbell  
Detroit, Michigan 48235

\$25 TICKET RESERVATION:

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**FaceBook:** St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI  
**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit](http://www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit)

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:vac@aod.org).