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

Pastor's Pen



"The Lord Be With You."

December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

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

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

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

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

It is with great joy that we celebrate the sacrament of baptism with the newest member of our parish: *Russell Anthony Whipstock*. Russell is the son of Craig and Nerissa Whipstock. We thank Craig and Nerissa for bringing their son to the waters of baptism. May this begin a wonderful relationship between Russell and the Lord. May Russell always know how much he's loved by his parents, by this community and most especially by Christ. We send him into his life today with our love and prayers and may he always see in us a loving and faith filled community. Craig, Nerissa and Russell, may God bless you now and always and please know we are so glad you are part of St. Charles!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and hear the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

"I am confident of this, that the One who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

These words are not just for the Philippians, but they are for each of us as well. God has begun "good work" in us and has confidence that we will carry it out until it's completed. So, what do you think this good work is in your life? What has God put in your heart to accomplish in this moment of life? Do you feel you are accomplishing it or have you given up? Have you decided to take a seat and sit on the sidelines of your life? This is the season to dream once again and believe in the unbelievable! Who could have believed that our God would come to us in the human person of Jesus. Yet, that is what we celebrate each Christmas: our God took flesh and became one of us. Let's take some moments of quiet this week and ask God to help us to know the "good work" we are called to do. John the Baptist, who knew he was called to be a herald for the Savior, inspires us to be courageous and complete the good work we were sent here to do. Have a peaceful second week of Advent!

Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 14th: Advent Stations at Nativity from 6pm-8pm with Soup Supper.

Christmas Eve: 5pm at Nativity and 8pm at St. Charles

Christmas Day: 9:45am at Nativity and 11:30am at St. Charles (No 8:15am Mass)

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 Andrecovich 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 Judy Pierce Robert Preuss Celeste Rabaut Patricia C. Randall Elaine Rosen Carol Santa Maria Ben Saxon Tom Scallen Marvin Sims Len Stoehr Mark Tamer Rachel Thompson Enza Trah Anna Tyler

Sr Jolene Van Handel

Belinda Wilson

Shawn Wilson

Jenny White

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: The Jesse Tree

Today, our Religious Education children join the procession to share information about the symbols that will be placed on the Jesse Tree:

Kaden Conner: "The Waiting Time" - From God shaping Adam from the ground through prophets such as Isaiah and Jeremiah to Jesus making a paste from mud to cure a blind man, the image of God as potter, working with the clay of the earth, reminds us that we have the humblest of beginnings but a divine spirit and destiny.

Gracelyn Taylor: Moses Ornament—the Burning Bush - Moses Meets God in the Burning Bush.

Gracelyn Taylor: The Israelites Ornament—Lamb - Moses gathers the people. He orders that a lamb be sacrificed and the blood of the lamb be put on the doorframes of the houses.

Kaden Conner: Moses and Aaron Ornament—Tablets of the Torah - God Gives the People the Law. We call these instructions the Ten Commandments.

Kaden Conner: Ruth Ornament—Grain Ruth's Faithfulness - After the grain was harvested, the poor were permitted to go to the fields to gather any grain that was left behind.

La'Brayer Smith (kindergarten) & Da'Khari Phillips (1st grade): Samuel Ornament—Crown - Samuel and the Beginning of the Kingdom. God told Samuel that Saul is the man who will help free the people from the Philistines.

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. 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 Clinton Township. Road. ΜI 48038. OR: 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.

CTND

Each December, the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) features programming focused on the true meaning of Christmas, helping families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit truly prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your CSA gifts, CTND has broadcast faith-filled programming since 1985 that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains to 900,000 homes in southeast Michigan. Since 2011, CTND has been an affiliate of Boston-based CatholicTV Network.

CTND's program schedule can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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 also register online at mav www.stpaulretreat.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 or dropping a note in the collection basket with your email address. Without the email address, your online contributions will not be added to

Weekly Collection 12/2/18

Will magically appear next week!

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p St. Charles Borromeo

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December Mass Intentions

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

"Blessed are we inside this prayer..."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 10: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5:17-26

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

Wed., Dec. 12: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:39-47

Thurs., Dec. 13: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15

Fri., Dec. 14: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

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

Sun., Dec. 16: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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@det roitmi.gov

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

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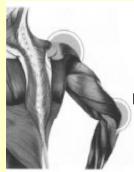
11th Precinct, 5100 E. Nevada Ave. (313) 596-1100, Neighborhood Police Officer - Joseph Corbett (313) 643-0699

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)

1. Go to

http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org2. 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. 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.