

The Vigil

December 16, 2018

3rd 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

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
(Joy Over the Mighty Savior)

Psalms Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
(Joy Over the Holy One)

Philippians 4:4-7
(Rejoice in the Lord)

Luke 3:10-18
(Majesty of the Messiah)

Pastor's Pen



Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. The Lord is near.”

It's Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday) and we light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath as a sign that Christ is near and there's reason for rejoicing. We live in the grand expectation that Christ will be here any moment.

It seems like we can get through just about anything if we know help or relief is on the way. We can get through the rigors of school if we know one day we will graduate. We can put up with a grouchy boss if we know one day we will have a career that we love. We can put up with the ice and cold of winter if we know that spring will return. We can put up with the pain after surgery if we know we are healing and getting better each day. We can put up with lots of hard work if we know we will be getting time off in the future. We can put up with grueling exercise if we know our body will be in better shape. Expectation is an important part of our life and sometimes the expectation is better than the actual event we are waiting for. In the case of waiting on Christ, our expectation will not be able to measure up to the encounter of Christ face to face.

So, in our waiting Christ gives us glimpses of himself in the moments of our life. He is there in the excited faces of our children as they get ready for Christmas. He is there in the smile or the kiss of our spouse. He is there as we share a meal or even a cup of coffee with a friend. He is there in the tired shoppers' faces as they make their last minute gift purchases. He keeps coming through our life to remind us that it's all worth waiting for. So, Rejoice this week and fill your heart with expectation that Christ will come by this week in some way and give you a wink!

Christmas Schedule

St. Charles/Nativity Christmas Caroling for shut-ins on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 5pm. Meet the bus at 5pm in St. Charles Parking lot.

Church decorating after the 11:30 Mass on December 23. Please stay and help out!

Christmas Eve: 5pm at Nativity and 8pm at St. Charles. Christmas Day: 9:45am at Nativity and 11:30am at St. Charles.

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
Gary Davila
Howard Dilworth
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Ericksen
Jill Forton
Doris Harris
John Huddleston
Addie Ingram
Earline Johnson
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
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Dave Laverty
Catherine Lewis
Edward Malik
Tiana Marquez
Michael Martin
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Dina Maynard
Leon McCool
Gary Perzyk
Judy Pierce
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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

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 year's theme is: "Rejoice in the Lord Always!"

Our lives today are continually bombarded with challenges and temptations that can lead us away from living lives of joy. Our faith invites us to "open our hearts to be touched by Jesus" and to rejoice in the knowledge that we have been given an Advocate who will be with us.

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!

Call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 to make a reservation, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at www.stpaulretreat.org.

Religious Education News: *The Jesse Tree*

The Jesse Tree's relevance is multifaceted. It enables us to get a full survey of salvation history. We are connected to the central themes of Christian faith: that we have been made by an all-loving God and pursued by him in love when we have so often strayed and cut ourselves off from him.

1. **David Ornament—Shepherd's Crook or Harp** David, a shepherd to the People. David describes God as a rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn, stronghold, and refuge. God's covenant love is steadfast and enduring.
2. **Hezekiah Ornament—An Empty Tent** the Reign of Hezekiah. Ahaz was not faithful to God, engaging in such contemptible practices as sacrificing one of his sons in the Canaanite way. When Ahaz died, he was replaced by his surviving son. Hezekiah tried to make up for his father's unfaithfulness.
3. **Jeremiah Ornament—Tears** Jeremiah the Prophet. Jeremiah teaches that the people cannot pray faithfully if they continue to oppress the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows.
4. **Nehemiah Ornament: City Wall** Nehemiah Reform and Renewal. After persuading the king to let him return to Judah, Nehemiah was named governor and given permission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
5. **Isaiah Ornament—Fire Tongs with Hot Coal** Elijah fights the False God. God now calls Elijah to confront Ahab and pagan gods. He is going into enemy territory: Jezebel is killing off the prophets of Israel. In spite of the danger, Elijah is not put off.
6. **Habakkuk Ornament—Stone Watchtower** Acknowledging that he does not understand God's will, Habakkuk stands ready to hear what God has planned.

Help Families in Need this Christmas & Beyond

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 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.

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 your collection data or included in your year-end statement.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

As we remember the historic beatification of Blessed Solanus Casey that took place one year ago at Ford Field, a new book, **Blessed Solanus Casey**, by Patricia Montemurri, is available in bookstores and online, including the Solanus Casey Center Gift Shop. The book includes exclusive photos of the beatification Mass, the first-ever Feast Day, as well as archival photography of the life and ministry of Blessed Solanus Casey – all to help enrich your devotion to the humble porter of St. Bonaventure. In the words of Father Solanus: "Blessed be God in all His designs!"

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center welcomes you to browse through its gift shop and book store. Keep them in mind when you are celebrating life's special moments: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Graduation. A major effort has been made to select an inventory of Made in Michigan or the USA. The gift shop is open during regular business hours (M-F, 9am –4pm). For more information please email Mary Moret at mmoret@stpaulretreat.org or call 313.286.2806.

Weekly Collection **12/2/18**

Envelopes	\$2,035.55
Loose	\$ 428.00
Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Christmas	\$ 250.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$3,073.55

12/9/18

Envelopes	\$2,009.55
Loose	\$ 562.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Christmas	\$ 2,750.00
TOTAL	\$5,376.55

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

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December Mass Intentions

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**

**“ The only love
there is...is the
love we make.”**

Create your love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 17: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17

Tues., Dec. 18: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25

Wed., Dec. 19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Thurs., Dec. 20: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38

Fri., Dec. 21: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

Sat., Dec. 22: Samuel 1:24-28; Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 1:46-56

Sun., Dec. 23: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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)**

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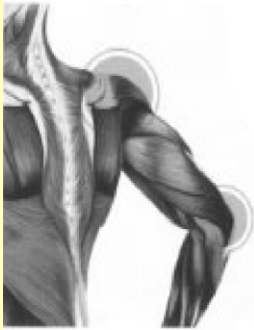
<http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>

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!



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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.

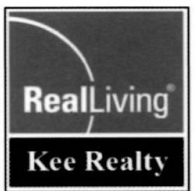
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