
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A Cycle)





Praised be Jesus Christ! This morning, the Gospel tells us “how the birth of Jesus Christ came about,” how God-Is-With-Us, Emmanuel came to us. Like St. Joseph, let's do what the angels/messengers of the Lord tell us this week.

Thanks again to everyone who took part in the Christmas program at Nativity this past Tuesday and Wednesday. It's a great example of the parishes working together. **THANK YOU.**

Another good week to visit one of the other parishes in our family. It's not too late to join the Posada novena this week at St. Augustine/St. Monica. For many people, these evenings of prayer and community are a highpoint of the Christmas season. Please call the rectory (313-921-4107) if you are coming so that the cooks know how much to prepare.

Many people joke about people who have joined the CME church – Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day. At St. Charles, some of us had years of our lives of CME worship - until grace was poured on us by the Spirit into covenantal, regular worship. Please invite everyone to Mass this Christmas. We never know when the Holy Spirit will strengthen somebody to 52 Sunday worship. We don't control; we can invite.

(The services at Nativity and at St. Augustine/St. Monica parishes are in brackets)

Third Sunday in Advent/December 18th 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Presider and Preacher: Father David [SSAM: 6 PM Posada in the Social Hall – downstairs from the worship center of the church]

Monday, December 19th [SSAM: 6 PM Posada in the Social Hall]

Tuesday, December 20th [SSAM: SVDP Food pantry/ 6 PM Posada in the Social Hall]

Wednesday, December 21st [SSAM: 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass, Presider: Fr. Dan and preacher: Deacon Chris/6 PM Posada in the Social Hall]

Thursday, December 22nd [Nativity in the church basement, 8 AM Holy Hour, 9 AM Mass Presider: Father Dan and Preacher: Deacon John] [SSAM 6 PM Posada in the Social Hall]

Friday, December 23rd St. Charles Borromeo in the rectory: 8 AM Holy Hour, 11 AM Mass followed by social, Preacher and presider: Fr. Dan] [SSAM: Posada at 6 PM in the Social Hall]

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, [SSAM: 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass, Presider and preacher: Fr. Dan/4 PM Posada in the Social Hall] [Nativity 5 PM Mass with Christmas songs before Mass, Father David]

*****St. Charles*** 8 PM Mass with Father Robert;** [SSAM: MidNight Mass with Fr. Dan, Christmas carols at 11:30]

Christmas Day! December 25th 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest: Fr. Igor

Serving the Lord with our whole heart and soul. Each year, it's good to review in prayer how we are pouring out our lives as libations. We backslide or we progress. We never stay in the same place. We're a pilgrim people, let's commit to praying, serving and being with Jesus in the coming year through the Time/Talent/Treasure process.

Next week: A reminder that the parish office will be closed next week. We will be checking for messages.

Covid19 protocols: The Center for Disease Control has lifted its warning about social distancing at six feet. Because a good number of our parishioners have underlying health concerns or are caring for those who have such concerns, we will continue to social distance and wear masks in the part of the church in front of the ambo. Southeast Michigan no longer has a high level of the virus being transmitted, but we will keep an eye on it.

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Charles Women's Retreat is the weekend of February 24-26, 2023
(St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit)**

This year's theme is "Seeking Peace: Becoming Peacemakers". You can register at www.stpaulretreat.org, or see Patty Gillis or Jessica Edwards at church. A \$30.00 deposit will hold your place, and you can pay whatever you can afford at the retreat. Bring a sister or friend with you--the more the merrier! For more info, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

Thoughts for the End of Advent

Perhaps we can use these last days of Advent to try to heighten our awareness of *whatever* is going on in our lives these days, and how that can bring us to Christmas. Some examples might help.

So many of us experience the ironic reality that Christmas can be the most lonely time of our lives. Some of these "mixed feelings" or "sad feelings" are difficult to recognize or name.

For some of us, the Christmas we will celebrate this year pales in comparison to wonderful Christmases of our past - perhaps because we were younger or more "innocent" then, perhaps because some of our loved ones who were central to our Christmas are no longer living or not where I am, perhaps because the burdens and struggles of my life or the changes in our world and the conflicts around us have robbed this Christmas of something that was there before.

For some of us, Christmas will be just another day. Unable to get out to go to church to be with a faith community, and without family or friends to be with, Christmas will be a day we are tempted to ignore.

For some of us, Christmas inevitably means family conflicts. Facing the days ahead, whether it be the last few remaining parties, or conflicting demands of family and friends, or the friend or relative who drinks too much, or the experience I'm having that I drink too much and this season is an easy excuse.

For some of us, Christmas challenges us with terrible financial burdens. Children today become victims of the gross commercial exploitation of the day. For those of us struggling to make ends meet on a day-to-day basis, feeling the cultural pressure of buying for our children things which we can't afford can lead us to put more debt on the credit card in ways that simply push us further and further behind.

Some of us, might be really looking forward to Christmas, and not be aware of these struggles with Christmas, yet feel that, in spite of our best efforts to make Advent different this year, there is still something missing, and we still feel unready for Christmas.

For all of us, the story behind these days can draw us in, and invite us to bring our lives to the mystery of how Jesus came into this world and why. Our best preparation for the Holy Night ahead and the Joyful Morning to follow is for us to reflect upon how he came. He came in the midst of scandal and conflict. He came in poverty. He was rejected before he was born. He was born in a feed trough. He was hunted down. And he grew up in obscurity.

He did not shun our world and its poverty and conflict. He embraced it. And he desires to embrace us today, in this day. Right where we are. Right where we are feeling most distant. Right where we are feeling least "religious" or "ready." If we let him come into our hearts to be our Savior these challenging days, we will find ourselves entering the sacred night and morning of Christmas "joyful and triumphant" as never before.

NOTE: We have removed the signs for social distancing on the south side of church (choir side). The north side of church is still reserved for those who want to continue social distancing. However, everyone will continue to all wear masks in the church.

The winning 2022 St. Charles raffle winning ticket numbers were: #69 (1st place), #50 (2nd place), and # 34 (3rd place). Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle by purchasing a ticket!

Nativity Pantry News... *Thank you for all your support in the past year! We were able to support many families this year due to your generosity. Sending many wishes for a Merry Christmas holiday and an especially blessed 2023!*

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you're ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

DINNER SCHEDULE

December 18, 2022 – St. Fabian Religious Education Classes

December 25, 2022 - No Meal – Christmas Day

January 01, 2023 - No Meal – New Year's Day

**PRAY FOR THE
HEALING PRESENCE**

Doris Allen
Clara Boltman
Anne Borushko
Mary Canaday
Joey Coutu
Maureen Coutu
Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
Patricia Ellen Devine
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
Kalen Fortuna
David Laverty
William (Bill) Leto
Michael Martin
Tommy Nance
Vertis Park, Jr.
Dr. Bob Preuss
Charles Sheron
Pat Sprinkle
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Jerry Walker

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 18, 2022
**Deceased Members of the
Sinclair Family**

Sunday, December 25, 2022
**Deceased family and friends
of St. Charles**

Sunday, January 01, 2023
**Deceased family and friends
of St. Charles**

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7: 10-14
(The Virgin with Child)
Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(The King of Glory)
Romans 1: 1-7
(Jesus the Savior)
Matthew 1:18-24
(God-with-Us)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thurs., Dec. 22: First Samuel 1: 24-28; First Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1: 46-56

Fri., Dec. 23: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1: 57-66

Sat., Dec. 24: **Mass during the day readings:** Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1: 67-79

Vigil Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Sun., Dec. 25: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Love

*So simple.
But we tangle it.*

*So true.
But we dress it in fabrications.*

*So open.
But hearts stay guarded.*

*So necessary.
No buts about that. So necessary.*

**The Holy Father's Intentions for
the Month of December 2022**

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit
Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

“WHAT
CHILD
IS
THIS
?”

WEEKLY COLLECTION

12/11/2022

Collection	\$2,085.58
Christmas	\$ 210.00
Online Donations	\$ 957.00
TOTAL	\$3,252.58
Weekly Budgeted Amt	\$5,800.00
Weekly Collection Vs. Budget	=2,547.42

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Rectory Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. Dan Trapp, Pastor
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Rhonda Gilbert, Dan Hurley,
Joyce Hurley, Diane Simpkins, Linda Simpkins,
Alonda Walker, Paco Williams

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Mass Times

Friday 11am
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity of Our Lord

Mass Times

Thursday, 11am
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

**A snapshot at the cost to
run our parish**

December 2022 DTE Bills = \$ 4,235.87

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.

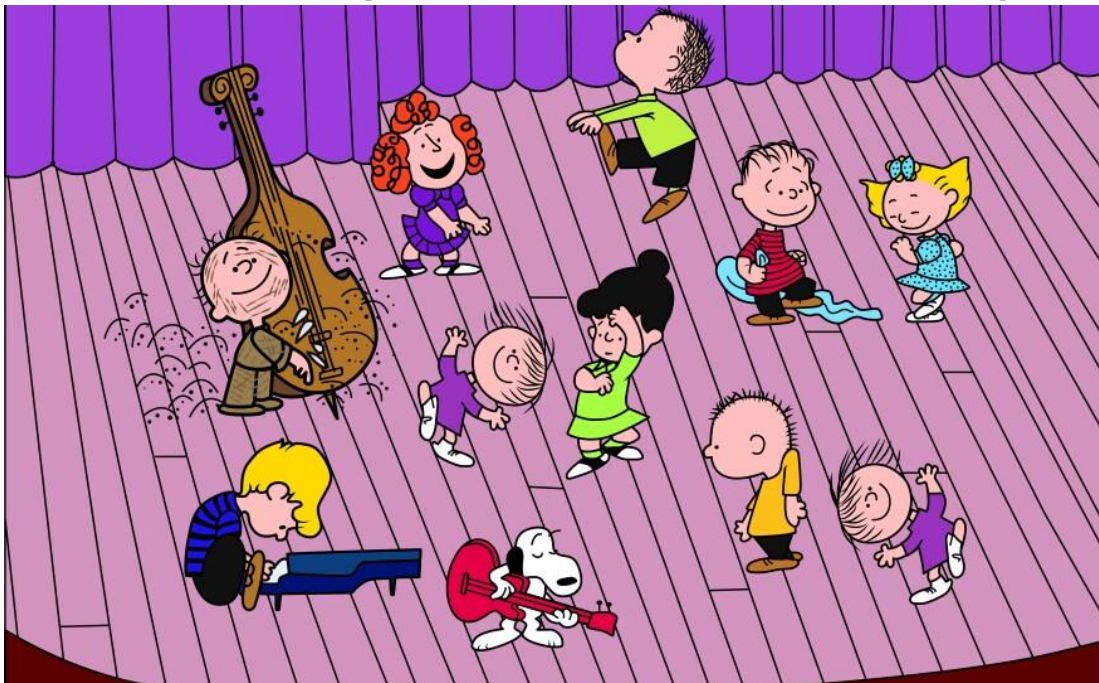
Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

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. investigations@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.

TODAY!!!!

Saint Charles!

Church decorating after Mass and Community Meal!



St. Charles Borromeo 2022 Advent & Christmas Mass Information

Sunday, December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

*11:30am Mass
Church Christmas Decorating after
Mass & Community Meal*

*Saturday, December 24, 2022
Sunday, December 25, 2022*

*Christmas Eve
Christmas Day*

*8pm Mass
11:30am Mass
No Community Dinner
11:00pm Mass
Annual New Year's Eve Celebration
following Mass*

Saturday, December 31, 2022

New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1, 2023

New Year's Day

*11:30am Mass
No Community Dinner*



The Detroit Catholic
Pastoral Alliance's
Urban Parish Coalition
Presents

A CITY-WIDE KWANZAA *Celebration*

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

*DINNER, STORY TELLING,
DANCING, DRUMMING, MUSIC*

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