

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



"The Lord Be With You."

December 19, 2021

**4th Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Year C**

Today's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a
(The Messiah from Bethlehem)

Psalm: 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
(Turn to the Lord)

Hebrews 10:5-10
(Doing God's Will)

Luke 1:39-45
(The Visitation)

Pastor's Pen



Good morning and God bless you!

Today, Jesus brings joy to John the Baptist while both are still in the womb. Our Lady walks in the hill country of Judea and she is the new tabernacle of the Most High. Elizabeth, Mary's kinswoman, is the first to recognize Jesus as Lord.

We'll celebrate Christmas Eve with Mass at 8 PM and I will be able to be with you. On Christmas Morning, Mass will be offered at 9:30 by Father Igor de Bliquy. On Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family, I'll be here for Mass at 11:30. Looking to the following weekend, we'll have Mass on New Year's Eve at 11 PM.

Grateful to God for bringing me to St. Charles.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas,
Father Dan

Christmas Through New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (12/24/2021): *Posada/Potluck **4:00 PM** at St. Augustine St. Monica Parish, 4151 Seminole, **5:00pm Mass** at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 5900 McClellan Ave, **8:00pm Mass** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1491 Baldwin, **Carols-11:30 pm, Midnight Mass 12:00am** at St. Augustine St. Monica Parish

Christmas Day (12/25/2021): **9:30am Mass** at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, **10:00am Mass** at St. Augustine St. Monica Parish, **11:30am Mass** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Sunday, December 26, 2021: **9:30am Mass** at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, **10:00am Mass** at St. Augustine St. Monica Parish, **11:30am Mass** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish

New Year's Eve (12/31/2021): 6 pm at Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Adoration, 7 PM until Midnight at Augustine St. Monica Parish, 11pm at St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Saturday, January 1, 2022: 9:00am Mass Augustine St. Monica Parish followed by First Cultures Pancake Breakfast and presentation

Sunday, January 2, 2022 (Epiphany Sunday): 9:30am Mass at Nativity of Our Lord Parish Mass, 10:00am Mass at St. Augustine St. Monica Parish, 11:30am Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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*

Clara Boltman
Mary Canaday
Frank Catania
Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
William (Bill) Leto
Waletha McCrary
John Pillette
Charles Sheron
Pat Sprankle
Anna Tyler
Father Clarence Williams

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

5pm: Nativity of Our Lord
8pm: St. Charles
**12am: St. Augustine,
St. Monica**



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. See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 18-20TH WEEKEND IS THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT.

The theme for 2021-2022 is "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope"

These past months have been difficult and challenging: a roller coaster of emotions, feelings and experiences. We have been navigating through a worldwide pandemic. In his book *Dream*, Pope Francis says "the question is whether you're going to come through this crisis and if so, how? The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same."

This retreat experience will invite a re-connection -- to God's story and our faith story -- to better anchor us in our path to hope.

For more information about our retreat weekend @ St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center on the westside of Detroit, please contact Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

THINGS OVERHEARD

"In being a blessing to others you cease being a burden to yourself."

"At times, the only cure for shadow is to increase your own light."

"Always celebrate the love behind the thing. Material gifts can be like fool's gold, blinding us to the solid, real love beneath the colorful wrapper."

"The one area people rarely 'do their research' in is themselves! For peak efficiency study your buttons, gears, pulleys, and ticks."

"We all feel monstrous at times. One cure for that: beauty. Sometimes you gotta let your monsters see beautiful things."

"There is more to you than what you think people need to see."

"Good health should be as important to you as all the work put into harming it."

"Some people are so fixed on being the problem, they never see they could be the solution."

"Don't say you love someone just so you can lure them in closer to treat them badly."

Stewardship Minute: A Calling

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we, as **Stewards**, are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Curious about exploring your relationship with God in the company of a Spiritual Director?

What is Spiritual Direction?

- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual
- ❖ Confidential sharing
- ❖ NOT counseling or therapy
- ❖ Led by a trained director who will provide assistance through questions and active listening

Who is it for?

- ❖ Anyone who wishes to live their spiritual life more fully

Contact Monique Beels directly for more information or to begin a conversation.

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December Mass Intentions

December 19, 2021
Ida and Liz Cherry

December 26, 2021
Jon Bozich
Everyone who died from Covid-19 in 2021

2022 Envelopes

If you requested envelopes, please be sure to pick them up from the back pew beginning today.

If you want envelopes, please let Rhonda Gilbert know.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

Fri., Dec. 24: Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1: 67-79

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

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

Sun., Dec. 26: First Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; First John 3: 1-2, 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(Adapted from [Vatican News.](#))

Weekly Collection

12/12/2021

Envelope	\$ 1,331.08
Loose	\$ 245.00
Christmas	\$ 650.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00

Total \$ 2,236.08

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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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.

Individuals may also contact the Archdiocese of Detroit. We place no deadlines or time limits on those who wish to come forward for help; be it five, 15, or 50 years later, our diocese accepts and responds to all reports.

The Archdiocese of Detroit reports every complaint it receives, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded. This is done in accordance with voluntary agreements signed in the spring of 2002 by the archdiocese and prosecutors from all six counties within its boundaries. As a result of the agreements, the archdiocese shared case files of priests accused of sexual misconduct in previous years and committed to turning over all complaints in the future.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

Emergencies

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call **911**

Law enforcement

Individuals who suspect clergy sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults are encouraged to contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office by calling its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by emailing aginvestigations@michigan.gov. Individuals also may contact their local police department.

Mandated reporting

Mandated reporters in Michigan must make an immediate verbal report to the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at (855) 444-3911, followed by a written report within 72 hours. Reports also can be [made online](#). (See below for [more information](#) on mandated reporters.)

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Tony Latarski, can be reached at **(313) 237-6060** or toll-free at **(866) 343-8055**. Individuals also may email vac@aod.org. Mr. Latarski has an extensive background in law enforcement and works to receive and respond to all complaints. All calls and messages regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. Callers will be asked to provide their name and telephone number.

This contact information is shared as part of an effort by the archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. They are for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only.

More information about the reporting process from *Detroit Catholic*: **For archdiocese's victim assistance coordinator, helping survivors is a ministry of compassion.**

Please note that this article references Mr. Latarski's predecessor, who retired after serving for many years in the role of Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Reporting a bishop

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Reports of sexual misconduct by other Church personnel — priests, deacons, laypersons — should be reported-in using the means described in the above sections.



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