

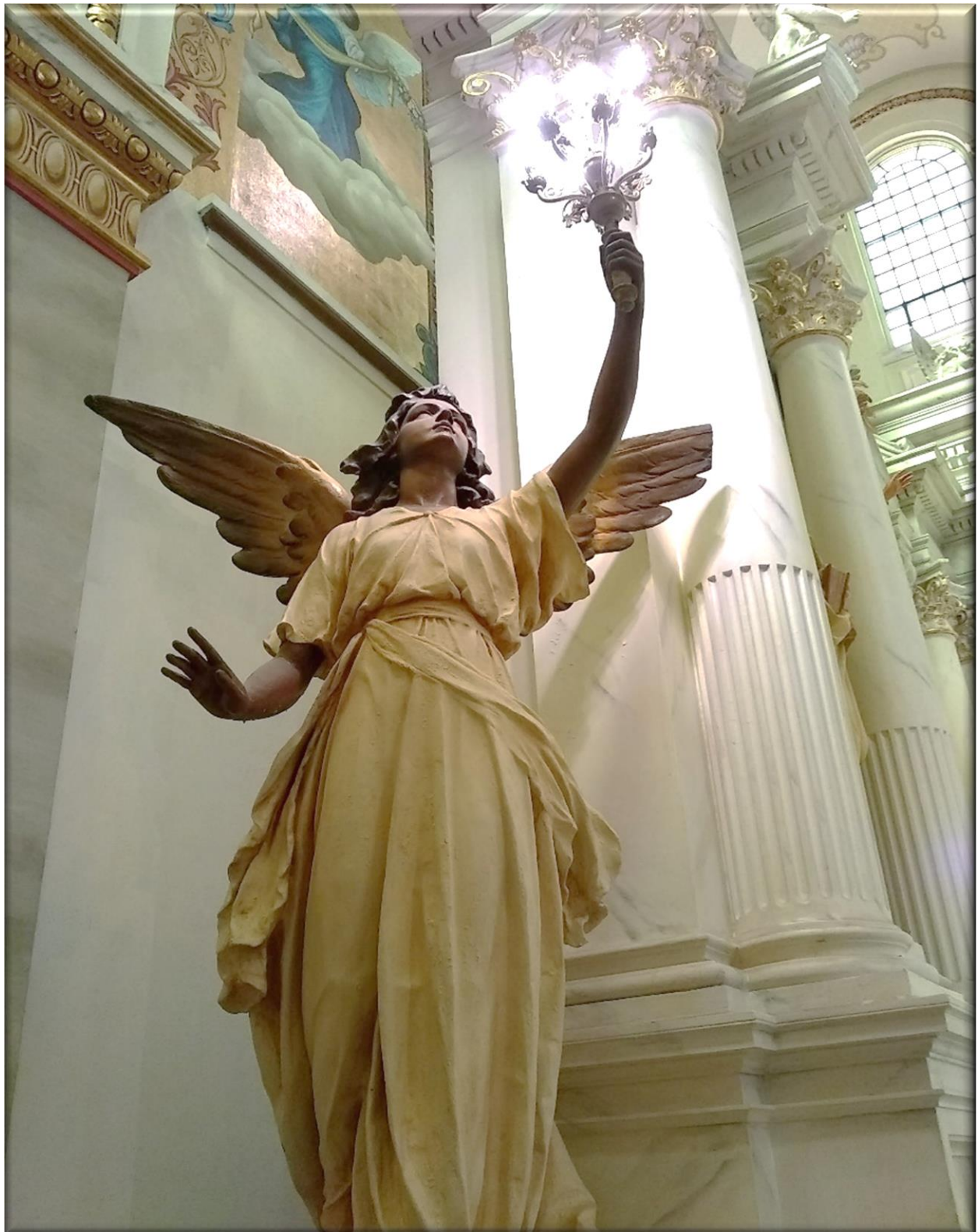
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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve  
and  
Sunday December 25, 2022 Christmas Day (A Cycle)





**Praised be Jesus Christ!** Unto us a Child is born! Unto us a Child is given! We celebrate the birth of the Light of the World each December 25th because it is after the winter solstice, in the days when each day, there is more light in the northern hemisphere. This lengthening of days continues until the feast of the Birthday of St. John the Baptist when the days shorten reflecting St. John's words that “He must increase and I must decrease.” Let's let the light of Christ illumine the darkness and shine! This week, do everything for Jesus!

**Welcome to everyone who** has been away from - or is new to- the covenantal worship of the Catholic Church. We would be honored and happy to have you join us again to worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. Please give me a call at the parish office if you would like to talk.

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

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>** [SSAM 4 PM Posada and potluck] [Nativity of Our Lord 5 PM Mass, Father David]; **St. Charles 8 PM, Fr. Robert**

**Christmas /December 25<sup>th</sup>** [SSAM: Midnight Mass, Father Dan]; [Nativity: 8:45 Confessions/9:30 Mass with Father Dan] [SSAM: 10 Mass /Presider and Preacher: Father David] **St. Charles: 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing Father Igor**

### **No weekday Masses this week until Saturday**

**Saturday, December 31st, New Year's Eve No Morning Mass** [SSAM 6 PM Mass, Fr. Dan, Eucharistic Adoration until midnight] **St. Charles Mass at 11 PM, Fr. Dan**

**New Year's Day! January 1st** 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest and Preacher: Fr. David

**Special prayers these days.** Like most of us, I remember the first Christmas after my brother passed away, after each of my parents passed, and after my sister passed. If you are going through the first Christmas with a loved one in the embraces of the Sacred Heart, instead of your own embraces, know that the rest of us are thinking of and praying for you. Trust them to Jesus. Trust them to the Savior

**This week:** A reminder that the parish office will be closed this week. We will be checking for messages.

**If you have not turned in your Time/Talent/Treasure form,** please take some time this week to pray and think about how you will commit to love through Jesus in the coming year. Please turn in your forms. With financial contributions, people usually give according to the needs they see or by tithing. If the last page will help you to figure out your tithe, you may find it helpful; no one is asked to turn in their income or how they came up with the figure they choose.

**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,*

## 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](http://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 Christmas Season

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.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.*

*We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

**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.**

**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](mailto:gfk111@aol.com).

## December &amp; January DINNER SCHEDULE

December 25, 2022 - **No Meal – Christmas Day**  
 January 01, 2023 – **No Meal – New Year's Day**  
 January 08, 2023 – **St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans**  
 January 15, 2023 – **JoAnn Eder**  
 January 22, 2023 – **Parish Council**





## PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

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

BEHOLD  
A NEW  
DAY!

## TODAY'S READINGS

Christmas Eve Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-6 (**The Messiah's Kingdom**)

Psalms 96: 1-2; 2-3, 11-12, 13 (**Bless the Lord**)

Titus 2:11-14 (**Salvation for All**)

Luke 2:1-4 (**Birth of Christ**)

Isaiah 7: 10-14 (**The Virgin with Child**)

Psalms 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. 26: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Psalm 31:  
3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10: 17-22

Tues., Dec. 27: First John 1: 1-4; Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-  
6, 11-12; John 20: 1a and 2-8

Wed., Dec. 28: First John 1: 5 - 2: 2; Psalm 124: 2-  
3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2: 13-18

Thurs., Dec. 29: First John 2: 3-11; Psalm 96: 1-2a,  
2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2: 22-35

Fri., Dec. 30: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:  
12-21; Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Matthew 2: 13-15,  
19-23

Sat., Dec. 31: First John 2: 18-21; Psalm 96: 1-2,  
11-12, 13; John 1: 1-18

Sun., Jan. 01: Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalm 67: 2-3,  
5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

## 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.

TIDINGS  
OF  
GREAT  
JOY  
!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

12/18/2022

Collection	\$ 1,150.00
Christmas	\$ 8,735.00
Online Donations	\$ 907.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,972.00</b>

Weekly Budgeted Amt \$5,800.00

**Weekly Collection Vs. Budget**  
**+4,992.00**

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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!

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

December Water Bills = \$ 3,320.64

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: *Go Forth*

*Go forth and love.  
Go forth and teach.  
Go forth and console.  
Go forth as light.*

*Go forth as a student.  
Go forth in peace.  
Go forth in honesty.  
Go forth in light.*

*Go forth.  
Reach ahead and back.  
Be a blessing and be blessed.*

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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**

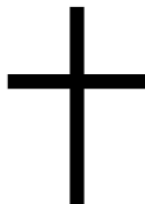
**Mass Times**

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](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).

**You're Invited by St. Matthew Parish!**

Celebrate the closing of the Christmas Season with a warm afternoon of carols, chanting, and cheer on **Sunday, January 8**, at **St. Matthew Church**, 6021 Whittier, Detroit. **St. Matthew's special Holiday Choir will lead a Christmas carol singalong in the Church at 3:30 p.m.** At 4 p.m., all are invited to participate in a **Vesper Service (evening prayer) for Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, the Three Wise Men**. Immediately after Vespers, we will gather in the church auditorium for Christmas cookies, hot cider, and mulled wine for fellowship and fun. The doors to the church will be open at 3 p.m. for personal worship if so desired. If you have any further questions, please call the rectory at 313-884-4470. There is no cost for the event. Please come!

**St. Charles Borromeo 2022 Advent & Christmas Mass Information**

<i>Saturday, December 24, 2022</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>8pm Mass</i>
<i>Sunday, December 25, 2022</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>11:30am Mass</i>
		<i>No Community Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, December 31, 2022</i>	<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>11:00pm Mass</i>
		<i>Annual New Year's Eve Celebration</i>
		<i>following Mass</i>
<i>Sunday, January 1, 2023</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>11:30am Mass</i>
		<i>No Community Dinner</i>



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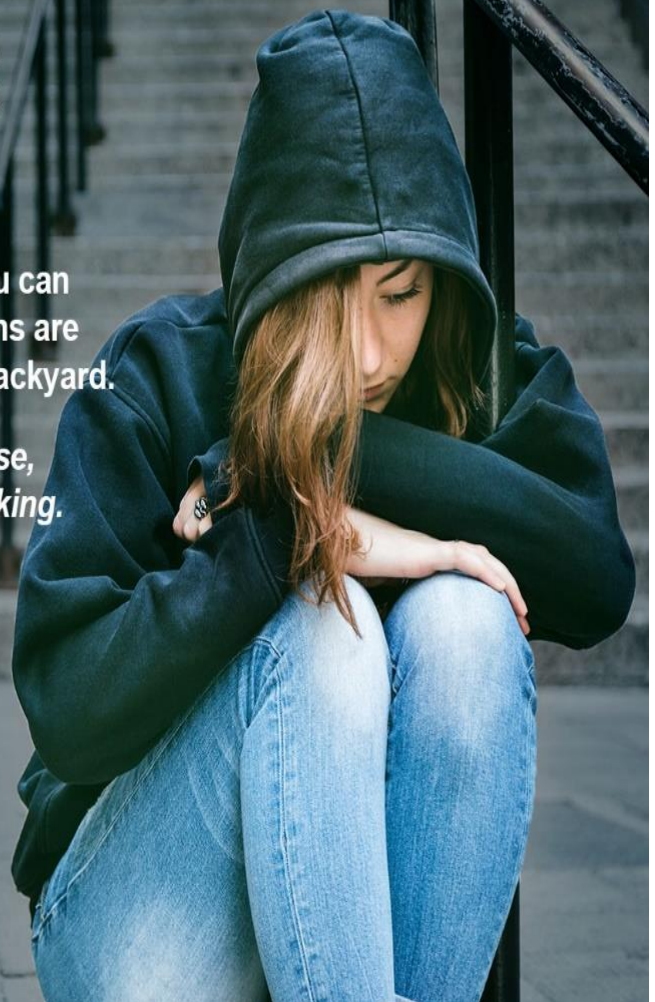
**January 29, 2023 1-3pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St.

Register for this FREE event at

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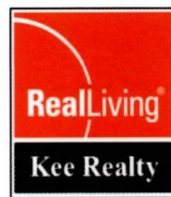
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