

# 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 26, 2021**

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## Today's Readings

First Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28  
**(God's Creative Love)**

Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
**(Love for God's House)**

First John 3: 1-2, 21-24  
**(Children of God)**

Luke 2: 41-52  
**(God Was Obedient to Them)**

**P**astor's Pen



## Merry Christmas!

Today we celebrate that God is not done with us, that God gives us Jesus, that God gives the Best, even when we may not deserve it. Unto us a Child is given!

As we gather together to celebrate Jesus' birth, I thank God that the Holy Spirit blesses our memorial mass/anamnesis/zikkaron so that, by grace, we are able to be in Bethlehem, we are all gathered in the stable to touch the birth of salvation. That touch changes us, makes us new again.

I also thank God that I have been sent by the Archbishop as your pastor. Part of my gratitude is for the wonderful community, which you have all formed, by God's grace, with Brother Ray and the other pastors with whom St. Charles has been blessed. I see it as my turn to help lead as we discover where God leads us through this time of the virus and who we will become in the months ahead.

I am convinced that God is calling each of us to serve, whether we know our gift or not. I see it as my call to help you hear God's call to you, to see where each parishioner can serve.

As I have prayed during my first months here at St. Charles, I believe that God wants us to work on four projects: working against dumping in our parish boundaries, working against drugs being sold in our neighborhoods, inviting everyone in our neighborhoods to come and pray with us, inviting all the kids in our neighborhoods to come to our Vacation Bible School. So, if you think God may be inviting you to serve in one of these projects, please see me. If no one comes forth, we won't do them; if two or three gather in Jesus' Name to do them, we're on! More about these and other projects in the weeks ahead.

Let's keep each other in prayer these days, especially those who have lost loved ones recently. United as a parish family, we can support each other in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

Merry Christmas!

Father Dan

## 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

## 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.

### 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](http://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](http://protect.aod.org).

### New Year's Eve – January 2, 2022 Mass Schedule

**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

## REJOICE...

...And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "**Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom  
He is pleased!"



### Stewardship Minute: *Family*

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, **Stewardship** is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day!

Also, pray that you don't fixate on seeing others as different from you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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

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### Pastoral Team

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

### Council Members

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

### December / January Mass Intentions

December 26, 2021

**Jon Bozich**

**Juanita Young**

**Everyone who died from  
Covid-19 in 2021**

January 2, 2022

**Joe Vujic**

January 9, 2022

**Jon Bozich**

January 16, 2022

**Monica Laske**

January 23, 2022

**Joyce Carson**

January 30, 2022

**Eric Leggs**

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

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

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

Thurs., Dec. 30: First John 2: 12-17; Psalm 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2: 36-40

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

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

Sun., Jan. 02: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### 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

12/19/2021

Envelope	\$ 1,706.00
Loose	\$ 215.47
Christmas	\$ 950.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,891.47</b>

*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?*

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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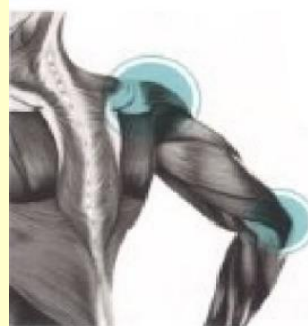
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