

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 27, 2020

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today's Readings

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
(Abraham's Faith)

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
(God's Covenant)

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
(Trust God)

Luke 2:22-40
(God's Anointed One)

Pastor's Pen



On this Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Holy Family. For some, the idea of family is a reminder of quarantines, home schooling, lock up, long days, children fighting out of boredom and a host of ailments that being in the same household over time can bring. For others, the pandemic has meant not having the opportunity to be with family since March. For many of us, the COVID-19 Pandemic has broadened the whole definition of family. We have had to take care of people who were not blood relatives while neighbors in other parts of the country have taken care of our loved ones. This year has been a reminder that we are all connected and children of the same Creator. I was so moved by the display this summer at Belle Isle. We saw faces of all those who had died of COVID from the Detroit area. They were powerful photos that went on and on throughout the park. There were all types of people affected by this deadly virus. Some of the photos showed smiling faces at weddings, others showed couples, others showed family photos, others showed serious faces and other were people acting silly. It was the whole gamut of life before our eyes. I remember tearing up realizing that all of these people who had so much life in their eyes and in their smiles were all gone in a moment. The other realization that came right after that was that all these people were just like me. They lived their lives trying to love others and be loved by them, succeed in careers, and discover meaning in their lives, find joy with family and friends and try to savor the moments of their lives. In all of those common pursuits, we are all kin.

As we think about the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, we are reminded that their lives were not always idyllic but came with many struggles and hardships. Jesus was lost at an early age and later found in the Temple. What terror that must have been for Mary and Joseph as they frantically searched for their child. Those parents who have lost children in a store for only a few minutes know that terror. We know how Mary followed Jesus through the struggles of his public ministry and preaching. I suspect she knew early on that he was disturbing the powerbrokers of his time and it would not end well. How many nights did she agonize thinking of her son meeting suffering and death because of his words and actions? There she was at the foot of the cross, witnessing the horror of a suffering, dying son. She stood there valiantly as she experienced the pain no mother should have to endure. Yes, the Holy Family was holy but not because life was easy for them but because they believed that all things were possible with God. Our families, whether blood or human kinship, are sacred and we are called to broaden our idea of family to include the whole world. May the whole Human Family and all of Creation be blessed in this new year!

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*

Jon Bozich
Mary Canaday
Joe Lucent
Waletha McCrary
Wesley Nethercott
Elizabeth Pillete
Roger Sinclair
Anna Tyler

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 on May 9. **They go into effect June 1st.** 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.

An update on the Mass dispensation from Archbishop Vigneron

Summary: Due to Covid 19, he has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit until **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Read on for details.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these difficult months during the pandemic, I have granted a general dispensation from the grave obligation that we as Catholic Christians have to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in part to help ease the conscience of those who are unable to be present for public worship due to risk of illness to themselves or their families. The most recent dispensation expires on November 22, at which point we had hoped the pandemic would have eased enough to allow all of us to return in an unrestricted way to our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Unfortunately, local and state health officials report that we not only continue to experience an increase in cases in our region and elsewhere, but that the rate of increase is rising dramatically and dangerously. I have been in communication with leaders in our Catholic hospitals and they are very concerned about the immediate future and the challenges they face caring for all those in need, not just those experiencing serious complications from COVID-19.

Dispensation: After carefully considering these and other factors, I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit **until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. As we have from the beginning, we will continue to closely monitor the situation in our region, with an eye on the day – hopefully in the not-too-distant future – when all of us are able to safely reunite in our normal patterns of worship.

Attending Mass: This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly. At the same time, one should not take advantage of the dispensation without a true need. Catholics who have already begun to engage in non-essential activities, such as widening one's social circle or going out to eat, should return to Sunday Mass – an essential activity – as church capacity allows. Our souls greatly need the grace that comes from the re-presentation of Christ's saving death and resurrection and this is what Jesus has entrusted to us in the celebration of the Mass. Just as businesses, schools, and other locations have opened safely, so have our parishes. Our pastors, parishes, and the faithful have worked diligently and adapted well in order to ensure the health and well-being of everyone who has been able to come to church for Mass, Confession, or to pray. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for the efforts that have been undertaken to implement and maintain the first-rate precautionary measures that have kept our parishes and schools safe.

Keeping Holy the Lord's Day: Whether or not they are able to attend Mass, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day. This a divine law that neither I nor anyone else can ever dispense. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as such Christians from the earliest days have set it apart as a day unlike others. When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to observe the Sabbath by prioritizing prayer, time for God and for family, and works of charity. To that end, many of our parishes have been broadcasting their services over the internet during these last several months. While this virtual means of watching Mass can never replace the unmediated contact with the Real Presence of Our Lord we receive by being present and participating in Mass, these livestreamed Masses have been a way to help Catholics nourish their souls when they cannot be present for Mass.

Let us trust that the Lord accompanies us through all difficulties, including this pandemic. As we approach Advent and prepare for flu season, we should remember to pray daily for health care workers, first responders, including our priests, and all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the months to come. Let us also continue to invoke Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness for those who suffer illness, asking her to pray with us for healing and protection for the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

With assurances of my prayers for you, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, November 13, 2020

Events & Happenings

Anything you plan for the holidays or the New Year, do it with kindness, consideration, and foresight! We are all graced with the blessing of making **good** decisions!

LET'S PARTAKE OF THAT GRACE ALWAYS!

Thank You.

Weekly Collection

12/20/20

Working On It!

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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Mass Intentions

Sunday December 27, 2020
**Deceased Members of the
Sinclair Family
Patrick Buczk**

Sunday, January 10, 2021
Alfredo Gundrum, OFM, Cap.

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|| device to make online
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|| screen to make your donation! ||

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wed., Dec. 30: 1 John 2:12-
17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Luke 2:36-40

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

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

Sat., Jan. 02: 1 John 2:22-28;
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 1:19-28

Sun., Jan. 03: Isaiah 60:1-6;
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-
13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-1

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Dispensation Update as of November 13, /2020 from Archbishop Vigneron: Due to Covid 19, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit has been extended until **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.**

Did You Know...One of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles Borromeo Church is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? Did you know that you can support this fund raiser simply by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shopping as usual? The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra!

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- Click Enroll
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- If you're having any issues please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.

BLESSED BE!

Stewardship Minute: *Forgiving Stewards*

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. Through **Stewardship**, we need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Led By the Spirit On Mission

On Pentecost Sunday of this year, Archbishop Vigneron announced the next step in the missionary transformation of the Archdiocese of Detroit: Families of Parishes.

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called "Families of Parishes." Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

The Family groupings have been compiled in the last few months through consultation with the auxiliary bishops and priests, a process steeped in prayer and with attention given to the best interest of each community. **The final list is expected to be released on Wednesday, December 9.**

In the meantime, to help us all better understand why we are moving in this direction, Archbishop Vigneron has written a **new Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes**, providing some theological context for the transition and introducing a renewed structure for parish ministry to more effectively equip them for their missionary work. Like all **Pastoral Notes** released in recent years, this new text is informed by and expands upon the steady foundation of **Archbishop Vigneron's 2017 Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel.**

Looking into the not-too-distant future, Archbishop Vigneron also uses this new Pastoral Note to anticipate the development of Family Missionary Strategic Plans, which will guide each Family of Parishes as it carries out its work in the years to come.

To read the Pastoral Note, please go to: **Unleash the Gospel.**

Family of Parishes Frequently Asked Questions

Check here each week to learn about the new Archdiocese of Detroit initiative, Family of Parishes.

This week we answer the questions "Where Can I View the List of Families of Parishes" and When will Families of Parishes begin operating as such?

The complete list of Families of Parishes can be found at
<https://www.familiesofparishes.org/2020/12/09/family-groupings-waves-announced/>

There will be two waves of parishes beginning to operate within their new Families of Parishes. The first wave will begin preparation in January of 2021 and will launch in July of 2021. The second wave will begin preparation in January of 2022 and will launch in July of 2022. These waves were announced at Advent of 2020, alongside the publication of the list of Families. This timeline was designed to effectively address our needs while allowing for over a year of collaborative discernment before our first Families of Parishes officially come together.

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

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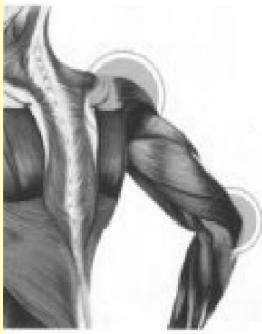
- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual
- ❖ Confidential sharing
- ❖ NOT counseling or therapy
- ❖ Led by a trained director who will provide assistance through questions and active listening

Who is it for?

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

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