The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times: *St. Charles:* Wednesday 10:30am; Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity: Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm; Sunday 9:45am

Pastor's Pen



"The Lord Be With You."

December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's Readings

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

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

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

Luke 2:41-52 (Jesus was Obedient to Them)

Feast of the Holy Family

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas full of joy and goodness and a little time to relax with family and friends. It would really be nice if we could let the Christmas season last through the month of January. It seems we are all so busy up until Christmas and I realize the best days are after Christmas when we can just sit, relax, and maybe drink a cup of cocoa!

Today, as we allow the glow of Christmas to continue to surround us, the church offers us the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate not only Mary, Joseph and Jesus but we also celebrate the families we've been given. I am always hesitant to talk about the joy of family life as I know some people have not had a good experience of family life and for them the mere mention of the word conjures up painful memories. For those of you for whom "family" is a difficult word, I ask you to think about the other family God has given you. It's the family of those who may not be blood relatives, but they have loved you as a family member throughout your life. Some have come only for a season and have been there through a difficult period while others are there for the long haul. All of those people were sent to you by God to love you and remind you that you are loved by God and part of God's family. It's wonderful to remind ourselves that just being created by a loving God gives us access to God's family and God's love. It also reminds us that all created beings are part of the same family of God. The reminder should help us see the dignity of each human being and give us eyes to see all humanity as well as all creation as brother and sister…very Franciscan!

So, in honor of this feast, let's thank God for all the people who have come through our lives and loved us as family. Also, let's make a pledge to widen the boundaries of our "family" and see all of those we encounter and those who live on the other side of the world as our brothers and sisters. May 2019 be the year where we let ourselves to be more vulnerable to be loved and to love those who come through our lives. Have a great new year!

Our New Years' Mass (Solemnity of Mary) will be at 11pm on the 31st followed by a potluck dinner and karaoke. We will also be celebrating the marriage of Marcia Lee and en Sawyer at this Mass.

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

Bobby Allen Paul Andrecovich Marilyn Boomer John Bozich Shawn Burks Liana Caruana Ida Cherry Gary Davila Howard Dilworth Kyle Duker Heinrich Ericksen Jill Forton **Doris Harris** John Huddleston Addie Ingram Earline Johnson Ron Kirby Tony Lababera Vanessa Laco-Chambers Dave Laverty **Catherine Lewis** Edward Malik Tiana Marquez Michael Martin Mary Massaini **Dina Maynard** Leon McCoo LaRonda Morant Patrick Nadeaul Gary Perzyk Judy Pierce Robert Preuss Celeste Rabaut Patricia C. Randall Elaine Rosen Carol Santa Maria Ben Saxon Tom Scallen Marvin Sims Len Stoehr **Thomas Sweeting** Mark Tamer **Rachel Thompson** Enza Trah Anna Tyler Sr Jolene Van Handel Belinda Wilson Shawn Wilson Jenny White

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Women of St. Charles!

HAVE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BECOME CLOSER TO GOD??? ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS FEB 8-10, 2019

If one of your resolutions for the new year is to come closer to God, why not spend a weekend with God and the women of St. Charles? Our annual women's retreat is at Saint Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of February 8-10, 2019. The retreat center is on the westside of Detroit. Carpools will be available to get you there and back home.

We rest, laugh, eat delicious food, share great conversations, and come home more hopeful and peaceful. Each woman has her own room and bathroom. Our theme this year is "Rejoice in the Lord Always". This retreat experience is designed to help us rediscover the intimate call of God to each one of us to grow in holiness and live in JOY!

Participants are asked to donate whatever they can afford to cover the expenses of this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical rest and renewal. Pleased do not let finances keep you away. Call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 or Jessica Edwards at 313.917.0129 to make a reservation, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at www.stpaulretreat.org.

Mercy Nights

Jesus can do great things in your life. Don't believe us? Come to a Mercy Night. Let Him prove it.

Let's be honest, life is full of baggage. So often we are expected to "go at it alone" or "tough it out". Doesn't that seem counterproductive? What if, instead, we didn't "go at it alone" but instead we "go at it with Him"?

Real peace and real joy are available and attainable.

Similar to the *Come Encounter Christ* events, Mercy Nights are about laying down the things that drain us and hold us down, and receiving freedom through the gentle mercy of Jesus. Come and receive life and heal wounds through the power of scripture and the presence of Jesus as we encounter him through adoration, reconciliation and music. All are welcome to join the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit for an evening of life changing mercy and encounter with Jesus.

- January 11, St Anne Detroit, 7:00p- 9:00, Detroit
- January 25, St. Mary's Monroe, 7:00p- 9:00, Monroe
- February 8, St. Hugo of the Hills, 7:00p- 9:00, Bloomfield Hills
 - February 15, St. Thecla, 7:00p- 9:00, Clinton Township
- February 22, MBS Cathedral, 7:00- 9:00, Detroit (Spanish)

Kerygma Nights

Does your life feel, well, messy?

Come learn what the Gospel reveals - that you don't have to walk it alone. ...that God really does have big plans for you, ...that despite sin and struggle in our lives... we can be fulfilled.

"Kerygma" is the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. Join us for a night of answers to some of the big questions we all have, as we share the core of what the Gospel reveals through short talks, discussion and Q&A with others who are asking the same questions as you are.

- Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jolly Pumpkin Royal Oak, 7:00 8:30 (Wed.)
- Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Sacred Heart Dearborn, 7:00 8:30 (Mon.)
- Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, Shrine of the Little Flower, 7:00 8:30, (Tues.) Spanish

Online Giving

To be sure that your online donation is included in your contribution amounts, we MUST have your email address. Please make sure we have this information by either calling the rectory, sending an email to the parish at stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com or dropping a note in the collection basket with your email address. Without the email address, your online contributions will not be added to your collection data or included in your year-end statement.

<u>**Upcoming Events / Meetings</u>**</u>

As we remember the historic beatification of Blessed Solanus Casey that took place one year ago at Ford Field, a new book, Blessed Solanus Casey, by Patricia Montemurri, is available in bookstores and online, including the Solanus Center Gift Shop. The Casev book includes exclusive photos of the beatification Mass, the first-ever Feast Day, as well as archival photography of the life and ministry of Blessed Solanus Casey - all to help enrich your devotion to the humble porter of St. Bonaventure. In the words of Father Solanus: "Blessed be God in all His designs!"

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center welcomes you to browse through its gift shop and book store. Keep them in mind when you are celebrating life's special moments: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Graduation. A major effort has been made to select an inventory of Made in Michigan or the USA. The gift shop is open during regular business hours 9am –4pm). (M-F, For more information please email Mary Moret at mmoret@stpaulretreat.org or call 313.286.2806.

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Dec / Jan Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30, 2018 Deceased Members of the Sinclair Family

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 Gerard & Rosemary Stadmeyer

> Sunday, January 6, 2019 Albert T. Nolan

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Joseph Hobert

Sunday, January 13, 2019 Monica Laske

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Bohdan Vujic

Sunday, January 20, 2019 Joyce Carson

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Kathy Haynes

Sunday, January 27, 2019 Michael Walton, Sr. Joseph LaBarbra Donna Lynch Janet Lawitcke Edith Peach

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 Michael Earl Pitts

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Luke 2.10-21

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

Thurs., Jan. 03: 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Fri., Jan. 04: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42

Sat., Jan. 05: 1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51

Sun., Jan. 06: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY RESOURCES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: St. Charles is located in City Council District 5 and in Detroit Police Precinct 11. Here is some key contact information for those who live in the neighborhood. Clip this out and keep it handy in case you need it.

Mary Sheffield, District 5 Councilmember, (313) 224-4505, CouncilmemberSheffield @detroitmi.gov

Marshall Bullock. District Manager, (313) 236-3523 BullockM@detroitmi.gov

11th Precinct, 5100 E. Nevada Ave. (313) 596-1100, Neighborhood Police Officer -Joseph Corbett (313) 643-0699

Using Your Mobile Device to Make Online Contributions... You can now use your mobile to device make online contributions! Follow these directions: (and see note below this week's mass intentions)

 Go to *www.stcharlesdetroit.org* Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner
 Click on "Donate"
 Choose to Login or Create Account
 Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!

Do your loved ones expect a shout when what they really need is a whisper?

Would people say you're fluent in 2 languages: Complaining and Fussing?

In the language of the face, do people wonder if you're OK if they see you actually smiling?

Let 2019 be the year you learn to speak anew!



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