

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



December 31, 2017
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph**
(Liturgical Year B)
"Compassion"

Today's Readings

First Reading:
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
(Duties toward parents)

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:12-21
(The practice of virtues;
the Christian family)

Gospel:
Luke 2:22-40
(Circumcision of Jesus;
presentation in the temple)



Feast of the Holy Family

To speak of family is a difficult thing because everyone's experience of family is different. For some, family has been a community of love, support and nurturing. Holidays are filled with great memories. These people look forward to getting together with family and are always saddened when they have to leave one another. On the other end of the spectrum are the dysfunctional families where there has not been nurturing, love and support. For these people, holidays are frightening events where life is unpredictable and unstable. Holidays are filled with tension and stress and usually end in fighting and tears. I've met people for whom this has been their history and all I can do is pray for them and support them in their healing. For most of us, our families are somewhere in between. We love them and they love us but it doesn't mean we may not drive each other crazy at times!

We don't get to choose our families but we do get to choose how we create "family" now in whatever configuration we find ourselves in. If we are with a spouse and have children or single with children, we have an awesome responsibility. I guess what frightens me (and maybe this is just me getting old) is the amount of quality time children and parents have together. We are all so busy and our time together to relax and enjoy each other is at a minimum. I suspect if we were to check, we'd realize we are on our phones amused by whatever comes on the screen much more than spending quality time with one another. Although technology is great and can connect us with one another, our humanity has suffered and we've become a lonely people and our children are lonely, too. Although they may not say, they need you and the guidance and love only you can give them.

So maybe 2018 can call us to be a bit more human and take time for conversations with our children and loved ones. If we have no children or spouses and we have not had a good experience of family, maybe it's time to create "family" with those friends who truly love us!

Let's vow to work on our relationships in 2018. Parents, find time to have fun with your children. They will be grown in a moment. Those without biological families, find the brothers and sisters in your life who need your presence and create "family" with them. Let's celebrate 2018 and allow God's love and mercy into all our relationships. Have a great 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

We Pray for the Healing Presence...

Bobby Allen
Paul Andreovich
Shawn Burks
Liana Caruana
Liz Cherry
Brandon DiLucente
Howard Dilworth
Nicole Dooley
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Ericksen
Doris Harris
John Huddleston
Joyce Hurley
Addie Ingram
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
Vanessa Laco-Chambers
Catherine Lewis
Tiana Marquez
Michael Martin
Mary Massaini
Dina Maynard
Leon McCool
Laura McDonald
Gary Perzyk
Judy Pierce
Patricia C. Randall
Elaine Rosen
Sr. Judy Ruggirello
Carol Santa Maria
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Judy Tuttle
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White
Frances Williams

Questions of the Week

(Please see Today's Readings)

Key Passage: *"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."* (Colossians 3:12)

Adult: How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

Child: What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

Catholic Corner

Luke gives us a picture of a devout Hebrew couple, Mary and Joseph, who have brought their first born son to Jerusalem, on the eighth day of his birth, so that he may be circumcised and "designated as holy to the Lord" as was prescribed by God's law. But then an extraordinary event happened that caused the mother and father to be amazed at this child of theirs: A man went into the temple, took the baby into his arms and praised God for allowing him to see the salvation that God had promised. After blessing the couple, the man went on to say to his mother that this child was going to be disturber of the status quo, "destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed..." This prophet, called Simeon, also told Mary that "a sword will pierce your own soul too."

"You desire truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart." Psalm 51:6

CSA Minute: Marriage and Family Ministry

This Sunday marks the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — and is a celebration of the family. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help support families at all stages.

Catholic marriage is a vocation, a calling from God. Programs and services of the archdiocesan Marriage and Family Ministry Office include marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and Women's Ministry. Resources are also available for family and marriage support, those experiencing separation and divorce, and the culture of life.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

2018: Be well and Dream well

P E A C E

Street Corner Ministry at Nativity of Our Lord

Everyone is invited to join the parishioners of our sister parish, Nativity of Our Lord, at the corner of Gratiot and McClellan to offer up prayers for our city. The prayers are offered right on the corner from 9pm-10pm every Friday night. Please support Nativity and our city!

Stewardship Thoughts: Family

The theme of family connects today's Scripture readings. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and those who revere their mother store up riches, the passage from the Book of Sirach teaches us. Those who care for aging parents are not forgotten, and their kindness is planted as an offering against sin. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus is presented to the Lord in the Jerusalem Temple, in accordance with Mosaic Law. The Holy Family then returns to Nazareth, where Jesus grows in strength and wisdom.

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul stresses *bearing with one another and forgiving one another... as the Lord has forgiven you. ... Christ's peace must reign* in our families' hearts. As St. John Paul II emphasized, the family is the "Domestic Church." Vocations are born in families that embrace the Catholic faith. May we, as faithful stewards, continue to strive, build, and pray for solid Christian families in an increasingly antifamily world. To strengthen your family, make a daily habit of praying and eating at least one meal together. Most importantly, attend Sunday Mass as a family and partake of Holy Communion.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

SAVE THE DATE: ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS MARCH 2-4, 2018. For reservations call Patty Gillis at 313-399-8320, the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801 or www.stpaulretreat.org.

Fun with the Capuchins! 6th Bocce with the Brothers – Friday, January 26th, 2018, 6pm. 100% of Proceeds Benefit Capuchin Ministries. Sponsored by Shelving.com. Villa Penna (Hayes Road location), Sterling Heights, \$50 per ticket – Advance tickets only, 313.579.2100, ext. 153.

ELDER WISDOM CIRCLE... meets in the St Charles Rectory on **January 9, 2018 from 11am – 12:30pm.** All ages are welcome. There is no charge for joining or attending. The focus of the Elder Wisdom Circle is to embrace the 2nd half of life from a spiritual and informed perspective. Each session is a different topic and sometimes there is homework. Any questions, please contact Bernadette Durkin, 703-777-2144, bernadettedurkin09@gmail.com

2018 Urban Parish Spirit Awards Thursday, March 15, 2018

Sacred Heart Church Activities Bldg
3451 Rivard Street, Detroit 48207

**2018 Annual Harvest Dinner
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Eastern Market**

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

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Dec / Jan Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31, 2017
Albert T. Nolan

Wed, January 3, 2018
Gerard Stadmeyer

Sunday, January 7, 2018
Mary Harvey

Wed, January 10, 2018
Joseph Hobert

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Monica Laske
Fr. Jerry Aylward

Wed, January 17, 2018
Bohdan Vujic

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Joyce Carson

Wed, January 24, 2018
Kathy Haynes
Kelvin McCrary

Sunday, January 28, 2018
Michael Walton, Sr.
Joseph LaBarbra
Donna Lynch
Janet Lawitcke
Edith Peach

Wed, January 31, 2018
Michael Earl Pitts

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

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

Sat., January 06: 1 John
5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13,
15-15, 19-20; Luke 3:23-
38

Sun., January 07: Isaiah
60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8,
10-11, 12-13;
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation: This is one of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation into the Faith usually celebrated after 1st Reconciliation (Confession) and 1st Communion. This sacrament is open to all students (and adults) who have been baptized and received 1st Communion. If you fit this criteria or if you are unsure if this is for you, please call the parish office at 313-331-0253. **We will be starting preparation classes after the Christmas/New Year holidays.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (in St. Charles rectory basement) is open to all children ages 3 - 6+. We offer two sessions on Sundays: 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11-12p.

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion classes are held at Nativity of Our Lord. Call the office at (313) 922-0033, NativityOL@sbcglobal.net

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

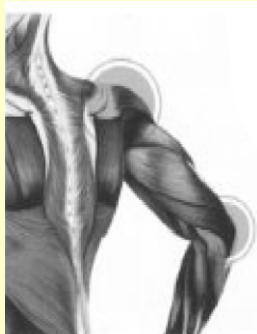
Nativity of Our Lord Parish... is having a fundraiser raffle to support the parish and its community assistance efforts. **Only 400 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100.** You can purchase with cash, check or credit card. **The drawing is March 17, 2018.** The prizes are: 1st prize \$5000.00, 2nd prize \$2500.00, and 5 prizes of \$500.00. Please contact the parish at 313-922-0033 if you have questions or want to purchase a ticket!

Tutors Needed in Oakland County...

Are you age 55 or older and interested in helping young people learn? CCSEM has just the program for you! Our Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for tutors for youth in the Oakland County school system. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact Allie Van Haverbeke at 248-559-1147 ext. 3945 or vanhaverbekea@ccsem.org.

Weekly Collection 12/24& 25/17

Christmas	\$20,510.37
Loose	\$ 726.43
TOTAL	\$21,236.80



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