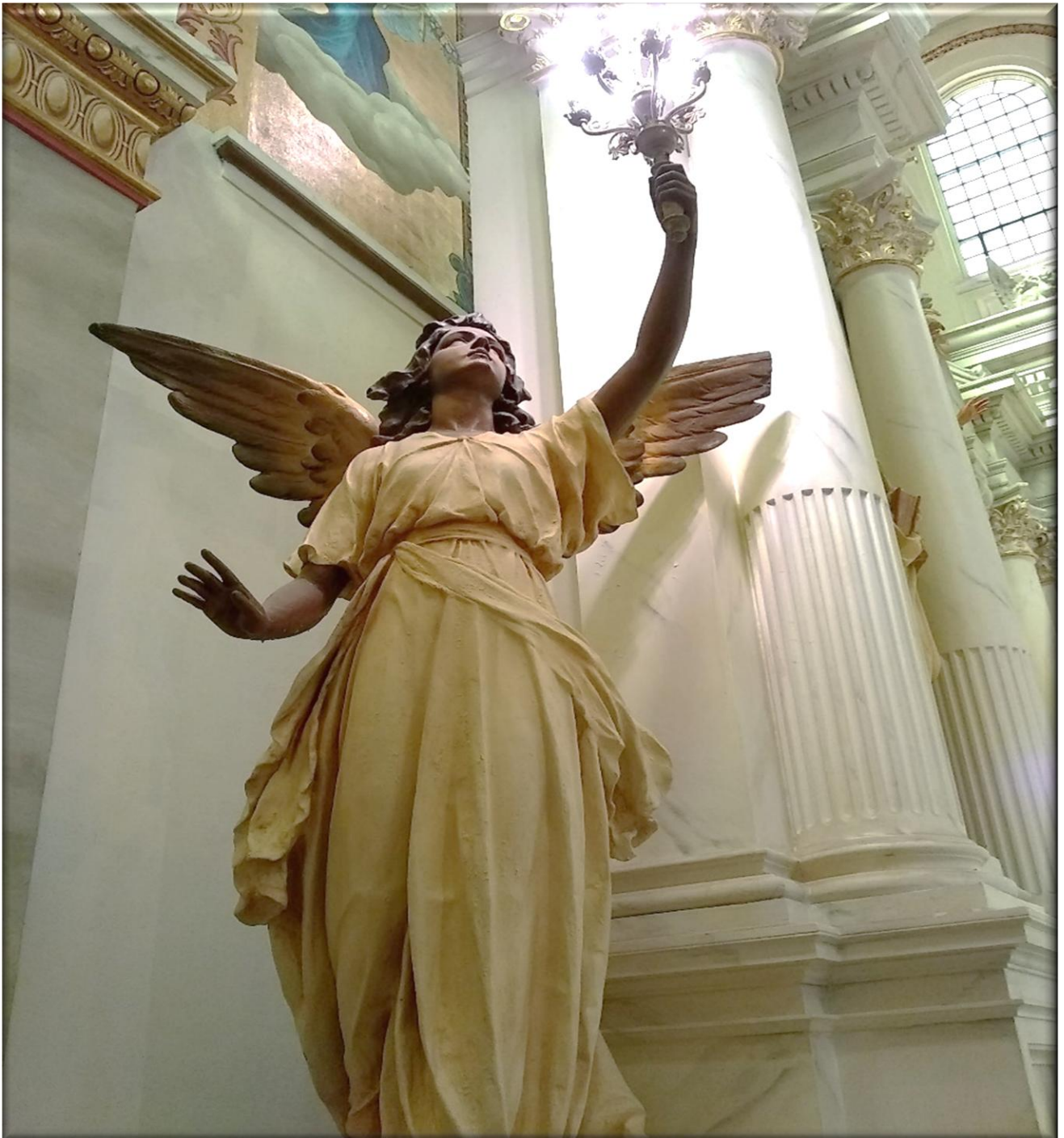

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, February 16, 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)





Sunday Food for Your Soul

Quiet Receivers

A discouraged detective in one of Jonathan Kellermann's mystery novels said “the glass is either half empty or broken” in memory of the famous saying. Jesus appears to be on the detective's side this Sunday.

The beatitudes Jesus proclaims seem for all the world to be “empty or broken”! Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced!

Clearly some consideration of the beatitudes is in order.

In order to love and be loved we need to have space at the center of who we are.

For the most part, beatitudes were an ancient formula that encouraged people to do good. For instance, in our [Responsorial Psalm](#) we read, “Blessed is the one who does not take the wicked for his guide, nor walks the road that sinners tread.”

[Psalm 41](#) says, “Blessed are those who consider the poor. The Lord will deliver them in time of trouble.” [Jeremiah 17](#) has “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ... he is like a tree planted [next to] water that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green.” These are all beatitudes.

Beautiful and numerous are the beatitudes in Hebrew scriptures. They say that if you do this or that good thing, you will receive blessings. Thus, people were not surprised that Jesus used them in his teaching.

The trouble is, he seems to have reversed them!

Blessed are you if you do the deed of suffering. What do you mean? Am I supposed to seek to be penniless and sorrowful and in pain? Why would he encourage us to be in such terrible states?

Through history there have been many opinions on this reversal, but your author has his own guess, and here it is. A person has to be open and empty in order to let God and others come in. In order to love and be loved we need to *have space at the center of who we are*.

Consider a rich person who “has everything.” Isn't she tempted to let her possessions define who she is? “Attack my home and you attack me,” she might say. Possessions become an “instead of.” Instead of love I choose something more stable (so it looks): cars or households or corporations or just plain power. Instead of eating as much as we need, each North American who goes to a restaurant orders enough for five people! Would you like another order of French fries, the waiter asks after we have already finished a steak the size of a serving plate and a triple order of fries (so it seems).

Be sure that the principle running through all the beatitudes is this: you are blessed *if you don't cram yourself full*. Full of food, drink, pride, drugs, fame, sex, visits to the beach, stunning hair-do's, flattest abs, shiny teeth, fast cars, every kind of wealth, and of course reputation, reputation, reputation.

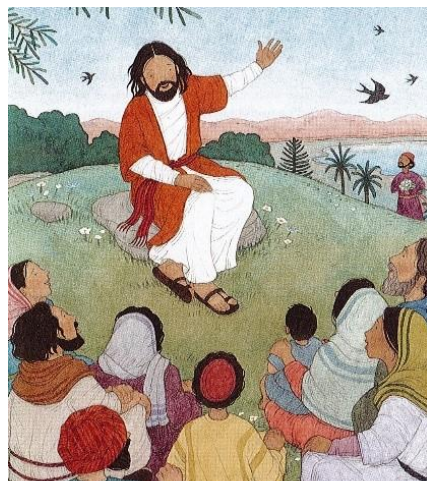
Jesus seems to be saying instead, blessed are you if you try to stay empty, if you become a spacious home for God, for other human beings, for the long-suffering earth.

There is only one reality, only one Being who can give us the bread of life, who can satisfy our deep capacity for love. Don't you want to welcome that being into your soul instead of flying around at fastest pace having fun, fun, fun?

We are built to be quiet receivers, people who know they feel empty and yet are patient.

Blessed are you if you let go into his arms.

John Foley, SJ
St. Louis University



*And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:
“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours. (Gospel)*

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory. **Today, February 16, 2025: Patty Gillis with Friends & Family; February 23, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; March 2, 2025: Sponsor Needed; March 9, 2025: Sponsor Needed; March 16, 2025: Torya and Eduardo; March 23, 2025: Detroit Black Catholic Ministry; March 30, 2025: Sponsor Needed;**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need **Tuna, Fruit and Noodles**. Many thanks for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper During Lent: March 7, 2025: St. Charles 6pm (Parish Office 313-331-0253); March 14, 2025: Nativity 6pm (Parish Office 313-922-0033); March 21, 2025: St. Augustine/St. Monica 6pm (Parish Office – 313-921-4107); March 28, 2025: St. Elizabeth 6pm (Kathina Polk – 313-207-1597); April 04, 2025: Sacred Heart 6pm (Angela Vann 313-831-1356); April 11, 2025: Nativity 6pm (Parish Office 313-922-0033). Please call the listed phone number if you want to bring soup, salad, cheese & crackers, dessert, or beverages for the Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross.

Parish Financial News

The Parish Finance Council met 1/29/25 to review our year to date (YTD) progress and to begin planning for our next fiscal budget. We anticipated that at the half way point in the fiscal year of 7/1/24 - 12/31/25, our expenses would exceed our income by about \$34,000. While we have spent less than planned, our collection money is short of what we anticipated, leaving us with a \$40,000 deficit. The council will continue to work with the parish to reduce the deficit, looking for ways to increase money coming in, while keeping a sharp focus on expenses.

There are several areas of good news! The deficit is significantly smaller than last year's and it appears that we will continue to improve. We have solid savings to cushion the shortfall while we work to balance the budget. Also, thanks to generous donors, we have been able to complete several significant long-term improvements over the last 18 months, including a new boiler, gutter replacements and upgrades and upcoming (Spring) tuck pointing work!

Parish Nurse News and Notes

The Power of Diet and Exercise: Keys to a Healthy Lifestyle: In today's fast-paced world, maintaining a healthy lifestyle is more important than ever. A balanced diet and regular exercise are two key pillars that support overall well-being, helping to prevent chronic diseases and enhance quality of life. By making mindful choices in nutrition and physical activity, people can achieve long-term health benefits and feel their best each day. **The Role of a Balanced Diet** :A nutritious diet provides the body with essential nutrients needed for energy, growth, and repair. Here are some fundamental principles of healthy eating: **Eat a Variety of Foods**: A diverse diet ensures the body receives a full range of vitamins and minerals. Incorporate fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats into daily meals. **Control Portion Sizes**: Overeating, even healthy foods, can lead to weight gain and other health issues. Being mindful of portion sizes helps maintain a healthy weight. **Stay Hydrated**: Water is crucial for digestion, circulation, and temperature regulation. Aim for at least 8 glasses of water per day. **Limit Processed Foods**: Foods high in sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats contribute to obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Opt for fresh, whole foods whenever possible. **Plan Balanced Meals**: Include a combination of macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, and fats) to sustain energy levels throughout the day. More information next week on balancing meals.

Blood Pressure screening will be available after mass in the church hall today



Go to the giving site at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>

The VIGIL

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Paul Andrecovich
Kathy Ayoub
Mary Canaday
Michael Goree
Carol Herman
Sandra Hill
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard
Joyce Hurley
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Dan Jones
Leslie Kirby
Ron Kirby
Pamela Little
Michael Martin
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Donald Snider
Fran Snider
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be added to or removed from the list. Names will stay on the list for 3 months, but can be continued if we are notified of the wishes to do so.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 16, 2025

Angela McDonald
Angela Dearing

February 23, 2025

Michael Rachal
Vicy Scott

March 02, 2025

Smith Carson, Jr.
Marcus Sinclair
Dr. Donald Burkhart

March 09, 2025

Victor and Suzanne Filecchia
Sam Stratos

March 16, 2025

Mary Cunningham
Greg McCaffrey
Kevin Scully
Michael Ayoub

March 23, 2023

Lisa Little
Gerald Miller
Noah Bradley Woodard

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 17: 5-8
(Trust in the Lord)

Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
(Lover of God's Law)

First Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
(Hope for Eternity)

Luke 6: 23ab
(Heavenly Reward)

Luke 6: 17, 20-26
(The Beatitudes)

The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month
of February 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 17: Genesis 4: 1-15, 25; Psalm 50: 1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; John 14: 6; Mark 8: 11-13

Tues., Feb. 18: Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Psalm 29: 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; John 14: 23; Mark 8: 14-21

Wed., Feb. 19: Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 8: 22-26

Thurs., Feb. 20: Genesis 9: 1-13; Psalm 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; John 6: 63c, 68c; Mark 8: 27-33

Fri., Feb. 21: Genesis 11: 1-9; Psalm 33: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; John 15: 15b; Mark 8: 34 – 9:1

Sat., Feb. 22: First Peter 5: 1-4; Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-19

Sun., Feb. 23: First Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; First Corinthians 15: 45-49; John 13: 34; Luke 6: 27-38

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Stewards Proclaim

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

COLLECTION INFO

February 09, 2025

Collection \$ 976
Online \$ 968

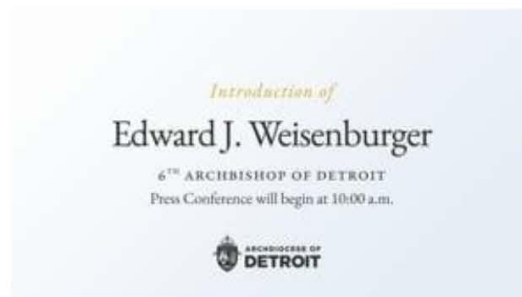
TOTAL \$1,944

Welcome, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger!



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, as the sixth Archbishop of Detroit. The archbishop-elect succeeds Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, who has served the archdiocese since 2009.

The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on March 18. Additional details about the installation liturgy and other welcome events will be shared in the coming days.



A Pastoral Note to Migrants from the Catholic Bishops in Michigan



February 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Roman Catholic Bishops in Michigan, write to offer our continued pastoral and prayerful support for migrant individuals and families who over the course of time have entered the country and today are making a living in this state. Our fraternal closeness to you and other immigrants, refugees, and those seeking humanitarian asylum is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where we find *"I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:35,40).

We hear and empathize with families across the state who express anxiety and fear over mass deportations and harmful rhetoric that broadly demeans our immigrant brothers and sisters. As shepherds of our flocks, we pledge amid such uncertainty to promote through the Michigan Catholic Conference and in our respective dioceses unyielding support and respect for the human dignity of all migrant people in our midst.


We urge our elected officials to support policies that keep immigrant and undocumented families safe and united, and to protect those who arrived as children. We call on the Michigan congressional delegation to work for a humane immigration system that welcomes refugees and immigrants by providing a fair pathway to citizenship; one that also keeps borders safe and secure from criminal activity, including human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs.

Mindful of the dire conditions from which many travel, oftentimes with children through great difficulty and despair, we encourage you, our migrant brothers and sisters, to be strengthened by our Lord's words *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid"* (John 14:27). Never fail to keep your faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises a divine kingdom that we strive to inherit and together call our true home.


With abundant love and trust, we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to hear the cries of the suffering and offer to her maternal compassion and protection all who seek her heavenly intercession.


In Christ,


 **Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron**
Archbishop of Detroit


 **Most Rev. Robert Fisher**
Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit


 **Most Rev. David J. Walkowiak**
Bishop of Grand Rapids

 **Most Rev. Earl Boyea**
Bishop of Lansing

 **Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss**
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Bishop of Marquette

 **Most Rev. Jeffrey Moniforton**
Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit

Una nota pastoral de los obispos católicos de Michigan a los migrantes

Febrero 2025



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Nosotros, los obispos católicos romanos de Michigan, escribimos para ofrecer nuestro continuo apoyo pastoral y de oración a las personas y familias migrantes que a través del tiempo han entrado en el país y hoy se ganan la vida en este estado. Nuestra cercanía fraterna a ustedes y a otros inmigrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo humanitario tiene sus raíces en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, donde encontramos *“Tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; era forastero, y me acogieron... Cuanto hicieron a uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, a mí me lo hicieron”* (Mateo 25:35,40).

Escuchamos y empatizamos con las familias de todo el estado que expresan ansiedad y temor ante deportaciones masivas y una retórica dañina que degrada ampliamente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes. Como pastores de nuestros rebaños, nos comprometemos, en medio de esta incertidumbre, a promover, a través de la Conferencia Católica de Michigan y en nuestras respectivas diócesis, un apoyo y un respeto inquebrantables por la dignidad humana de todas las personas migrantes que se encuentran entre nosotros.

Instamos a nuestros funcionarios electos a apoyar políticas que mantengan a las familias inmigrantes e indocumentadas seguras y unidas y a proteger a quienes llegaron siendo niños. Hacemos un llamado a la delegación del Congreso de Michigan para que trabaje por un sistema de inmigración humano que acoga a refugiados e inmigrantes proporcionándoles un camino justo hacia la ciudadanía; un sistema que también mantenga las fronteras seguras y a salvo de la actividad criminal, incluyendo el tráfico de personas y el contrabando de drogas ilegales.

Conscientes de las duras condiciones con las que muchos viajan, a menudo con niños, pasando por grandes dificultades y desesperación, les animamos a ustedes, nuestros hermanos y hermanas migrantes, a que se fortalezcan con las palabras de nuestro Señor: *“Les dejo la paz, mi paz les doy ... No se turbe su corazón ni se acobarde”* (Juan 14:27). No dejen nunca de mantener su fe y esperanza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que promete un reino divino que nos esforzamos por heredar y que juntos llamamos nuestro verdadero hogar.

Con abundante amor y confianza, pedimos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que escuche los lamentos de los que sufren y les ofrezca su maternal compasión y protección a todos los que buscan su santa intercesión.

En Cristo,



Rvdm. Allen H. Vigneron
Arzobispo de Detroit



Rvdm. Earl Boyea
Obispo de Lansing



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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Catholic Teaching on Immigration



February 2025

What does the Church say about illegal immigration and undocumented migrants?

The Catholic Church affirms the rule of law and encourages the use of lawful immigration pathways. The Church does not encourage unnecessary or irregular migration. “Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development” (*Fratelli tutti*, no. 129). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens” (No. 2241).

Does the Catholic Church advocate for “open borders”?

No. The Catechism clearly states that political authorities “may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions” (No. 2241). This includes a sovereign country’s right to regulate and secure its borders. The Church does maintain, however, that this right must always be balanced with the duty to welcome newcomers with charity and respect for the human person, as well as the rights to life and religious liberty.

What is the Church’s perspective on federal immigration reform and “mass deportations”?

As recognized by the Church for decades, the current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, and communities, as well as immigrants themselves. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has consistently supported increased opportunities for legal immigration and the protection for immigrants’ due process rights, while opposing an enforcement-only approach to immigration. Further, enforcement actions should be targeted, proportionate, and humane, and deportations and other enforcement actions should always be carried out with due regard for families, community ties, and religious liberty interests. In its most recent message on immigration, the USCCB stated that the country’s immigration system should be one that:

- Offers fair and generous pathways to full citizenship for immigrants living and working for many years within this country.
- Keeps borders safe and secure, with enforcement policies that focus on those who present dangers to society, particularly efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.
- Provides permanent relief for childhood arrivals, helps families stay together, and welcomes refugees.
- Serves as an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and protects vulnerable migrants and their families, many of whom have already been victimized by criminal actors.

Why do Catholic organizations serve people who enter the U.S. without authorization?

Faithful to Jesus’ mandate to “welcome the stranger,” Catholic-affiliated organizations provide basic human needs to migrants because all people are made in God’s image and likeness and inherently possess human dignity. There is no evidence or research indicating that the humanitarian and religious services provided by Catholic organizations incentivize unlawful migration, as there are varied and often complex factors that influence a person’s decision to migrate from their home country, including war, persecution, violence, lack of jobs, famines, and natural disasters.

Visit [usccb.org/migrationministries](https://www.usccb.org/migrationministries) for more FAQs and to learn how the Church serves migrants.

Preguntas frecuentes sobre las enseñanzas católicas en materia de inmigración



Febrero 2025

¿Qué dice la Iglesia sobre la inmigración ilegal y los migrantes indocumentados?

La Iglesia católica afirma el Estado de derecho y anima al uso de vías legales de inmigración. La Iglesia no fomenta la migración innecesaria o irregular. “El camino es crear en los países de origen la posibilidad efectiva de vivir y de crecer con dignidad, de manera que se puedan encontrar allí mismo las condiciones para el propio desarrollo integral” (*Fratelli tutti*, n. 129). El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica afirma que “el inmigrante está obligado a respetar con gratitud el patrimonio material y espiritual del país que lo acoge, a obedecer sus leyes y contribuir a sus cargas” (n. 2241).

¿Aboga la Iglesia católica por las “fronteras abiertas”?

No. El Catecismo afirma claramente que las autoridades civiles “pueden subordinar el ejercicio del derecho de inmigración a diversas condiciones jurídicas” (n. 2241). Esto incluye el derecho de un país soberano a regular y asegurar sus fronteras. Sin embargo, la Iglesia sostiene que este derecho debe equilibrarse siempre con el deber de acoger a los recién llegados con caridad y respeto a la persona humana, así como a los derechos a la vida y a la libertad religiosa.

¿Cuál es la perspectiva de la Iglesia sobre las “deportaciones masivas” y la reforma de la inmigración en el Congreso?

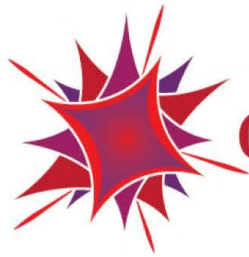
Como reconoce la Iglesia desde hace décadas, el actual sistema de inmigración es inadecuado para atender las necesidades de las familias, los empleadores y las comunidades estadounidenses, así como de los propios inmigrantes. La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE.UU. (USCCB, por sus siglas en inglés) ha apoyado consistentemente el aumento de las oportunidades para la inmigración legal y la protección de los derechos de los inmigrantes al debido proceso, mientras que se opone a un enfoque de la inmigración basado únicamente en la aplicación de la ley. Además, las medidas de aplicación de la ley deben ser selectivas, proporcionadas y humanas, y las deportaciones y otras medidas de aplicación de la ley deben llevarse a cabo siempre con la debida consideración a las familias, los lazos comunitarios y los intereses de la libertad religiosa. En su mensaje más reciente sobre inmigración, la USCCB declaró que el sistema de inmigración del país debería ser uno que:

- Ofrece vías justas y generosas hacia la plena ciudadanía a los inmigrantes que viven y trabajan desde hace muchos años en este país.
- Mantiene las fronteras seguras y protegidas, con políticas de aplicación de la ley centradas en quienes representan un peligro para la sociedad, en particular esfuerzos para reducir la actividad de las pandillas, frenar el flujo de drogas y acabar con el tráfico de seres humanos.
- Proporciona asistencia permanente a las llegadas infantiles, ayuda a las familias a mantenerse unidas y acoge a los refugiados.
- Sirve de sistema de asilo eficaz para quienes huyen de la persecución y protege a los migrantes vulnerables y a sus familias, muchos de los cuales ya han sido víctimas de los delincuentes.

¿Por qué las organizaciones católicas atienden a las personas que entran en EE.UU. sin autorización?

Fieles al mandato de Jesús de “acoger al forastero”, las organizaciones con afiliación católica atienden las necesidades humanas básicas de los migrantes porque todas las personas están hechas a imagen y semejanza de Dios y poseen intrínsecamente dignidad humana. No hay evidencia ni investigación que indiquen que los servicios humanitarios y religiosos que prestan las organizaciones católicas incentiven la migración ilegal, ya que hay factores variados y a menudo complejos que influyen en la decisión de una persona de migrar de su país de origen, como la guerra, la persecución, la violencia, la falta de trabajo, las hambrunas y los desastres naturales.

Visitar usccb.org/migrationministries para más preguntas frecuentes y para conocer cómo la Iglesia sirve a los migrantes.



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Are you feeling depleted from life experiences and longing to let go and be restored? Come and spend some quiet time praying, reflecting, and sharing with facilitators Faith Offman and Sr. Joanne Peters, OP. Dominican Center's three-part series offers the opportunity to listen to where God is in your life and create a path that leads to the essence of who you are. The three sessions connect, building on your relationship with the Divine. Sessions are on February 19th, April 16th, and June 18th at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit. Lunch is provided. All are welcome. The cost is \$50 per session or \$120 for all three. Detail information is at www.dominicancenter.org

"We wonder and think that no one will ever find us. And lifting our sorry head, we are next to one another." – Mark Nepo

You are invited to days of prayer, reflection, and a journey inward...

Join us for all three or just one or two

To register click [HERE](#)





A Morning with Howard Thurman

Joni Scott, BA
 Saturday, February 22, 9:30am-12:30pm
 Suggested Offering: \$25

Howard Thurman: Theologian, Contemplative Mystic, Professor, Author, Philosopher, Saint of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as Spiritual Companion and mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr, Jesse Jackson, John Lewis, Marian Wright Edleman, Rufus Jones, and a host of many other activists who, at many times, felt that in their work for justice that their backs were up against a wall.

February is Black History Month, and it's more appropriate than ever to celebrate and learn about civil rights activists like Howard Thurman who had been nicknamed "the quiet saint," by Congressman John Lewis. Thurman was the spiritual companion who black activists went to for prayer and encouragement. From Thurman's book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, Martin Luther King, Jr. was able to find comfort and strength during the marches, demonstrations, death threats, and especially during his time in the Birmingham jail. In this program, we will explore Thurman writings which were steeped in his message of faith, hope and love in times of struggle.

Joni Scott, holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Marygrove College, and is a wife, mother, grandmother, storyteller, retreat director and a trained spiritual director. She currently serves as a director of Religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo in Detroit.



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A Morning with Howard Thurman

Saturday, February 22, 2025

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 for all who seek quiet space,
 spiritual companionship
 or opportunity or spiritual growth.*



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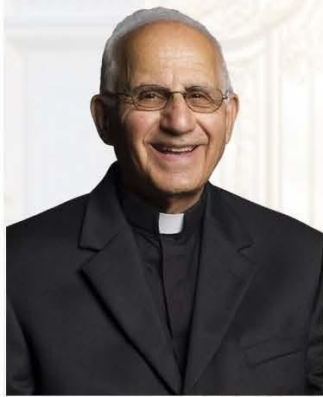
Saturday, February 22, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
Detroit, Michigan 48213

Free-will offerings will be collected
at the concert. We appreciate your
generosity!

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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

*Pillars of the Community
Memorial Mass & Brunch*



*Celebrating
the Life
and Legacy
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Fr. Norman D. Thomas and Mrs. Lovette Jackson

Sunday, February 23, 2025

12 noon Mass and Brunch to follow

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RSVP by February 10, 2025

With QR Code or by calling 313-921-9225



Who Should Attend...

- Pastors & Pastoral Associates
- Directors of Faith Formation
- School Principals
- Teachers/Catechists
- Youth/Young Adult Leaders
- Family of Parish Directors
- OCIA Coordinators
- Music Ministers
- Parish Staff
- Parishioners
- Everyone who is interested in beginning a hopeful year!



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- Registration & Gathering
- Breakfast Treats
- Presentation
- Lunch
- Adoration & Reconciliation
- Reflection

Doors Open @ 8:30 for treats & Fellowship
Retreat begins @ 9am



EVENT AT:

**Saint Paul of the Cross
Retreat Center**
23333 Schoolcraft Road
Detroit 48223

Detroit Society of Catholic Leaders

For I Know the Plans I Have for You...

Retreat Presenter:
Joni Scott



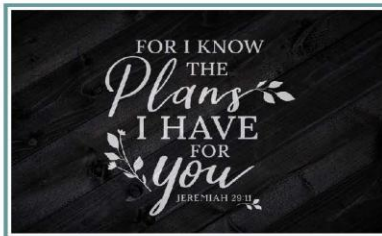
**Wednesday,
February 26, 2025**
9am — 2:30pm
**St. Paul of the Cross
Retreat Center**

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27



Joni Scott... holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Marygrove College.

She is a wife, mother, grandmother, storyteller, retreat director and a trained spiritual director. She currently serves as a director of Religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo in Detroit.



If there was ever a man that would have every reason to be without hope it would be the prophet Jeremiah. "He's called "the weeping prophet" for a reason. And yet, in spite of all this, he can be for each of us a prophet with a message of hopefulness. In our time together we will journey as pilgrims with the prophet Jeremiah listening, praying, resting, reflecting, and conversation, as we explore life-giving actions that will renew us with peace Shalom for the days ahead.

REGISTRATION FORM

COST:

- DSCL Member fee: \$35.00
- Non DSCL Member: \$45.00
- Please register early: space is limited

Name _____

Parish _____

City _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Send registration & payment to
address below by
February 20, 2025**

DSCL: St. Anselm
ATTN: Maryann Walkuski
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10:30am Rosary in the Chapel every Sunday

February 2025 Black History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Discipleship Planning Meeting
2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> 11:30am Mass After Mass Events: Choir Rehearsal Community Meal Religious Ed Class	3 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 5pm—8pm	4 <i>Bld. Ministry Visitation</i> Religious Ed Class	5	6	7 <i>Mass in Rectory</i> 11am	8 Discipleship Program
9 11:30am Mass After Mass Events: Choir Rehearsal Community Meal Religious Ed Class	10 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 5pm—8pm	11 Religious Ed Class	12	13	14 <i>Mass in Rectory</i> 11am	15
16 11:30am Mass 10am Minister of Service Mtg After Mass Events: Choir Rehearsal Community Meal Blood Pressure Screening	17 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 5pm—8pm	18 <i>Bld. Ministry Visitation</i> Religious Ed Class	19	20	21 <i>Mass in Rectory</i> 11am	22
23 11:30am Mass Youth Sunday After Mass Events: Choir Rehearsal Community Meal	24 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 5pm—8pm	25	26	27	28 <i>Mass in Rectory</i> 11am	

St Charles Borromeo

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St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, 10am to 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Friday, 9am to 3pm

Pastoral Team

Fr. Chris Talbot, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Ifiok Wisdom Umanah, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Rhonda Gilbert – Parish Ministries Coordinator

Joan Jacobs & Angie Kadowaki – Boulevard Ministry Ministers

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey, Sr. Mary Ellen

Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King, Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss,

Nicholas Rennpage

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Mass Times

Friday: Mass 11am

Sunday 11:30am

Live Stream

Nativity of Our Lord

Mass Times

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am

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

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). 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.