

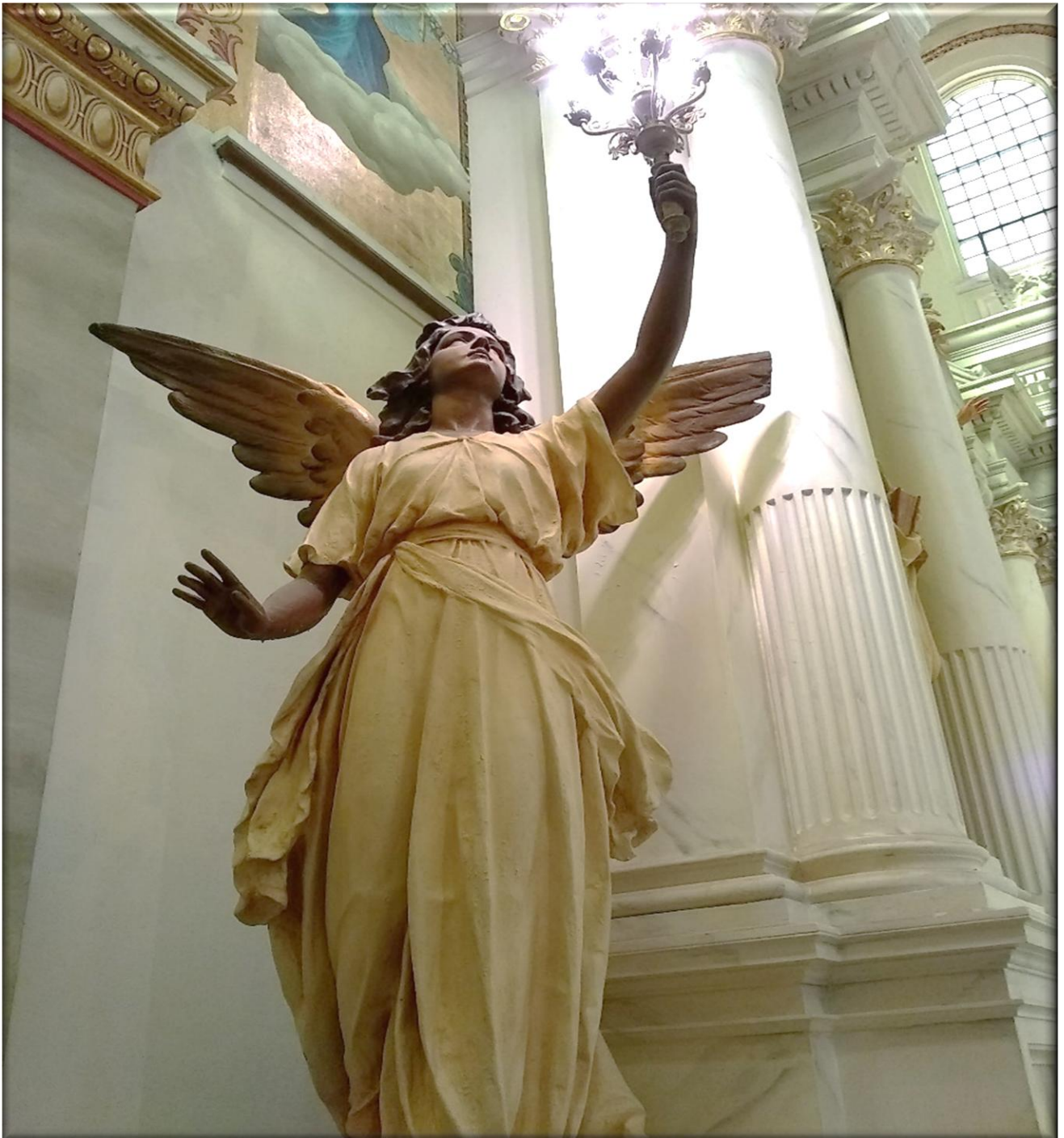
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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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**Sunday, March 2, 2025**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**





Sunday Food for Your Soul

Seeing

I once followed the Jesuit Larry Gillick, a blind person, in the literal dark. Neither of us fell into a pit. So, was Jesus wrong?

Larry lost his sight before his tenth birthday, but as an adult he joined the Society of Jesus and became a marvelous spiritual director.

On a retreat that he and I were helping to direct, we went on a walk. It was after dark, quite so, and I was as good as blind when we got far enough from the retreat house, with no neighborhood around us? So, the blind following the blind.

As we went, he upped the ante. He said to me, do you want to go on a trust walk?

I said, why, of course.

**None of us will have perfect “vision,” but we should seek continually to clarify what we do see.**

Some of my readers will have experienced this. Standing, I was to release all control and tumble back into the arms of another person. In this case the only other person was Larry, who could not see, and it was also too dark for me to make anything out.

I still said, why, of course. I fell back, and he caught me, and we were happy. I marveled at Larry conquering his malady. All was good.

Except ...

... except that there was a “next step.” Quietly he announced that he, a person supposedly unable to find his way, would lead the way. With my hand on his shoulder and a scarf around my eyes—to make certain that I would not cheat—we went forth.

Could we avoid the both of us falling into a pit?

We did.

Even though I had anticipated any terrible thing whatsoever happening, it did not. I was relieved. Larry was so used to guiding people spiritually that it was possibly not an act of trust on his part. For him it did not mean walking blindly into the unknown—in this case into a tree—it meant going ahead with confidence that he could sense where we were going, and besides that we were accompanied by God, no matter what might come around the next dark bend in the road.

What was I myself supposed to learn? To trust recklessly with only sightless guidance? Larry Gillick has been my friend over the years and does not require any beatifying. But I do.

Well, maybe the point was that sightlessness is the only way to really see.

Jesus says in our Gospel that we have “wooden beams” in our eyes when we relate to others. Maybe we must close our eyes for a while in order to see around these. We should stop projecting on others our own blockages, and work on the much larger wooden beams in our own psyche instead. This seems to me a quite sound psychological insight.

Notice, such an insight does not imply that we should rely only on ourselves, never on others. Jesus is saying that we need to clear up our own vision in order to help someone else see. None of us has perfect “vision,” so we should seek continually to clarify what we do see, in order to help others.

That night I did not have anything like perfect vision. But the steady, blind guidance that Larry Gillick gave me was an act of seeing unlike most others I have known. As you and I begin Lent this coming week, I guess my advice is that we all close our eyes for a while and be guided.

**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, March 2, 2025: Patty Gillis with Friends and Family; 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 Cereal, Vegetables, and Side Dishes.** Many thanks for your generosity!

### 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

Practical Tips for Incorporating Nutritional Meals Eating well is one of the best ways to care for the body God has given us. A nutritious diet supports energy, strengthens the immune system, and helps prevent chronic diseases. Here are some simple, practical tips for making healthier meals part of your daily routine: 1. Plan Ahead – Take a few minutes each week to plan meals and snacks. This prevents last-minute unhealthy choices and makes grocery shopping easier. 2. Choose Whole Foods – Incorporate fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats while avoiding processed and sugary foods. 3. Cook at Home – Preparing meals at home allows you to control ingredients and portion sizes. Try simple, one-pot meals or crockpot recipes to save time. 4. Balance Your Plate – Fill half your plate with vegetables, one-quarter with lean protein (chicken, fish, beans), and one-quarter with whole grains (brown rice, quinoa, whole-wheat bread). 5. Stay Hydrated – Drink plenty of water and limit sugary drinks. Herbal teas or infused water with lemon or berries can be refreshing alternatives. 6. Make Small Changes – Swap white bread for whole grain, use olive oil instead of butter, and add extra vegetables to soups and casseroles. Eating healthy doesn't have to be complicated. Small, consistent changes can lead to big improvements in overall well-being. May we honor God by taking care of our bodies, one nutritious meal at a time! March is Colorectal Health Awareness Month Getting screened regularly is one of the best ways to prevent colon cancer. To help prevent colon cancer, eat a high-fiber diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains while limiting red and processed meats. Regular physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight can also reduce your risk. Additionally, routine screenings, such as colonoscopies, are essential for early detection and prevention. More on this next week. Don't forget we are having Blood Pressure Screening on March 16th after mass in the church hall. God Bless



Online Giving

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  
Anderson and Miller Family  
Paul Andreacovich  
Kathy Ayoub  
Mary Canaday  
Kyle Duker  
Doris Franklin  
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  
Eldora White

**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 23, 2025

Michael Rachal  
Vicy Scott  
Fr. Nixon Muller, SSJ

#### March 02, 2025

Smith Carson, Jr.  
Marcus Sinclair  
Dr. Donald Burkhart

#### March 09, 2025

Victor and Suzanne Fileccia  
Sam Stratos

#### March 16, 2025

Mary Cunningham  
Greg McCaffrey  
Kevin Scully

#### March 23, 2023

Gerald Miller  
Noah Bradley Woodard

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
(David Spares Saul)

Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
(The Lord's Mercy)

First Corinthians 15: 45-49  
(Grace Builds on Nature)

John 13: 34  
(Christ's Commandment)

Luke 6: 27-38  
(Love for Enemies)

### 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. 24:** Sirach 1: 1-10; Psalm 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Second Timothy 1: 10; Mark 9: 14-29

**Tues., Feb. 25:** Sirach 2: 1-11; Psalm 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Galatians 6: 14; Mark 9: 30-37

**Wed., Feb. 26:** Sirach 4: 11-19; Psalm 119: 165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; John 14: 6; Mark 9: 38-40

**Thurs., Feb. 27:** Sirach 5: 1-8; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; First Thessalonians 2: 13; Mark 9: 41-50

**Fri., Feb. 28:** Sirach 6: 5-17; Psalm 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; John 17: 17b, 17a; Mark 10: 1-12

**Sat., Mar. 01:** Sirach 6: 5-17; Psalm 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; John 17: 17b, 17a; Mark 10: 1-12

**Sun., Mar. 02:** Sirach 27: 4-7; Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; First Corinthians 15: 54-58; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Luke 6: 39-45

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

#### Stewards Love

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, in **Stewardship**, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

### COLLECTION INFO

#### February 23, 2025

Collection \$1,371.58  
Online \$ 932.00

TOTAL \$2,303.58



*Detroit Lower East Side  
Family of Parishes  
Invites You to a Lenten Revival  
Sunday, March 9, 2025 2:30pm  
St. Charles Borromeo  
1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214  
313-331-0253*

Revival Theme - Resurrection

Renowned Speaker - Ms. Charlene Howard, Pax Christi CEO

- More than 17 years of advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.
- Ten years of experience coordinating liturgical, para-liturgical services, retreats and days of reflection.
- Over 30 years of experience in catechesis and religious education in the Archdiocese of Washington

Fellowship after the revival with light refreshments

# LENT

*— 40 days of renewal —*



DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER  
March 7 through April 11, 2025

MARCH 7 @ 6PM	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, 1491 BALDWIN ST., DETROIT 48214
MARCH 14 @ 6PM	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, 5900 McCLELLAN, DETROIT 48213
MARCH 21 @ 6PM	ST. AUGUSTINE/ST. MONICA, 4151 SEMINOLE, DETROIT 48214
MARCH 28 @ 5:30PM	ST. ELIZABETH, 3138 E. CANFIELD ST., DETROIT 48207
APRIL 4 @ 6PM	SACRED HEART, 1000 ELIOT ST., DETROIT 48207
APRIL 11 @ 6PM	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, 5900 McCLELLAN, DETROIT 48213

Please come and pray the Stations of the Cross together at each of our parishes, and join us afterward for fellowship and a delicious soup supper. All are welcome.

**\*\*NOTE:** Stations will be celebrated at each individual parish on Good Friday, April 18th

PLEASE SIGN A POSTCARD TO POPE FRANCIS, ASKING HIM TO CANONIZE THE SAINTLY SIX  
(Postcards will be on the tables at the Community Meal on March 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
and on the table in the back of church after that.)

The Saintly Six are six holy Americans of African descent, who led exemplary lives:

**Pierre Toussaint** (1766-1853) was brought from Haiti to the United States by the White French couple who enslaved him. Freed in 1807, he became a successful hair stylist and redeemed both his sister and future wife from slavery. Toussaint financially supported several charitable causes, helped to finance the construction of Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, and is considered a founder of Catholic Charities of New York.

**Mother Henriette Delille, SSF (Sisters of the Holy Family)**, was born free in 1813 to a Creole family of Color in New Orleans, Louisiana. She along with two others founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842, the second oldest congregation of vowed Black women religious in the United States in continuous existence. Delille and her companions committed themselves to serving the practical and spiritual needs of the poor and neglected, especially free and enslaved Black children.

**Father John Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)** was born into slavery in Missouri and in 1863 escaped with his family to Illinois. Despite the support of the local bishop, he was rejected by every North American major seminary to which he applied; hence, Tolton studied at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome and was ordained in 1886. Tolton endured considerable racial opposition at his first parish assignment but met with success after his transfer to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP (Oblate Sisters of Providence)**, was born about 1789 in Saint-Domingue (now known as Haiti) but during the Haitian Revolution she and her parents escaped to Cuba; as an adult, she immigrated to the United States. Recognizing the need for education of African American children in Baltimore, she first opened her home for that purpose. Drawn to religious life, Lange and three companions founded the oldest congregation of vowed Black women religious in continuous existence in the United States in 1829.

**Julia Greeley** (c.1833/1848-1918), was born into slavery in Missouri and as an adult moved to Denver, Colorado, in 1879. A year later, she became a Catholic and in 1901 joined the Secular Franciscans. Greeley earned her living performing domestic work for wealthy White families in Denver. She gave most of her salary to those in need—famously pulling a red wagon through the streets of Denver late at night bringing food, coal, clothing to all who were impoverished. She is known as Denver's "Angel of Charity."

**Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA (Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration)** was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937. At the age of 9, she became a Catholic; and at 15, entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse, Wisconsin. After years of teaching in elementary, college, and graduate schools, Bowman was invited to minister in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, as a consultant for intercultural awareness. This appointment took her not only around the diocese and the state, but also around the country and the globe. Despite grave illness, she continued to encourage Black Catholics to bring their "fully functioning" selves, that is their history and culture and music, to the Catholic Church.



The Passionists of Holy Cross Province

# Come and See

A HOLY WEEK VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT  
RETREAT FOR SINGLE, CATHOLIC MEN AGES 18-40

April 16-20, 2025  
Holy Name Passionist  
Retreat Center  
Houston, TX



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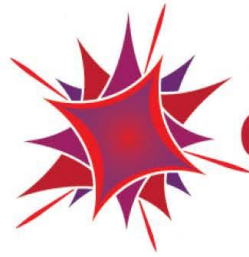


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### **An Inner Journey: A Three-Part Series**

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](http://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](#)

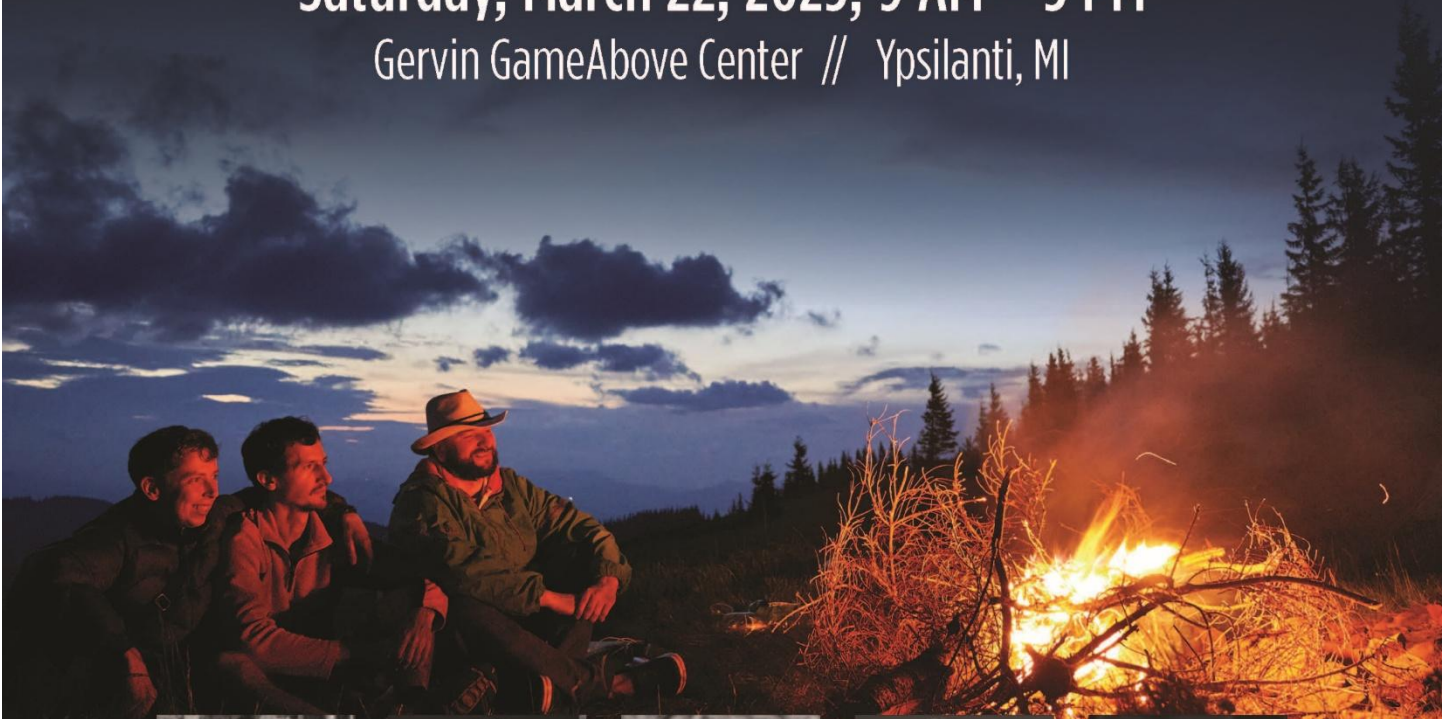


# IGNITE

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 AM – 5 PM

Gervin GameAbove Center // Ypsilanti, MI



**Matt Birk**  
NFL Champion & Pro-Life Speaker



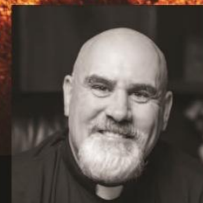
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**Bishop Earl Boyea**  
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# St. Charles Borromeo

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God's Children

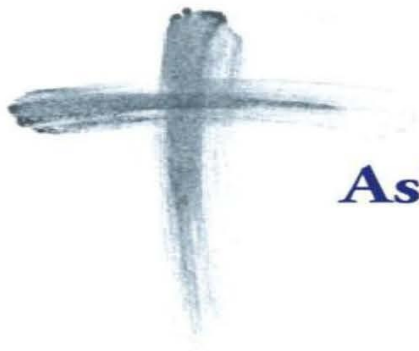
## March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PGC In person (Spanish) St. Anne Detroit 9am
2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass Choir Rehearsal Religious Ed Class	3 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm	4 Blvd. Home Visits Confirmation Class 6pm	5 Ash Wednesday Family Mass Times: St. Augustine/St. Monica 9:00am Nativity- 12pm Sacred Heart -12pm St. Elizabeth -2:00pm Sacred Heart - 5:00pm St. Charles- 6:00pm Rosary 7pm	6 OCIA 7pm	7 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Charles	8 Disciple- ship Pro- gram 1pm- 2:30pm
9 1st Sunday of Lent 10am Worship Commission Meeting 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal 2:30pm Family Lenten Revival at St. Charles	10 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm	11 Confirmation Class 6pm	12 Rosary 7pm	13 OCIA 7pm	14 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm Nativity	15
16 2nd Sunday of Lent 10am Minister of Service Meeting 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	17 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm	18 Blvd. Home Visits Confirmation Class 6pm	19 PGC Online 6pm Rosary 7pm	20 OCIA 7pm	21 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Augustine/St. Monica	22 PGC In person St. Pat- rick White Lake 9am
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Youth Sunday 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	24 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm	25 PGC Online 6pm Confirmation Class 6pm	26 17th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards 6pm Sacred Heart Church	27 OCIA 7pm	28 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 5:30pm St. Elizabeth PGC-in person (Spanish) 5:30pm Shrine of the Little Flower-Royal Oak	29 PGC In person St. Roch Flack Rock 9am
30 4th Sunday of Lent 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	31 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm					

# March

# 2025

## Religious Education Calendar



**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins

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*MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL THE PEACE OF BELIEVING. Romans 15:13*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <b>Religious Education classes. Rite of Sending OCIA.</b>	3 St. Kathrine Drexel.	4 St. Casmir. Confirmation 6pm. Zoom.	5 <b>Ash Wed. 6pm mass * St. Charles. 7pm Rosary Zoom.</b>	6 <b>OCIA 7pm Zoom.</b>	7 Meatless Fridays. Create a Bowl for Alms for Lent.	8 <b>Rite of Election. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.</b>
9 <b>1st Sunday of Lent. Rel. Ed. After mass.</b>	10 <b>Prayer, Fasting, Alms.</b>	11 Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	12 Rosary 7pm Zoom.	13 OCIA 7pm Zoom.	14 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross.	15 Prepare for the Sundays readings with your family and lessons.
16 <b>2nd Sunday of Lent. Teens, Children, and Youth.</b>	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day.</b>	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem. Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	19 St. Joseph, Spouse Mary. Rosary 7pm Zoom.	20 <b>First Day of Spring. OCIA 7pm Zoom.</b>	21 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross.	22 Spend time as a family working on your Fleece Blanket.
23 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent. Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross.</b>	24 Fast today from your computer and phone in the evening.	25 The Annunciation of the Lord. Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	26 <b>Spirit Award. No Rosary tonight.</b>	27 OCIA 7pm Zoom.	28 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross. Prayer & Fasting.	29 Prepare for the Sunday School lessons with your children.
30 <b>4th Sunday of Lent. Tour of the Church after mass.</b>	31					

**Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director – St. Charles Borromeo. \* Ash Wed. see 6pm mass time.**

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:vac@aod.org).