
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)





Sunday Food for Your Soul

The AOD challenge to the families of parishes

In a diocesan planning meeting on February 15, 2025, the Archdiocese of Detroit presented that they face substantial challenges and are having difficulty in determining how best to deal with them. These include 40% fewer Catholics going to church than twenty (?) years ago, the prospect of 90 fewer active diocesan priests in the next ten years, many aging and deteriorating facilities and 40 parishes that are in financial crisis (St Charles Borromeo is not one of those parishes).

To deal with this there will need to be a substantial reduction in the amount of real estate that needs to be maintained and a merging of services. This could mean as many as 60 fewer parishes in the Archdiocese within the next five to ten years. We in the city have felt the brunt of close/merge decisions in the past. This next round will most heavily affect the first ring suburbs, but we are fooling ourselves if we think that it will not also affect city parishes.

In this environment, we in the Lower Eastside family of parishes need to seriously look at our strengths and weaknesses to come up with a plan that can determine how we can grow our parishes and position ourselves for a bright future of Apostolic Mission. We need to figure out how we can bring new neighborhood residents and the next generation of Detroiters into our congregations. We have the reality that two of our three priests in-solidum are in their upper 70s, so how do we pass on ministries to lay staff and parish members? How do we pay for expanded staffing; how do we grow parish income? Are our present buildings a resource or liability in doing worship, education, and services? These are difficult and emotionally charged questions, but we must face them with courage and faith. Between the five parishes we have substantial resources. However, none of us are, at this point, big and wealthy enough to meet the metrics that the archdiocese is considering. With insightful planning we can pull this off, but we will be forced to prove that these are realistic plans and not just wishful thinking.

The diocese has helped us with a three year grant to bring three family level directors to help us with this process of planning and implementation for this New Apostolic Age. Two of them are starting this week. Donald Snider will be our Mission Support Director and will help us evaluate, align and maintain our resources for the mission of bringing the Gospel to our communities. Ed Cotton IV will be our Director of Engagement and Family Ministry and will help equip parishioners of all ages for the mission of bringing the power of the Gospel to our families, parishes, schools and neighborhoods. We will be soon adding a director of Discipleship Formation who will help us develop dynamic formation for our members, both youth and adults, to help us encounter and grow in the love of Christ that we may be empowered to witness to the power of that love to everyone we encounter on our journey.

We need to lean on the Lord and step out in faith as we embark on this new adventure together. Our God is the God of possibilities. If we trust in Him and work together in Faith, Hope and Love, the Holy Spirit will guide us to a bright future. Will it be easy? No. Will there be challenges? Yes. However, this is no different than the days of the early church. God blessed the church then. He blesses the church now and he will bless us going forward.

Peace and Love in Christ,
Fr. Richard, Fr. David and Fr. Chris
Priests In-Solidum

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 9, 2025: Anonymous Doner and Served by Donna King and Crew; March 16, 2025: Torya and Eduardo; March 23, 2025: Sponsor Needed; March 30, 2025: Strangers No Longer; April 6, 2025: Detroit Black Catholic Ministry; April 13, 2025: Secular Franciscans of St. Clare; April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 27, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans.**

Nativity Pantry News: Nativity of Our Lord is grateful for your support for their food pantry. This week we are requesting **Dish Soap, Tissues, and Toilet Paper, or a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank** with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line. Please note: Mail a check to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line.

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 Andreovich
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
Jacqueline Morant
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Donald Snider
Fran Snider
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaalen
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

March 09, 2025

Victor and Suzanne Filecchia
Sam Stratos
Fr. Edward Prus

March 16, 2025

Mary Cunningham
Greg McCaffrey
Kevin Scully

March 23, 2025

Gerald Miller
Noah Bradley Woodard

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
(Confession of Faith)

Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(Call for God's Help)

Romans 10: 8-13
(Creed of Christians)

Matthew 4: 4b
(Source of Life)

Luke 4: 1-13
(Practicing Our Creed)

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

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 10: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Second Corinthians 6: 2b; Matthew 25: 31-46

Tues., Mar. 11: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 4: 4b; Matthew 6: 7-15

Wed., Mar. 12: Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Joel 2: 12-13; Luke 11: 29-32

Thurs., Mar. 13: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Psalm 51: 12a, 14a; Matthew 7: 7-12

Fri., Mar. 14: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Ezekiel 18: 31; Matthew 5: 20-26

Sat., Mar. 15: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Second Corinthians 6: 2b; Matthew 5: 43-48

Sun., Mar. 16: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 or 3: 20 – 4: 1; Matthew 17: 5; Luke 9: 28b-36

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Stewards Blessed

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely Stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

COLLECTION INFO

March 02, 2025

Collection \$14,007.48
Online \$1,724.00

TOTAL \$15,731.48



*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



A 17th Annual Urban Parish Spirit **AWARDS**

Presented by Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's
Urban Parish Coalition and the

WEDNESDAY
MARCH

26th

6:00 P.M.

Reception following the award ceremony

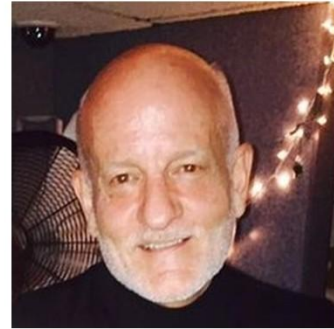
Sacred Heart Church
1000 Eliot St. | Detroit, MI 48207

Fr. Richard Baumann, S.J., *host pastor*

For more information go to: www.dcpasite.com/spirit



*Our Condolences and Prayers
To the Mann family*



Thomas (Thom) Mann

*Our brother in Christ,
has made his transition into eternal rest.
Please keep the family lifted in prayer*

*A Memorial Mass will be offered for Thom on Sunday,
May 4, 2025 at St. Charles
Borromeo Parish Mass at 11:30am. Along with the
memorial mass, the first 2025 Mass Mob will be celebrated.*

*St. Charles Borromeo
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*"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him."*

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 2nd,
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.

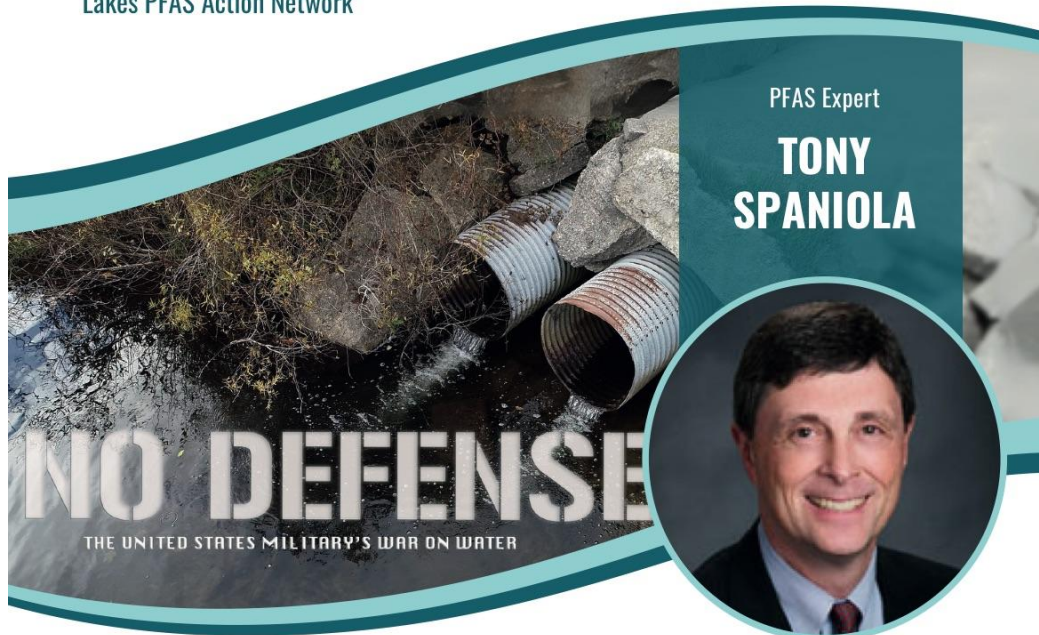
Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP (Oblate Sisters of Providence), was born about 1789 in Saint-Domingue (now known as Haiti) but during the Haitian Revolution she and her parents escaped to Cuba; as an adult, she immigrated to the United States. Recognizing the need for education of African American children 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.

FOREVER CHEMICALS: A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Film screening and Q&A hosted by St. Bonaventure
Secular Franciscans, in cooperation with the Great
Lakes PFAS Action Network



SOLANUS CASEY CENTER, 1780 MT. ELLIOTT ST. DETROIT, MI 48207

1:30 PM
TO 4 PM

| APRIL 13 |

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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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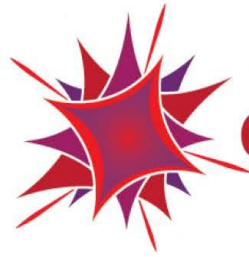
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SPIRITUALITY FOR MISSION



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

"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

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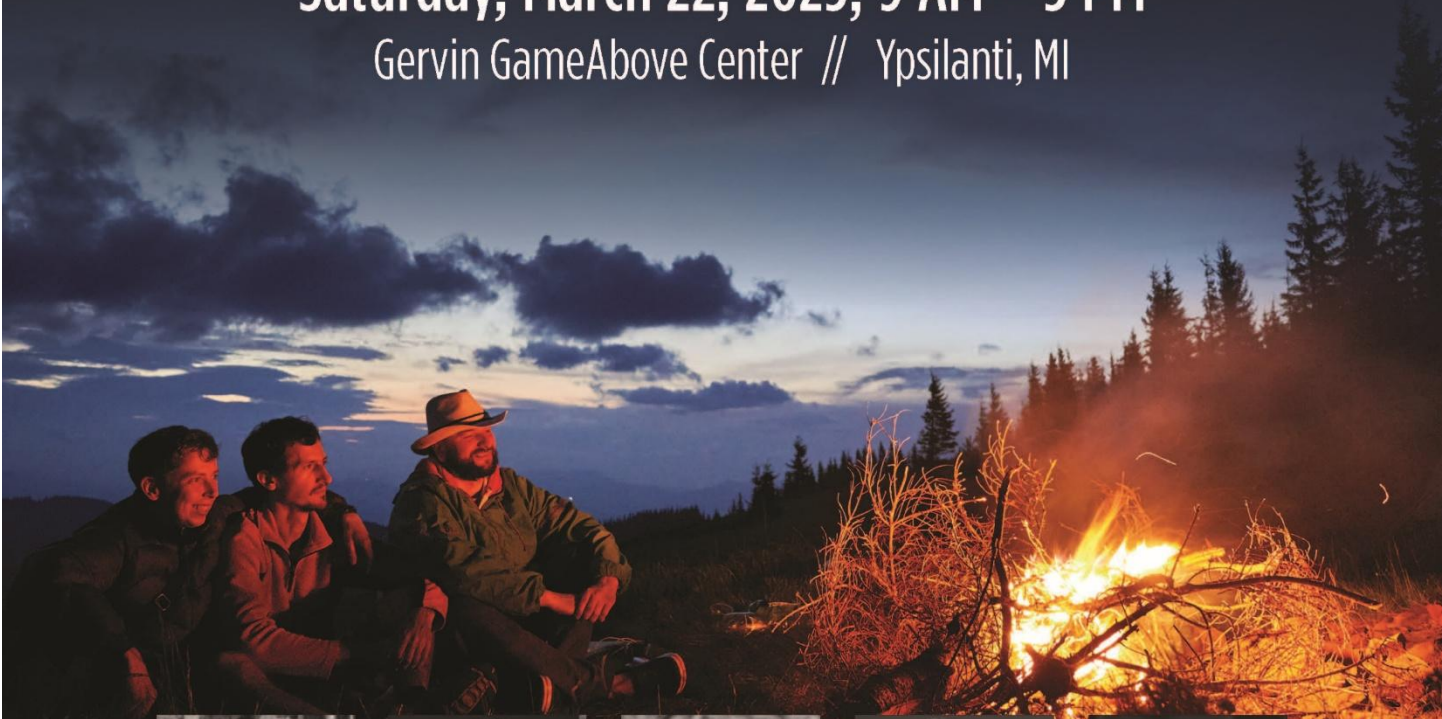


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CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 AM – 5 PM

Gervin GameAbove Center // Ypsilanti, MI



Matt Birk
NFL Champion & Pro-Life Speaker



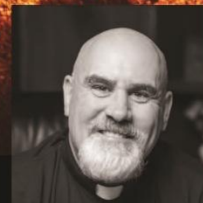
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St. Charles Borromeo

PGC = Protecting
God's Children

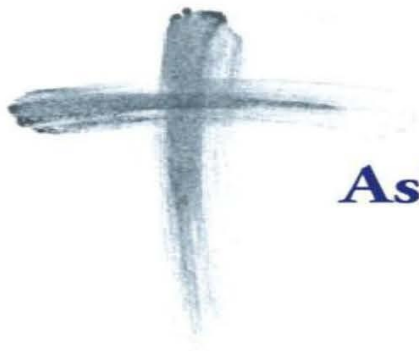
March 2025

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

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

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

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

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

Fr. Ifiok Wisdom Umanah, SSJ

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.