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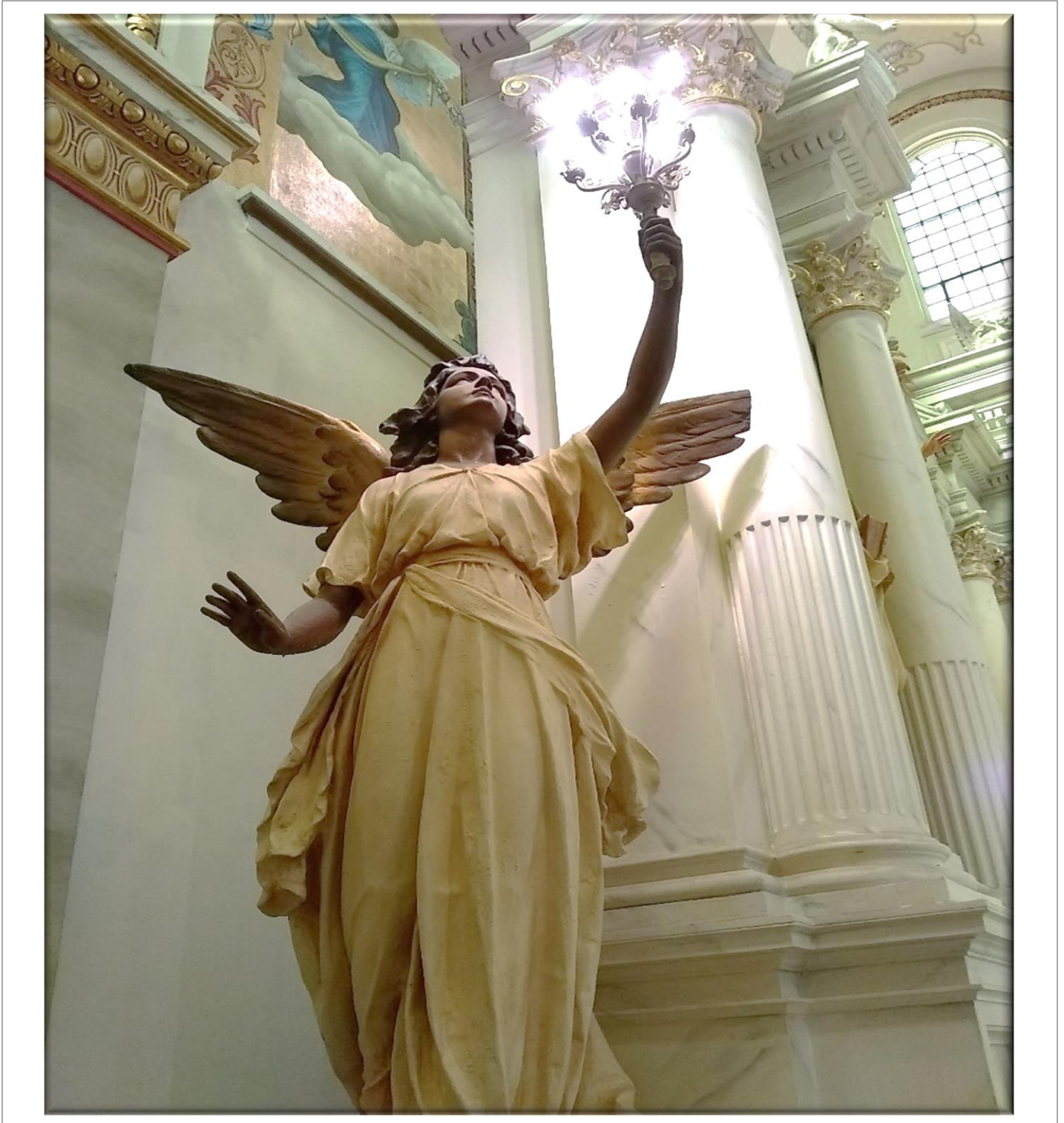
*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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Sunday, August 25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)





**Sunday Food for You**

**Distressing Words**

For the last several weeks Jesus has been using his words to distress the disciples.

That's right.

**The third person of the Trinity is going to dwell within any people who believe.**

Last week he said that if they want eternal life they have to eat his flesh and drink his blood! His followers could not possibly have understood this.\* They muttered. “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

And they left.

This Sunday he makes it even harder. Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about his words, he said to them,

Does this shock you?  
What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending  
to where he was before?  
It is the Spirit that gives life,  
while the flesh is of no avail. ...  
As a result of this,  
many of his disciples returned to their former way of life  
and no longer accompanied him. (Gospel)

A sad scene, and puzzling too. Why is Jesus saying such things to his followers, and how is anyone supposed to understand it?

The following unwritten guideline might help in reading the Gospel of John, from which our Sunday reading is taken.

There, whenever an event or saying does not seem to make complete sense, we can understand that *it is masking deeper meanings*. In other words, often a delicious significance is hidden behind events that are described in a bewildering way.

If this can be our axiom, let us try to apply it to a saying from this week's Gospel: Jesus was ...  
**ascending to where he was before.**

Ok, where was he “before”?

He was in the bosom of the Holy Trinity. God's love leaned out to us in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He “descended” to us.

But he will have to “go back to the next life,” because he was a human being, even though he was God. He is telling them this: if body and blood shock you, wait till you see me ascend into heaven!

And what about the words,

**it is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is to no avail.**

In the readings from the past few weeks we have seen that Jesus' ascension would never be a desertion of us but would be *his presence on earth in a new form*. The third person of the Trinity was going to dwell within any people who believe.

The third person will dwell in us?

If so, where will our beloved Jesus be? Well, since the members of the Trinity are at one in everything, then they are completely present within each other. So Christ is within the Holy Spirit. That Spirit offers to live deep within each believer, within each person who says yes to its presence. The same thing can be said for the Father.

Fine, but how do we acquire this Holy Spirit? Definitely through Baptism. And, of course—as in Jesus' command from last week—through eating and drinking his body and blood. Communion makes us “become what we have eaten,” the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions.

The Spirit is to be the soul within the Body of Christ, and we are to be the body.

When we are part of the “Body of Christ,” we therefore have eternal life, as he told his followers. Peter sums it up. “We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Mass this Sunday will be meant to give us the power to live the Body of Christ into the world.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT****September 20-24, 2024****(Dinner on Friday evening until after breakfast and Mass on Sunday morning)**

In February and March of this year, many women from St. Charles were unable to attend our annual retreat because both weekends were overcrowded. So, St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center has moved our parish to a weekend in the fall that will have room *for all of us*. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: September 20-24th!** The theme for the 2024-2025 year is: *"It's All About Presence" -- Come, as we explore together the depth and breadth of God's presence --- within and among us. How do we let the seed of God's presence germinate in our hearts and transform us into the body of Christ to continue His mission in the world today?*

For more information please see or call Patty Gillis (313.399.8320) or Jessica Edwards (313.917.0129), or go to: [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org)

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**Sunday Community Dinners...** As one of our most important ministries, we have been blessed with many volunteers. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal. **Today, August 25:** The Daughters of Isbella; **September 1:** Naim and Jessica Taylor; **September 8, 2024:** Sponsor Needed; **September 15:** Secular Franciscans of St Clare; **September 22:** Secular Franciscans of St Bonaventure

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support. **This week we need family size Vegetables, Pork & Beans, and Tuna.** If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation would help with our monthly bill.

**Senior Discount Waste Fee Detroit - Must Apply Before Sept.15<sup>th</sup>...** The City of Detroit may provide a discount to homeowners who are at least 65 years old and have a Principal Residence Exemption on file. The Solid Waste Fee is \$250.00. It shows up on your summer tax bill. Qualifying Seniors will receive a discount of \$125.00. You will need your parcel number and government-issued ID to apply for the discount. Application may be found online at: <https://detroitmi.gov/forms/senior-citizen-application-solid-waste-discount#:~:text=The%20City%20of%20Detroit%20may,receive%20a%20discount%20of%20%24125.00.>

It is the pleasure of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish  
To publish the Banns for the intended wedding of:

Katherine Leigh Olivares  
and  
Saverio Sparacio

This wedding is to take place at:  
Santa Giulia di Centaura  
Located in Lavagna, GE, Italy  
On September 21, 2024 at

If anyone can show any just cause why these  
Two people may not be lawfully united in  
Marriage, let that person declare it, to this parish, in writing.

**\*\*If you have an announcement that needs to be made at the end of mass or something you wish to share in the Vigil, please call or email the rectory no later than NOON on WEDNESDAY of the week for the announcement or information to share to let us know.\*\***

**PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE**

Paul Andrecovich  
 June Buersmeyer  
 Mary Canaday  
 Mark Dearing  
 Joy Harris  
 Joyce Hurley  
 Joan Jackson  
 Kathy Kapa  
 Leslie Kirby  
 Ron Kirby  
 Pamela Little  
 Michael Martin  
 John Nahas  
 Richard Nahas  
 Gloria Parham  
 Ronald Parham  
 Vertis Park, Sr.  
 Earlene Park-Williams  
 Gregory Richardson  
 Thomas Traylor  
 Anna Tyler

**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.**

**Praise God for His Healing mercies!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

August 25, 2024  
**Raymond Hughes**  
**Donald Hughes, Jr.**  
**Angela McDonald**

**September 1, 2024**  
 All who are seeking work and those who are underemployed  
 Robert Wedgeworth

**September 8, 2024**  
 Marianne Burns  
 Victims and their families who died on 9/11/2021

**September 15, 2024**  
 Toufie and Alice Ayoub  
 Angela Dearing

**September 22, 2024**  
 Alexander Grabowski  
 Mary Niemic

**September 29, 2024**  
 Terrance Foster  
 Bohdan Vujic

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
**(Serving the Lord)**

Psalms 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23  
**(Refuge in God)**

Ephesians 5: 21-32  
**(Sacrament of Marriage)**

John 6: 63c, 68c  
**(Living Words)**

John 6: 60-69  
**(Words of Life)**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2024**

**For Political Leaders**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of all people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., Aug. 26:** Second Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 11-12; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; John 10: 27; Matthew 23: 13-22

**Tues., Aug. 27:** Second Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Psalm 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Hebrews 4: 12; Matthew 23: 23-26

**Wed., Aug. 28:** Second Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18; Psalm 128: 1-2, 4-5; First John 2: 5; Matthew 23: 27-32

**Thurs., Aug. 29:** First Corinthians 1: 1-9; Psalm 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 5: 10; Mark 6: 17-29

**Fri., Aug. 30:** First Corinthians 1: 17-25; Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 21: 36; Matthew 25: 1-13

**Sat., Aug. 31:** First Corinthians 1: 26-31; Psalm 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21; John 13: 34; Matthew 25: 14-30

**Sun., Sept. 01:** Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; James 1: 18; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards Commit**

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*  
 JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become **Stewards** in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

**COLLECTION INFO**

**August 25, 2024**

Collections	\$1,093.83
Online	\$ 877.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,970.83</b>



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34TH ANNUAL

# HARVEST DINNER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

TICKETS

**\$75.00**  
PER PERSON

LOCATION: SHED 5

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, PROGRAM, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



**SHED 5**  
6 PM - 9 PM



**BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT**  
[WWW.DCPASITE.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.DCPASITE.COM/EVENTS)  
MORE INFORMATION: 313-922-1435

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## Strangers No Longer

# Celebration of Diversity at Detroit's Cathedral

110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
*"God Walks with the People"*



- Procession and Mass - Cathedral the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Multi-national music
- National flags and dress
- Parish banners and banners of our allied organizations
- Multi-national food tables

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**2:30PM - Procession starting at the Cathedral - 9844 Woodward**

**3:30PM - Mass at the Cathedral**

Immigration is a contentious topic in the world right now. Let's show our desire for community, diversity, and brother-and-sisterhood among communities and immigrant groups with a joyful recognition of all the benefits immigrants bring to Michigan!

**All are welcome--Catholics, non-Catholics, immigrants, non-immigrants, allies, and advocates of Jesus's call to welcome the stranger.**

**Bring your parish banner and national flag, your drums and national attire!  
Invite friends and family to join you!**



Let us know you're coming



Register your parish or organization

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Detroit, MI 48221

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*"....the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door..."*  
**-Pope Francis**

# Neighborhood Wellness Centers










The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Neighborhood Wellness Centers offer no-cost health and wellness services in communities that are marginalized where there are higher risks for adverse health outcomes.

The wellness centers, initially established as COVID-19 testing sites, have evolved to also offer expanded community-driven services, often in areas with limited access to preventative health care services.

## **Available Services**

As the wellness centers expand offerings, MDHHS is pleased to provide the following services to community members based on their feedback:

-  Blood pressure screenings.
-  Diabetes screenings.
-  Cholesterol screenings.
-  Substance use disorder services.
-  On-site community health workers (CHWs).\*
-  COVID-19 and flu testing.
-  Crisis support, including warming/cooling centers and during disaster response.

*Watch for more information coming soon on additional offerings such as mobile dentistry and mammograms.*

## **Community Health Workers (CHWs)**

\*Neighborhood Wellness Centers include on-site CHWs.

CHWs support community members by helping to identify social determinants of health needs, such as food, transportation and housing, and linking them to resources to address those needs. Additionally, they offer health counseling and education services, and provide referrals to primary care providers, senior services and more.



The Assumption of Mary, Solemnity—  
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses

9am - Nativity

Noon - St. Charles

6pm - Augustine/Monica

# St. Charles Borromeo August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 11am Mass in Rectory	3
4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  11:30am Mass  Community Meal	5	6 Online Protect- ing God's Children (PGC) Session 6pm	7	8	9 11am Mass in Rectory	10 Reli- gious Educa- tion Family Fun Day RSVP required 12pm-3:30pm  Black Catholic Women's Con- ference
11 19th Sun- day in Ordinary Time  11:30am Mass  Community Meal	12 Online PGC Session 6pm	13	14	15 The Assumption of Mary, Solemnity— Holy Day of Obliga- tion  <u>Masses</u>  <u>9am</u> - Nativity <u>Noon</u> - St. Charles <u>6pm</u> - Augustine- Monica	16 11am Mass in Rectory	17
18 20h Sun- day in Ordinary Time  11:30am Mass  Community Meal	19	20 Online PGC Ses- sion 6pm	21 Finance Council Meeting 6pm in rectory  Parish Council Meeting 7pm in rectory	22	23 11am Mass in Rectory	24 In-person PGC session St. Mary Par- ish in St. Clair 9am
25 21st Sun- day in Ordinary Time  11:30am Mass  Community Meal	26	27	28 Online PGC Ses- sion 6pm	29	30 11am Mass in Rectory	31



# August

# 2024



***For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20***  
***Religious Education Summer Calendar: Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (W)	2 First Friday of the Month	3 Stand barefoot on the earth to feel grounded.
4 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Rel. Ed. Registration.	5 Are you attending the Family Day on August 10 <sup>th</sup> ?	6 The Transfiguration of The Lord. (W)	7 Rosary Prayer Group 7pm.	8 St. Dominic, Priest. (M) (W) See you this Saturday!	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. (G) (R)	10 Family Movie, food, crafts. 12pm-3:30pm
11 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Rel. Ed. Registration	12 Continue to create summer memories.	13 St. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, and Martyrs. (R) 7pm Rosary	15 The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary. W	16 St. Stephen of Hungary. (G) (W)	17 Work on your Marian Craft due Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> .
18 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.	19 St. John Eudes, Priest. (G) Take a walk today with your family.	20 St. Bernard, Abbot, and Doctor of the Church. (W)	21 St. Pius X, Pope. (W) Work on your Marian Craft.	22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (W)	23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. Share your favorite Bible Story today.	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Look at the sunset.
25 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.	26 How is your Marian box coming along?	27 St. Monica. (W) DPS first week of school. Peace.	28 St. Augustine, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church. (W)	29 The Passion of St. John The Baptist. (R)	30 Review your first week of school as a family. Find Gratitude.	31 Read the Sunday Gospel with your family.

***In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill make low... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. Isaiah 40: 3-5***



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**Rectory Hours: 2024 Summer Hours**

**Monday, 10am to 3pm**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm**  
**Friday, 9am to 1:30pm**

**Pastoral Team**

Fr. Chris Talbot, Priest in Solidum  
Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum  
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

**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

**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

**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.

**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)

**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).