
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)





Sunday Food for You

Getting Ready for Getting Ready

Jagged and dark. These are the kind of images we find in the main readings for Sunday.

"A time unsurpassed in distress." "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."

Such readings are included in what are called "apocalyptic literature."** Why such horrible imagery, especially now with beautiful Advent just a few weeks away?

Examine carefully what you are able to do and with what effect.

One reason is so that we might find within us a need for relief from all the turmoil. In other words, for the coming of the simple Christ child. Recall that in our 21st century we find just the opposite of this: competing ideologies striving to take over. Look at the advertising world:

Shampooing your hair will make you ecstatic (with a corn-cob-eating grin on your face as you use the product). A car can "save your soul"! Casual sex without commitment is taken for granted. Free cable movie channels practicing the blasphemous use of God's and Jesus' name, censoring out only—sometimes—words referring to bodily functions.

Of course, in addition to such dehumanizing media forces, the world is faced with crises every bit as bad as what apocalyptic literature might suggest. The pandemic, which we hope is now over with. Economic crises that more than wreck people's lives; toxic wastes, holes in the ozone layer, tsunami and hurricanes, major climate changes. You can certainly add more. What shall we do?

Our readings do contain a few grains of hope. At the end of the [First Reading](#) we find a beautiful promise of rescue:

.. the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

Such a passage can give us peace, but also a problem. Should we be nourished by these lovely words, at a time when the greatest tribulations in human history are staring us in the face? An awareness of our tribulations is not wrong; it is right. But how can you or I have any effect on the enormity of our situation?

Maybe we should get hyper-active instead, reforming television, recordings, movies, video games, and so on.

Or, better: *First*, let us get smart. Examine carefully what we are able to do and with what effect. We are not helpless, no matter what we feel.

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.**

Second, let our courage rest in divine help.

"I know well the plans I have in mind for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you and bring you back." ([Jer 29:11](#))***

That is what Advent will aim towards. Use Sunday to wait for Advent waiting. Give it a try!

John Foley, SJ, St. Louis University

(Reminder: We have received notice from a few members that they received either a text or email from someone claiming to be Fr. Chris. The text or email is asking the receiver to purchase some gift cards for him. **Please remember, Fr. Chris will NEVER text, call or email any of our members requesting gift cards. The texts and emails sent today were from a scammer just trying to use your connection to the church.)**

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Religious Ed News: Thank you to our Confirmands Ava Bell, Caiden Rendles, and Henry Rennpage who attended their second of three retreats along with their sponsors this past Sunday November 10th. Their retreat was held at the MSU-Detroit Partnership for Food. Mr. Naim Edwards is the Director of this program which is located on some of the most beautiful and peaceful grounds in the City of Detroit. Your place is a jewel in the City, and your homemade pizzas that were made on site and baked in the brick oven were delicious! Confirmation will be celebrated on June 8, 2025. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director, Doris Allen and Barbara Taylor, Catechists.

Thank you to all of our youth and teens that wrote and decorated 30 beautiful cards and letters to our Veterans during our Mercy and Action Day. The cards were delivered to the John D. Dingel VA Medical Center for Development and Civic Engagement, Detroit, MI. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director and Janis Ayoub, Evangelical Charity.

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 to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal. **Today, November 17: Mary Ann Flores, Katy Kaplan and Regina Bell; November 24, 2024: "The Corner Table"; December 1, 2024: No Meal (Holiday Weekend); December 8, 2024: Sponsor Needed; December 15, 2024: Sponsor Needed; December 22, 2024: Knights on Bikes**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support. **This week we need Soup, Mac & Cheese, and Family Size Peanut Butter.** 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 will help with our monthly bill. Thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families.

Black Catholic History in Detroit in Honor of Black Catholic History Month: Continue learning more about the Black experience in Detroit's Catholic Church by viewing the Detroit PBS Black Journal video "The Black Church in Detroit" at https://youtu.be/slJzyE5DyPE?si=polTg4SMiqw_pYjD. Two additional videos about the Black experience within the Catholic Church are presented by EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network): <https://youtu.be/HN-PGvFQSFg?si=TfZN0kbSxxQ7V3h6> and https://youtu.be/7T_H3yYUCtY?si=OiU_pzqNgxNzSwl8

Boulevard Ministry News: The Boulevard Ministry of St. Charles will be hosting a Christmas party for our friends that suffer from mental illness and cognitive challenges. We will be hosting the parties at two group homes and the local nursing home. If you are interested in participating in the parties, please arrive promptly at 10:30 am at St. Charles outside of the rectory on December 10th. From there, we will board the bus, visit the various homes, sing Christmas carols and distribute gifts. We are also in need of baked goods for the party. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church November 17th. Please consider donating individually wrapped homemade treats for 27 people. The drop off date will be December 8th at the back of church. Our friends LOVE homemade treats! Any questions please contact Angie Kadowaki at kadowakiangie@gmail.com. Or Joan Jacobs at jmjacobs6@gmail.com. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! ~ Angie Kadowaki and Joan Jacobs.

"If one really wished to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected—those, precisely, who need the law's protection most!—and listens to their testimony."

~ James Baldwin

The VIGIL

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Paul Andreovich
Kathy Ayoub
Shannon Boivin
June Buersmeyer
Mary Canaday
Mamie Cusimano
Mark Dearing
Joy Harris
Carol Herman
Joyce Hurley
Joan Jackson
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Kathy Kapa
Leslie Kirby
Ron Kirby
Pamela Little
Michael Martin
John Nahas
Richard Nahas
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Greg Pullis
Gregory Richardson
Kevin Scully
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.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 17, 2024

Howard Clement

November 24, 2024

Mary Niemic

December 01, 2024

Kyria, Kenyanna and Frank
Richardson
Dorothy Taylor

December 08, 2024

Alexander Grabowski
Mary Ingram
Elfrieda Samuel

December 15, 2024

George Zigas

December 22, 2024

Steven and Catherine
Bogotaitis

December 29, 2024

Thomas & Willie Nance

TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 12: 1 – 3
(The Last Judgment)

Psalm 16: 5, 8 – 11
(God Our Hope)

Hebrews 10: 11 -14, 18
(Jesus in Glory)

Luke 21: 36
(Be Vigilant)

Mark 13: 24 – 32
(The Last Judgment)

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

For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 18: Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; John 8: 12; Luke 18: 35-43

Tues., Nov. 19: Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22; Psalm 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; First John 4: 10b; Luke 19: 1-10

Wed., Nov. 20: Revelation 4: 1-11; Psalm 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 15: 16; Luke 19: 11-28

Thurs., Nov. 21: Revelation 5: 1-10; Psalm 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Psalm 95: 8; Luke 19: 41-44

Fri., Nov. 22: Revelation 10: 8-11; Psalm 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; John 10: 27; Luke 19: 45-48

Sat., Nov. 23: Revelation 11: 4-12; Psalm 144: 1, 2, 9-10; Second Timothy 1: 10; Luke 20: 27-40

Sun., Nov. 24: Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 93: 1abc, 1d-2, 5; Revelation 1: 5-8; Mark 11: 9, 10; John 18: 33b-37

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewardship Good News

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?"...how will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to start living Stewardship in a grateful and generous lifestyle.

COLLECTION INFO

November 10, 2024

Collection \$ 2,045.00
Online \$ 1,977.00

TOTAL \$ 4,022.00

November

2024

November is Black Catholic History Month.

The Sainly Six, as they are called, are six Catholic African American candidates for sainthood:

Venerable Sr. Henriette DeLille 1812-1862 New Orleans, LA.

Fr. Augustus Tolton 1854-1897 Chicago, IL.

Servant of God Julia Greeley c. 1833-1918 Denver, Co.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint 1766-1863 New York, NY

Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman 1937-1990 Jackson, MS

Venerable Mother Mary Lange 1794-1882 Baltimore, MD

<https://www.josephitepastoralcenter.org>

[Religious Education Monthly Calendar. Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints First Friday of the Month	2 All Soul's Day
3 No Rel. Ed. Classes. Alumni Sunday. St. Martin de Porres.	4 St. Charles Borromeo. (M)	5 Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	6 Rosary 7pm Zoom.	7 OCIA Class 7pm on Zoom	8 U. S. Bishops endorsed NBCC Pastoral Plan 1989.	9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. (F)
10 Children Liturgy of the Word. Rel. Ed. Following Mass.	11 St. Martin of Tours. (M) Veterans Day.	12 Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. (M) Rosary 7pm Zoom.	14 OCIA Class 7pm on Zoom.	15 St. Albert the Great. Rosa Parks received Spingarn Award 1979.	16 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude.
17 Children Liturgy of the Word. Rel. Ed. Following Mass.	18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles.	19 Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	20 Rosary 7pm Zoom.	21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (M) OCIA 7pm.	22 St. Cecilia (M)	23 World Youth Day weekend begins 23 rd -24 th .
24 World Youth Day Mass and celebration.	25 34 th or Last Week in Ordinary Time.	26 Confirmation Class and Youth Prayer Group. 6pm Zoom.	27 Rosary 7pm Zoom.	28 Thanksgiving Day.	29 100 years of Josephite Evangelization 1997.	30 St. Andrew Apostle. (F)
Nov. 10 th Confirmation Retreat 2:30pm- 5:30pm.**						

CULTURAL MINISTRIES – Archdiocese of Detroit

Beginning in the late 1800s, chapels and missions were set up to accommodate the area's growing Black populations. In 1911, the first Catholic Mission for African Americans was established in St. Mary's Parish in Greektown. A year later it baptized its first child, Grayton Barksdale. In 1914, the mission was named for St. Peter Claver and moved into a new church home. The mission parish was both Black and culturally diverse with parishioners from Jamaica, Trinidad, Windsor, Ontario, Chile, Granada, Louisiana, Maryland, Kentucky, and Michigan. Staffed by Felician Sisters and Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers, an order dedicated to serving Black Catholics, these missions were established to give African American Catholics a place of respite from the racial harshness of the day, a place of belonging, prayer, religious education and hospitality. St. Peter Claver opened a school in 1936 and then moved into the previous German parish, Sacred Heart Church, in 1938 located in Eastern Market which remains today a personal African American parish for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

A second Black Parish was established on Detroit's westside in 1927 – St. Benedict the Moor. A young man, Norman DuKette, who helped with St. Mary's mission, was named its first priest. Fr. Norman DuKette was the first Black priest ordained for Detroit, incardinated in 1926 by Bishop Michael James Gallagher. A third Black mission, Holy Ghost, was opened in 1939 in northeast Detroit and given parish status in 1946; in 1943, a Black mission in the Detroit-Ferndale area, Our Lady of Victory, was established since Blacks were not permitted to attend nearby parishes, including Presentation Parish. A fifth and very successful Black mission, St. George Parish, was started in north-central Detroit. Nearly 1,000 African American Catholics were baptized there from 1949-1965. Sadly, St. George Church closed in 1965 to make way for freeway construction.

The Detroit Rebellion occurred in the summer of 1967 and was considered one of the most violent demonstrations in the U.S. of the 20th century. The Rebellion was due to tensions caused by a lack of educational opportunities, inadequate and segregated housing and unemployment. The Rebellion started at 12th street and made its way to the Boston-Edison neighborhood, adjacent to Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) in Detroit. An African American artist painted the face, hands and feet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus image that is in front of the seminary. A topic of controversy for many years, the Black painted Jesus has become a landmark and symbol of Jesus' love for all races of people. Mary Massingale, a researcher for SHMS wrote for *Detroit Catholic*, "Bishop Boyea called the painting a 'great blessing' for the seminary: 'It was a sign that we are not somehow immune to what takes place all around us, and it is a call to be engaged.'"

In 1970, the Archdiocese of Detroit established an Office of the Black Secretariat, one of the first offices in the nation to monitor relations between Blacks and Whites. In 1981, the Secretariat Office was closed and the Office of Black Catholic Affairs was established to address the spiritual, familial and social needs of the area's Black Catholics. Today, there are 15-18 local Catholic parishes with a strong Black presence. The Affairs office is now the Office of Black Catholic Ministry which is in the Cultural Ministries Office within the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vickie Figueroa
Associate Director for Cultural Ministries, Coordinator, Black Catholic Ministry
Archdiocese of Detroit
October 19, 2022

***Magnify the Lord
30th Anniversary Concert
Featuring the Nativity of Our Lord and St. Charles
Praise Dancers & The Magnify Choir***

at

***St. Charles Borromeo
1491 Baldwin
Detroit, MI 48214***



**Saturday
11/23/2024
7pm**

**Tickets
\$20 advanced
\$30 at the door
Children \$5 at
the door**

**Call St. Charles at 313-331-0253 Nativity of Our Lord
at 313-922-0033 for more information
Call St. Charles @313-331-0253 Add a subheading**

Advent Revival

"From the Manger: Jesus—the
Hope, Joy, & Love He Brings"

Lower East Side Family of Parishes

REVIVALIST FR. CHRIS TALBOT
FAMILY MODERATOR

FEATURING

- THE ST. CHARLES/NATIVITY AND
SACRED HEART DANCERS
- RECONCILIATION
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING
THE REVIVAL

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 01, 2024 • 3PM
ST. AUGUSTIN/ST. MONICA PARISH
AT THE CORNER OF SYLVESTER AND SEMINOLE
(ONE BLOCK NORTH OF MACK AVENUE)

NATIVITY LOTTERY TICKET ORDER FORM

Here is the way our Nativity Lottery works:

- *Tickets cost \$30 each.
- *Only 1,000 tickets are sold. First come, first served.
- *They are numbered from 000 to 999.
- *Each ticket gives you a chance to win on every Wednesday night's three-digit lottery number for a FULL YEAR (beginning January 1, 2025)
- *If your number matches the three numbers drawn (no boxing), you win \$100.00.
- *If your number is the number before or after the winning number, you win \$25.00.

So, you really have 159 chances to win this year as there are 53 Wednesdays in 2025. And if you don't win, Nativity still does because the proceeds will be used to pay for continuing needs to keep the Church strong and beautiful.

Just complete the order form below and mail it with your check. We will send you the ticket with your number. **Please send a separate order form for each ticket ordered if a different name. Feel free to copy the form for your friends or call and we will mail them a form.** But hurry, remember, tickets are limited!

Tickets will be mailed by early December. Your number will be picked by draw. We will mail checks to those with the winning numbers each week.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Member of Class of _____ or parish member during _____

Tax deductible amount enclosed: _____ e-mail address: _____

Please add names and addresses of other people who would like to be on our mailing list.

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tecting God's
Children
Training
Session

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation 11am: Mass in St. Charles Church 6pm Mass at St. Augustine/St. Monica	2 All Souls Day <i>In Person</i> PGC Ray Township 9am
3 Alumni Sunday 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	4 5pm Faith & Fellowship Partners	5 Election Day <i>Dancers</i> 5:30pm-8pm	6 Online PGC 6pm	7	8 11am: Mass in Rectory	9 Dancers 10am-2pm <i>In Person</i> PGC Northville 9am <i>In Person</i> PGC Royal Oak 9am
10 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	11 Veteran's Day 5pm Faith & Fellowship Leaders Online PGC 6pm	12 Dancers 5:30pm-8pm	13	14	15 11am: Mass in Rectory	16 Disciples Program 1pm-2:30pm
17 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	18 5pm Faith & Fellowship Partners <i>Dancers</i> 5pm-8pm	19 Dancers 5pm-8pm	20 Dancers 5pm-8pm	21 Concert Dress Rehearsal 6pm <i>In Person</i> PGC Troy 6pm	22 11am: Mass in Rectory	23 30 Steps Higher Concert 7pm <i>In Person</i> PGC Warren 9am
24 11:30am Mass & Community Meal	25 5pm Faith & Fellowship Leaders	26 Pre-Thanksgiving Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 6pm	27 Pre-Thanksgiving Mass at Nativity 6pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Mass at Sacred Heart 9am	29 Office Closed—No Mass Today	30

St Charles Borromeo

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit

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. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

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

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Rhonda Gilbert – Parish Ministries Coordinator

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.