
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)





Sunday Food for You

Let It Sing

"Brothers and sisters: rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice."

St. Paul commands this in the Second Reading. The word for rejoice in Latin is *gaudete*, so quite naturally this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday.

Why all this exultation? Are we finally getting a break from the somberness of Advent? Yes, but there is more to it than that.

God's gladness sings out joyfully at every instant, and his song is the earth, the galaxies, the people and plants.

Remember that Advent is like a retreat for the worldwide Church. In this upcoming third week we will pray about our lives in the context of the great beauty God has put in us and around us.

Can you imagine this?

One line in the First Reading puts it in dramatic terms. Zephaniah says that the Lord "will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals."

Because of you! Have you ever in your life imagined that God might be singing because of you? Have you ever let your image of God expand that far? Have you ever let God be one who sings you into existence, in the most profound sense of the word sing?

In one of the books of Narnia by CS Lewis, the children are taken back to the very moment of creation. They hear the voice of Aslan (the Christ figure) singing into the wilderness. When the voice goes high, birds, clouds, blue sky appear. At a certain lengthy turn of melody the mountains raise their heads laboriously. A low hum vibrates forth the depths of seas. Creation seems to be made out of melody.

Maybe it is.

Scientists still contend about it, however. What is the physical universe composed of, particles or waves? (I think that is the choice they give us.) Einstein and many others tried to reconcile these, but no luck.

If I could come even close to describing what is called "string theory," we might have a choice theory about the universe's makeup. Maybe you have seen TV shows about string theory on PBS or elsewhere, a model that some scholars actually do believe unites the two hypotheses. Such "strings" act a lot like sound does. Like the vibrations that come forth from a violin string.

Instead of saying that particles or waves or uncertainty or whatever else are the basis of matter and force-fields, and so on, these scientists instead postulate string-like particles: infinitesimal, ever changing, wriggling thingumabobs. By their dancing shapes these string circles generate (or constitute, or become, or whatever is the right way to say it) everything that is.

How about this for a possibility: God's gladness sings out joyfully at every instant, and his song is the earth, the galaxies, the people and plants and chemicals and soaring hawks and encircling planets, droplets of dew and heavy black holes, youthful beauties, ancient wisdoms, and everything else that exists.

In other words, we are God's song.

Apply this, please, to Sunday's Gospel.

There people in long rows gather to be baptized in expectation of the Savior who is to come. Each segment (the crowd, the tax collectors, the soldiers) ask John the Baptist the exact same question: "Teacher, what should we do?"

"Let your life sing," he answers.

Let it sing.

Let your life be what it is: God's joyous, interleaved and always consonant melody, sounding outwards in deepest joy. Share your cloak and your food, collect only what is owed, do not extort.

Do these things and you will be sounding the true melody of your life!

Please note:

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.**

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, December 15, 2024: Angie Kadowaki & Family; December 22, 2024: Knights on Bikes; December 29, 2024: No Meal – Holiday; January 5, 2025 – Sponsor Needed; January 12, 2025 – Eric Eder and Crew; January 19, 2025 – Sponsor Needed; January 26, 2025 – Rosary Group; February 2, 2025: The McDonald Family; February 9, 2025: So. Rockwood Methodist Church; February 16, 2025: Sponsor Needed; February 23, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support. **This week we need Cereal, Peanut Butter and Noodles.** 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.

St. Charles Thanksgiving through Christmas Mass Schedule - 2024

Sunday	12/15/24	3 rd Sunday of Advent 11:30am
Sunday	12/22/24	4 th Sunday of Advent 11:30am (Church decorating after Mass)
Tuesday	12/24/24	Christmas Eve 8pm in the church
Wednesday	12/25/24	Christmas 11:30am in the church
Sunday	12/29/24	The Holy Family Sunday 11:30am
Tuesday	12/31/24	New Year's Eve 11pm in the church

Gentle Reminder: **Next Sunday (12-22-24), we will be decorating the church for Christmas.** Everyone is being asked to give some time to help make the church interior beautiful. Thank you!

Votive Candle Cost Update

Due to rising costs for the votive candles, we are increasing the cost for each candle to \$1.00. The increase will be effective beginning 01/01/2025.



Online Giving

Go to the giving site at:

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



The 3rd Sunday of Advent

A Joyful Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The color for joy

A pink candle that signifies joy makes sense since it is lit on *Gaudete* Sunday—named for the entrance antiphon for that Sunday’s Mass: “Rejoice (*gaudete*) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice.” The joy is subdued, however, as the penitential violet of the other weeks lessens to rose as we move closer to Christmas.

As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, *Gaudete* Sunday is similar to the Lenten *Laetare* Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on *Laetare* Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose. The tradition has continued, as popes bestowed golden roses on Catholic rulers and now more commonly, on places of devotion.

Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vestments on *Laetare* Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on *Gaudete* Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent wreath.

Although the culture tells us it’s already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing—because the Lord is coming soon!

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

The VIGIL

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Paul Andreacovich
Kathy Ayoub
June Buersmeyer
Mary Canaday
Mamie Cusimano
Mark Dearing
Joy Harris
Carol Herman
Joyce Hurley
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Ambreen Noor Kakli
Kathy Kapa
Leslie Kirby
Ron Kirby
Pamela Little
Michael Martin
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Greg Pullis
Gregory Richardson
Anna Tyler
Darryl Watkins

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

December 15, 2024

George Zigas

December 22, 2024

Steven & Catherine Bogotaitis

December 29, 2024

Thomas & Willie Nance

January 05, 2025

Dr. Bob Preuss

January 12, 2025

Carolyn Alexander
Del Loring

January 19, 2025

Michael Ayoub

January 26, 2025

Fr. Dan Trapp
Joyce Carson
Carolyn Carson

TODAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
(Joy Over the Mighty Savior)

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6
(Joy Over the Holy One)

Philippians 4: 4-7
(Rejoice in the Lord)

Isaiah 61: 1
(Glad Tidings)

Luke 3: 10-18
(Majesty of the Messiah)

The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month
of December 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 16: Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17; Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Psalm 85: 8; Matthew 21: 23-27

Tues., Dec. 17: Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Psalm 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1: 1-17

Wed., Dec. 18: Jeremiah 23: 5-8; Psalm 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1: 18-25

Thurs., Dec. 19: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1: 5-25

Fri., Dec. 20: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1: 26-38

Sat., Dec. 21: Songs 2: 8-14; Psalm 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1: 39-45

Sun., Dec. 22: Micah 5: 1-4a; Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 38; Luke 1: 39-45

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Live Stewardship

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To live **Stewardship** and grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

COLLECTION INFO

December 08, 2024

Collection \$ 1,617.91
Online \$ 1,232.00

TOTAL \$ 2,849.91

December 2024
St. Charles Borromeo

PGC=Protecting God's Children Training

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1 1st Sunday of Advent</i> 11:30am Mass <u>NO</u> Community Meal</p>	<p><i>2 Faith & Fellowship 5pm-8pm</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6 Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	<p><i>7 PGC-Eastpointe</i></p>
<p><i>8 2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 11:30am Mass Community Meal</p>	<p><i>9 Immaculate Conception Mass in church 11am</i></p>	<p><i>10 Blvd. Ministry Party</i></p>	<p><i>11 DCPA Meeting 5pm-8pm</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13 Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15 3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 11:30am Mass Community Meal</p>	<p><i>16 Faith & Fellowship 5pm-8pm</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20 Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	<p><i>21 Disciple Program 1pm-2:30pm</i></p>
<p><i>22 4th Sunday of Advent</i> 11:30am Mass Community Meal Decorating After Mass</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24 Christmas Eve</i> <i>Mass in church 8pm in the church</i></p>	<p><i>25 Christmas Day</i> <i>Mass at 11:30am</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27 Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29 Holy Family Mass at 11:30am</i> <u>NO</u> Community Meal— <i>Holiday</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31 New Year's Eve</i> <i>Mass 11pm in church</i></p>				

FOP – DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY

Thanksgiving and Christmas Mass Schedules – 2024

ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA

- Tuesday, 11/26/24 Thanksgiving Mass – Pre (11/26) 6 PM
- Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 10am
- Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 10am
- Monday, 12/09/24 Immaculate Conception No Mass
- Sunday, 12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent 10am
- Sunday, 12/22/24 4th Sunday of Advent 10am
- Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve Mass (NIGHT) 12 Midnight
- Wednesday, 12/25/2024 Christmas Day Mass 10 AM
- Tuesday, 12/31/2024 New Year's Eve No Mass

Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator

4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214
313.921.4107

www.saintamparish.org

SACRED HEART

- Thanksgiving Day 9 AM
- Immaculate Conception (12/9) 5 PM
- 4th Sunday of Advent (12/22) 8AM/10AM
- Christmas Eve Mass (NIGHT) 9 PM
- Christmas Day Mass 9 AM

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum
1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI. 48207
313.831.1356

www.sacredheartdetroit.com

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

- Thanksgiving Day (with Sacred Heart)
- Immaculate Conception (12/9) (with Sacred Heart)
- 4th Sunday of Advent (12/22) 12 NOON
- Christmas Eve (NIGHT) (with Sacred Heart)
- Christmas Day (with Sacred Heart)

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum
3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit. MI. 48207
313.921.9225

www.stelizabethdetroit.org

11/16/2024

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- Wednesday, 11/27/24 Thanksgiving Mass – Pre - 6 PM
- Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- Sunday, 12/08/24 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- Monday, 12/09/2024 Immaculate Conception 6 PM
- Sunday, 12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am
- Sunday, 12/22/2024 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, 12/24/24 Christmas Eve 5 PM
- Wednesday, 12/25/2024 Christmas Day 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, 12/31/2024 New Year's Eve No Mass

Fr. Christopher Talbot, Priest in Solidum/Moderator

5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213
313.922.0033

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

- Wednesday, 11/27/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- Thursday, 11/28/24 No Mass (see Family of Parishes Mass Schedule)
- Sunday, 12/01/24 1st Sunday of Advent 11:30am
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- Tuesday, 12/31/24 New Year's Eve 11pm in the church

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ARETHA'S JAZZ CAFE

When

JANUARY 3, 2025
8PM-10PM \$10.00

THE JAZZ RESURGENTS

FEATURING:

DWAYNE COLLINS – GUITAR

BOBBY STRENG – SAXOPHONE

FREEMAN SPELLS – BASS

JOHN DOUGLAS – TRUMPET

MIKE ZAPORSKI – PIANO

BILLY HIGGINS – DRUMS

STEVE HUNTER - TROMBONE



THE BRAZEAL DENNARD CHORALE

CAROLS BY
Candlelight

Saturday, December 21, 2024
at 4:00 p.m.

Westminster Church of Detroit
17567 Hubbell
Detroit, Michigan 48235

\$25 TICKET RESERVATION:

Cashapp: \$BrazealDC
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December

2024

Advent and Christmas



Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots a bud shall blossom. Families have been scheduled to bring up Jesse Tree symbols each Sunday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent. "Hope" Rel. Education.	2 St. Francis Xavier. Jesse Tree Adam & Eve.	3 Jesse Tree and Apple. Confirmation 6pm.	4 Jesse Tree Noah & the Flood. Rainbow. Rosary 7pm.	5 Jesse Tree, Tent. 6pm Catechists, 7pm OCIA.	6 St. Nicholas. Jesse Tree symbol. Issac A Ram.	7 St. Ambrose. Jacobs Ladder. A Ladder.
8 2nd Sunday of Advent. "Peace". Rel. Ed.	9 Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. Joseph's Coat	10 Jesse Tree. Moses. A burning bush. Confirmation	11 Jesse Tree. A Lamb. Rosary 7pm.	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe. OCIA 7pm	13 St. Lucy. Jesse Tree. Two stone tablets.	14 Jesse Tree. A ram's horn trumpet.
15 3rd Sunday of Advent. "Joy". Family Advent following mass for Rel. Ed.	16 Jesse Tree symbol. Ruth (Whole Book) A sheaf of corn.	17 Jesse Tree. A six pointed 'Star of David.' Confirmation 6pm.	18 Jesse Tree. Solomon's Temple. Rosary 7pm.	19 Jesse Tree. A Bonfire. OCIA 7pm.	20 Jesse Tree symbol. Prophecy. A tree stump with a single branch.	21 First Day of Winter. Jesse Tree. A Whale.
22 4th Sunday of Advent. "Love". Youth Mass	23 Jesse Tree. John the Baptist.	24 Jesse Tree. Mary and Elizabeth. Christmas Eve.	25 The Nativity of The Lord. Christmas.	26 Kwanzaa. Umoja (Unity)	27 Kujichagulia. Self-Determination	28 Ujima. Collective Work.
29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Ujamaa.	30 Nia. Purpose. 6th day Octave of Nativity of Our Lord.	31 New Year's Eve. Kuumba. Creativity.	1 New Year's Day 2025. Imani. Faith.			

Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director

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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.