

ST. CHARLES LWANGA THE LANTERN

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

154 Years of Emancipation

January 1, 2017

SOUP KITCHEN
SERVICE
TOMORROW
JANUARY 2, 2017
8:30 – 1:00 P.M.

THE PEOPLE OF THE NATIVITY

The group will meet on
Tuesday at 6:00 this week
instead of Monday.



Rev. Theodore K. Parker, Pastor

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Patricia Dixon, Director Religious Education
Joanna Powell Minister of Music
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Allison Thompson, Gym & Hall Manager
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Bulletin

Send articles and flyers (.doc or .pdf format) by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening to

stcharleslwanga7@gmail.com PLEASE NOTE
"LANTERN" IN SUBJECT LINE

Website: saintcharleslwanga.org

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JUST A THOUGHT

*"Speak when you are angry - and you'll make the best
speech you'll ever regret."*

— Laurence J. Peter

Cecilia Site

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Sunrise Prayer Sunday 6:00 a.m. in
the Rectory
Ceciliaville, Sam Washington
Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(Please call ahead)
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00
p.m. (Rectory St. Cecilia Site)

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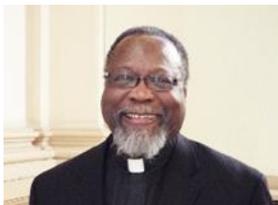
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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

The Lord bless and keep you!
The Lord let his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace. Numbers 6:22-27



“Through Mary we were found worthy to receive the author of life” says the Collect prayer for today. This first day of the year has been celebrated under many titles in our liturgical history from World Day of Prayer for Peace to the Circumcision of Jesus. However, in recent years we seem to have settled on our continual remembrance of the reason for this season—the birth of Jesus and the woman who made that birth possible. When you think about this a second and a third time it makes perfectly good sense to honor this first day of the year (after last’s night’s hullabaloo) giving thanks to God for this woman who first said yes to God.

One author has written “From the day of Jesus’ birth until his death, the little we hear from her amounts to no more than one question, a subtle request, and a reflection of her own discipleship: “Son, why have you done this to us?”. They have no wine,” and “Do whatever he tells you.”

As we begin this year let us pronounce our “yes” to God by taking a SPIRITUAL INVENTORY rather than make New Year’s Resolutions that so quickly fade away. ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT I spoke to you about this process. **You are to write to yourself** what you need to do to become a better and a stronger disciple of Jesus. **You are to seal the envelope with your name on the outside** and on Pentecost Sunday the very same day that our Archbishop will make know to us the final result of SYNOD 16 **we will pass out to you your own envelope and you can assess your own spiritual progress—known only to you and God.** The world around us celebrates 2017 by parties, drinking and carousing without thinking about how this year should be marked off in a new and special way. We are disciples of Jesus and we know that the year begins in prayer. In fact, some of our Baptists and Methodists and others spent the midnight hour in prayer. It is a fitting way to begin. We begin celebrating the eighth day of the birth of Jesus by thanking God for the woman, Mary who said yes. Be aware of your calling. Think about the seriousness of this beginning. Make sure you look inwardly and search out your soul so you can make progress. Remember if you stay the way you are you are running down with the current. You are not making progress but going backward—the current is taken you away. Swim against the current and gain the prize.

We are thankful for Father David Pruess, OFM CAP for celebrating the liturgy with us this January 1, 2017.

St. Charles Lwanga Eucharist Celebration
January 1, 2017
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Mass intention: **Rance Jones, Doris Jones AND Reva Thompson** by Rene Bascombe

PROCESSION

LORD HAVE MERCY

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Psalm Response: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

ALLELUIA

Verse before the Gospel

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Gospel2: Luke 2:16:21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERTORY

COMMUNION:

MEDITATION:

RECESSIONAL:

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR/EME SCHEDULE

<p>THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE Commentator: Marissa Hill Lectors: Vivian King and Andre Brooks Ministers of Eucharist: front: Jackie Morgan-Hill and Pam Curson back: Gloria Peoples and Michelle Hill NOTE: If you are a Commentator, Lector or Minister of Eucharist and have not been on the schedule to serve please give your name to Marissa Hill</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE – Commentator: Angela Sterling Lector: Roz Pollard and Latryce Jenkins Minister of Eucharist: To be determined</p>
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*O God, * we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, * who labored among us in times of contradiction, * times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. * His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. * We stand in the shadow of his ministry. * May his life continue to inspire us * and imbue us with that confidence and hope * that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.*

*Father in Heaven, * Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; * we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. * If it be your Will, O God, * glorify your servant, Father Tolton, * by granting the favor I now request through his intercession * (mention your request) * so that all may know the goodness of this priest * whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.*

*Complete what you have begun in us * that we might work for the fulfillment of your Kingdom. * Not to us the glory, * but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son * and our Lord; * Father, Son and Holy Spirit, * you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen*



**SILENT PRAYZE
MIME MINISTRY.....**

If you love to praise the Lord the mime ministry is looking for YOU! The mime uses gestures rather than words as a form of expression mime. You can join the ministry if you are between the ages of 7 – 17. Beginning January 8, 2017 rehearsal will be after Mass on Sundays. No experience is necessary. All are welcome! For further information see Ms. Farria or Mrs. Murray after Mass.

"Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs."

- KJV Psalm 150:4

REST IN HEAVEN OUR DEAR SISTER



JOYCE BRODEN

**Viewing: Thursday,
January 5, 2017 2:00 -
8:00 pm**

Cole's Funeral Home
West Grand Blvd.

Family Hour and Funeral:

Friday, January 6, 2017

Family Hour: 10:00 am

Funeral Liturgy: 11:00 am

St. Charles Lwanga (St. Cecilia Site)

A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING BUSINESS

2017 is the year to get it right. There is so much to correct, clean up and organize. Here are a few things you can help us fix:

1. **Registration:** Are you registered, do you have envelopes? If not parish registration forms are available or call the church office to register.
2. **Birthdays:** This is the LAST week birthdays will be published in the Lantern. We want to make sure we have a correct list and we are still working on it. You can help by sending you and your family's birthdays to: stcharleslwanga7@gmail.com. We will continue to acknowledge birthdays at announcement time.

A vertical poster for a Eucharistic Celebration. The background is a grid of colorful portraits of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in various colors (green, yellow, purple, pink, orange, blue, red). In the center is a large black oval with white text. The text inside the oval reads: "CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT" at the top, "MONDAY JANUARY 16" in the middle, "Honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr." in large letters, "10:00 a.m." below that, and "Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Celebrant" at the bottom. The address "9844 WOODWARD AVE. DETROIT, MI." is written along the bottom edge of the oval. At the bottom of the poster, there is a black banner with the logo of the Catholic Interracial Society of America (CISA) on the left, the text "DON'T MISS THIS EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION" in the center, and the logo of the Archdiocese of Detroit on the right.

CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY
JANUARY 16

Honoring the life and legacy of
Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER
KING Jr.

10:00 a.m.
Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Celebrant

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DON'T MISS THIS EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Archdiocese of Detroit

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2016 Essay Contest

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have A Dream" speech, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It was a defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement. Delivered to over two hundred and fifty thousand civil rights supporters, the speech is



often considered to be one of the greatest and most notable speeches in history and was ranked the top American speech of the 20th century. According to U.S. Representative John Lewis, who also spoke that day as the President of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, "Dr. King had the power, the ability and the capacity to transform those steps on the Lincoln Memorial into a modern-day pulpit. By speaking the way he did, he

educated, he inspired, he informed not just the people there, but people throughout America and unborn generations."

As the "unborn generation" referred to in the speech, is Dr. King's message still relevant to your life today?

Essay Requirements

- Each student may submit only one (1) essay.
- Essays must be original, typed, double-spaced.
- Cover sheet must contain student's name, school, grade, home phone number, and email address. None of this information should be included in the body of the essay.
- Essays must be the original work of the student. Parents/teachers/guardians may type or write a student's work verbatim.
- Grades 1st – 4th: Up to 100 words
Grades 5th – 8th: Up to 250 words
Grades 9th – 12th: Up to 500 words
- Essays will be judged based on organization, content, voice, creativity, grammatical structure and overall conformity to the theme.

Prizes

Grades 1st – 4th: \$10

Grades 5th – 8th: \$25

Grades 9th – 12th: \$50

Each winner will read their essay during the MLK Celebration at Mass on January 15, 2017.

BUSINESS BUZZZZ!



Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and have had an enjoyable New Year's Eve.

Unfortunately, we here at St. Charles Lwanga lost one of our dear friends, an advocate of St. Charles Lwanga and a volunteer extraordinaire: Joyce Broden. Her tireless efforts with the CSA have brought us almost to our monetary goal. I hope that we can continue her work and finish the goal set by the Archdiocese and perhaps surpass it in order to receive those funds in return and we sure will need it.

As I explained in the week before Christmas, we have had a few major problems here at St. Charles Lwanga. The peeling and water damage at the St. Cecilia site was due to a couple of things. First, we need to repair the drain that goes from the roof to the ground. It has a major crack. Second, we need to make repairs to the roof, that will be covered by the Urban Grant and last but not least we had a problem with the fan from the boiler. The fan problem has been addressed and is now working.

While all this was going on, we had the boilers addressed in both the school and the rectory. It seems we will need to replace them also. One more difficulty we need to tackle is the roof on the gym known as Ceciliaville, we are in the process of getting quotes on that. It will be a busy and expensive fix up year at the St. Cecilia Site.

The St. Leo site has had the mobile boilers installed to a cost of over \$19,000.00. The outside contractors have not sent their invoices as yet but the cost will be in the \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 range. They were able to hook it up to the gas lines so we had a bit of a savings there, but the DTE bill will be extraordinarily high. We now have a fence surrounding the boilers in order to not have 24 hour surveillance on the boilers starting on Monday.

On a positive note, the new boiler for the St. Leo site school building will cost about \$70,000.00. I know that doesn't sound promising but it is a far cry from the \$130,000.00 - \$160,000.00 that was first quoted. We are all praying that it stays in the \$70,000.00 range and they don't have to replace pipes etc.

School will resume this Tuesday at the George Crockett Academy to make up for the week they lost before the holiday. They will be attending with the mobile boilers running all night and if necessary classroom heaters during the day. We should all be praying that we have a mild January without snow, ice and freezing temperatures. That would certainly help in utility savings. They hope to have the boiler installed by the end of January.

How can we cover all these costs plus our ordinary costs of running the Parish? Well, that will not be easy. The Finance Council, Parish Council and Commissions will be meeting to discuss this predicament. One way that we can cover our daily costs is by our Sunday collections. You all were so generous at Christmas. We collected \$7,000.00 between Midnight Mass and Christmas morning offertories. That was so amazing. If we can keep that up each week, we would be able to cover all of our daily running of the Parish expenditures and the Councils would only need to find a solution to the capital building maintenance and expenditures.

I know this all sounds impossible, after all we are a small Parish, BUT if we all work, pray and advocate together we will triumph. ***In this New Year of 2017, take the time to invite a friend to attend Mass with you; support our fundraisers and advocate for St. Charles Lwanga with your family and friends by asking them if they would like to make a tax deductible donation to help defray the costs we are incurring.***

After all, if we want to raise \$400,000.00 we only need to have 400 people donate \$1,000.00, 800 acquaintances to donate \$500.00 or 1600 individuals to donate \$250.00. Sound impossible, not really we are 200 strong, each family would need to ask either 2 friends for \$1,000.00 or 4 friends for \$500.00 or 8 friends for \$250.00. They really don't have to be close friends, perhaps a store owner that you frequent or your employer. Everyone is looking for a tax deduction, especially businesses. Don't be shy, charity begins at home and St. Charles Lwanga Parish is home.

I did not want this letter to be a doom and gloom report; instead I want it to be a rallying cry to the Parish. You have always been resilient and have amazed the naysayers who thought that having two Church sites was not practical. Okay, so maybe it isn't practical but it is who we are: A faith-filled Parish, with an irrepressible spirit, who believes in the City of Detroit and a Catholic presence within its borders. Both our Church sites take in a large portion of Detroit and our presence is not only practical but necessary in order to share and demonstrate our Catholic faith to the City.

Thank you all for a marvelous 2016 and I look forward to working with you to a greater 2017.

Sincerely,

Carmen Torres-Smithe

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Business Manager



Brunch Location

St. Cecilia Activity Hall
6340 Stearns St.
Detroit, Michigan 48204

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Pre-Valentine Day Brunch

*Please join our St. Charles Lwanga Parish
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Birthdays

January

- 1 Carrie Brothers
Kaleah Dixon
Marjorie Harville
Lauren Woods
- 2 Angela Peagler
- 3 John Bruny
Shiquita Jones
Charistina E. Singleton
- 4 Kyle S. Cooper
Alex Perryman
Marie Pride
- 5 Richard Douglas Jackson
Charmaine Jackson
Paul Juzang
Ivory Howard
La Tosha Mass
- 6 Sunbeam Hughes
Deborah Onwuzurike
Raymond Wells
Henry Young
- 7 Carmen Jackson
Darrian Mardis
Janice McKeithen
Timothy Singleton
Elizabeth Woods
Edward Williams, Jr.

Readings week of January 1, 2017

Solemnity of
the Blessed *NM* 6:22-27
Virgin Mary, *GAL* 4:4-7
the Mother of *LK* 2:16-21
God

Monday	<i>1 JN</i> 2:22-28 <i>JN</i> 1:19-28
Tuesday	<i>1 JN</i> 2:29-3:6 <i>JN</i> 1:29-34
Wednesday	<i>1 JN</i> 3:7-10 <i>JN</i> 1:35-42
Thursday	<i>1 JN</i> 3:11-21 <i>JN</i> 1:43-51
Friday	<i>1 JN</i> 5:5-13 <i>MK</i> 1:7-11
Saturday	<i>1 JN</i> 5:14-21 <i>JN</i> 2:1-11
The Epiphany of the Lord	<i>IS</i> 60:1-6 <i>EPH</i> 3:2-3A, 5-6 <i>MT</i> 2:1-12

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to hear from those who
have requested prayers for their special
needs or the needs of loved ones.

Please send a short note to
athomasweldon@gmail.com and let us
know.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Rene Bascombe
Tenel M. Goff
Leon Dixon Sr.
Ron Dale
Mrs. Eddie Mae Stanley
Kenneth Lenox
Karen Brustman
Karen Wilson
Gwendolyn Boyd
Bailee Lowry
Denise Dunham
Loretta Bunn
Ruby Ashley
Sr. Catherina Bereiter
Christine Darling
Amanda Marzouga
Marie Kpodo
Bernice Brown
Marcia Burns
Toya Caldwell
Roxanne Conely
Carol Rose Dixon
Ruby Dunson
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Justin Malone
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Mardis and Henderson Family
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Virginia Sterling
Denise Hayes
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Kelli City
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