

St. Ambrose Parish

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HHS Mandate and Religious Freedom

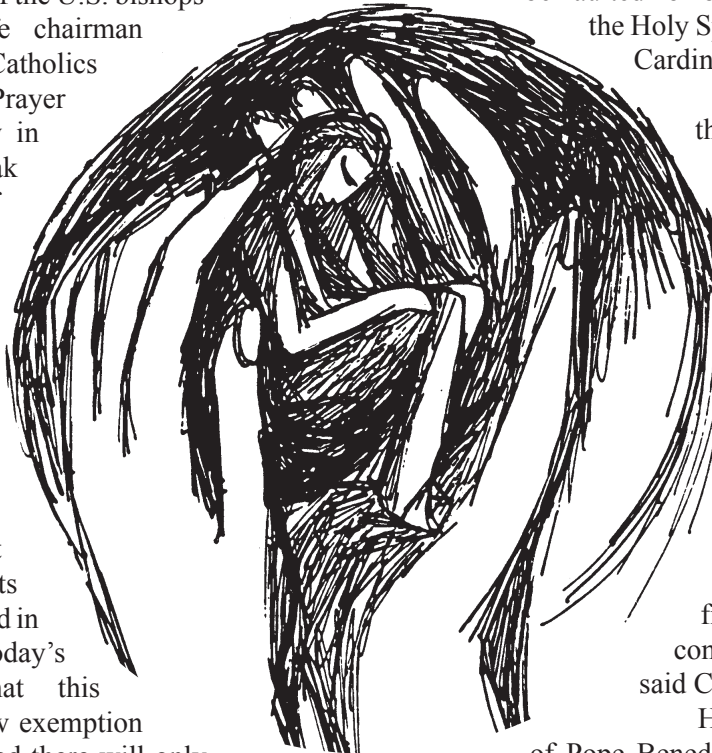
Both the president of the U.S. bishops and the bishops' Pro-Life chairman called on the thousands of Catholics gathered for the National Prayer Vigil for Life last Monday in Washington D.C. to speak out for the protection of conscience rights and religious liberty.

The Catholic bishops of the United States called "literally unconscionable" a decision by the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. Today's announcement means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers.

"From a human point of view, we may be tempted to surrender, when our government places conception, pregnancy and birth under the 'center for disease control,' when chemically blocking conception or aborting the baby in the womb is considered a 'right' to be subsidized by others who abhor it," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at the vigil's closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on January 23rd.

His words referred to the January 20th announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services that nearly all employers will be forced to cover drugs and procedures that violate their conscience in their health insurance plans.

"When the ability of feeding, housing, and healing the struggling of the world is curtailed and impeded if one does not also help women abort their babies, one can hardly



be faulted for being tempted to the 'sin against the Holy Spirit' and just consider all as lost," Cardinal Dolan said.

Addressing the opening Mass the previous evening, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, excoriated the HHS rule.

"Never before in our US History has the Federal Government forced citizens to directly purchase what violates our beliefs. At issue here is the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally protected freedom that ensures respect for conscience and religious liberty," said Cardinal DiNardo.

He cited the January 19th address of Pope Benedict XVI to U.S. bishops visiting Rome, in which the Pope said, "it is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres. The seriousness of these threats needs to be appreciated at every level of ecclesial life."

Cardinal DiNardo said that the Pope had "nailed" the issue in light of the HHS announcement and tied the issue directly to last Monday's March for Life. "His calls for courage to counter a reductive secularism which would delegitimize the Church's participation in public life and debate have targeted the issues we face in our pro-life efforts, to defend those who defend human life and to defend their religious liberty!"

The full text of both homilies is available online: www.usccb.org/about/media-relations/resources/2012-national-prayer-vigil-for-life-homilies.cfm

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Our own Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron made the following remarks regarding the mandate:

“During the same week we commemorated the life, ministry, and message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his advancement of civil rights in this country, the Federal Government took the unprecedented step to affirm its discrimination against Americans exercising their right of conscience. With its edict on contraception and sterilization coverage in all health insurance plans, the Department of Health and Human Services is forcing insurers and purchasers to choose whether or not to violate their moral and religious beliefs. The inalienable rights guaranteed in our country’s founding documents are being trampled. Where is the ‘liberty’ in a decision to intrude on freedom of conscience? The Constitution speaks of ‘freedom of religion,’ not ‘freedom from religion.’

“Lawmakers in Washington need to step up, step in, and protect the rights of their fellow citizens from a government mandate that is truly unconscionable. This fight against the Federal Government’s over-reaching exercise of its power is everybody’s fight. As Pope Benedict reminded us just days ago, as citizens of the United States, we Catholics serve the whole nation by our witness to our moral convictions and our defense of the liberties that will always be ours by right, not by the permission of the government.”

Journey Through Grief

Hospices of Henry Ford is currently presenting a support series entitled “The Journey Through Grief”. The series runs Thursday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:30 through February 23rd and hosted by the First English Lutheran Church at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The facilitator is Sister Elaine Harnett, OSM. Topics are: Understanding loss and grief; Normal reactions to grief; Grieving the real person; Caring for self; Ways to reduce the stress of being alone; Managing grief; and Signs of recovery. There is no charge for the program. Registration is required. Call (586) 772-1973.

Valentine's Dinner Dance

We're celebrating St. Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 11th with dinner and dancing in the ARK. The event will once again feature a silent auction.

The party begins after the 4:00 mass with hors d'oeuvres and a chance to review and bid on some wonderful auction items.

Tickets are \$35 per person with a cash bar. Seating is limited. All tables will be set for 10 persons. Tickets are available through the rectory. Last year's event sold out, so please plan accordingly. Treat yourself to a gala evening with people you know and love.



Thursday, February 2nd is the feast of The Lord's Presentation. Catholics have been observing this festivity since at least the year 386 when, on that date, pilgrims to the Holy Land recorded their participation in candlelight processions, recalling the meeting that Simeon and Anna had with the infant Jesus, "the light of revelation".

Candles blessed on this feast are considered to be especially potent.

For this reason, it's Catholic custom to offer Candlemas candles blessed on February 2nd to the faithful for use at home. We have boxed sets of candles available for you on display at the icon of Mary at the front of church. We ask that you make a minimum donation of \$5 to cover their cost.

On Friday, February 3rd, we use these newly blessed candles to honor St. Blaise. Blaise was the Bishop in what we know as modern day Armenia. He once saved a boy from choking to death, and for this reason, he is invoked against diseases of the throat. As part of one of the final purges conducted by the Romans against Christians, Blaise was arrested, tortured and beheaded in the city of Sebaste in the year 316. His feast was immediately popular among Eastern Christians, and his fame was later brought to the Western Church by the Crusaders.

In accord with custom, we will invoke the protection of St. Blaise on those who come to have their throats blessed on his feast day. We'll conduct individual throat blessings this Friday at 8:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

All Things Considered

February 2nd is CANDLEMAS DAY. It's also known as the FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION, remembering when the baby Jesus was 40 days old, his parents took him to the Temple of Jerusalem, and a man named **Simeon** called him "a light to the nations and the glory of Israel." So February 2nd is celebrated as a festival of light, and candles for sacred uses are blessed on this day.

Since December 25th here in the Northern hemisphere, we've seen an increase in daylight of close to an hour. That was enough for our ancient ancestors to notice the solar shift and to start planning for Spring.

Thus, weather prediction or prognostication came as an integral feature of traditions that sprung up around February 2nd. There is an old European supposition that a sunny Candlemas day would lead the winter to last for another six weeks. Medieval Germans added the folklore of a hedgehog, being frightened by his shadow on Candlemas, would foretell that winter would last another six weeks. German-American settlers in the 18th Century adopted the groundhog as their weather predictor.

We'll have blessed candles for home use available after Thursday's morning mass. They can be used at a special dinner, or lit during difficult times or in bad weather. They are also used when anointing the sick or when communion is brought to a home. If you bring blessed candles home from Church this week, use them at your Sunday night dinner, and take the opportunity to share your memories of Christmas 40 days past.

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In an allied custom, those blessed candles are used the following day on the FEAST OF ST. BLAISE for blessing throats. Here at St. Ambrose

we will bless throats at the Friday morning mass at 8:30. For those who cannot attend mass in the morning, we will bless throats in a simple service on Friday evening at 7:00.

While the Church has blessings for all sorts of things, events and persons, this blessing of throats seems to have captured a permanent spot in our Catholic culture. Many people "religiously" get their throat blessed every February 3rd. More than likely this has to do with the feast falling within the height of the cold and flu season. Whatever the motivation, it's a great old Catholic tradition that deserves to be passed on to the next generation. So bring the kids for a throat blessing this Friday.

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While the sale of tickets for our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance are going briskly, **Bob** and **Jan Ramsey** tell me that donations for the auction are going a little slower than before. But I doubt that we have run out of stuff to share. It's more likely that we have not taken time to select those items for auction.

Well, the time is now. Make a pass through your closets, attic and basement and select some treasures that you feel would be more valuable to someone else. There are already items up for review that have sparked interest. They would include: an autographed, **Justin Verlander** baseball, cut glass, vacation packages, original art, pottery, jewelry, a vintage wicker doll buggy, a sheet of uncut \$2 bills, a stein collection and lots of gift baskets. I'm certain that you've got something to top these!

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Last week I spent some time detailing our envelope trends from the past year. On the whole, the parishioners of St. Ambrose stack up a little better than do most of their other Catholic counterparts. Those who study these things indicate that when parishioner involvement in weekly mass is high, so the finances of a parish are higher too.

This week I want you to note the list of new parishioners who have stepped up and joined the parish during 2011. In this regard, St. Ambrose is

again ahead of average. There are not many city churches that post positive growth these days, yet St. Ambrose does and has done consistently for the past quarter century. Our current registration puts us at 849 households, whereas 25 years ago it hovered around the 300 range. That's pretty amazing, considering there were virtually no new housing starts in the area, and Detroit's population plunged 25% in the past decade to 713,777, the lowest count since 1910, four years before Henry Ford offered \$5 a day to auto workers, and seven years before the founding of the parish.

The uniqueness of St. Ambrose's position became evident this past year in our regional planning group for the "Together in Faith" process. We were the only parish to post growth in parish size over the last five years. St. Paul's remained constant in their registration numbers, while St. Clare's and St. Philomena's parishes both lost population over the past five years.

But before we break out the champagne, I want to remind all of us that in 1971 St. Ambrose housed 2,169 households. So you see, there is room for more within our doors!

I want to welcome all those who have recently registered with us. You should do the same. I also want to encourage those who have made St. Ambrose their spiritual home and have not registered, to please do so. Registration cards are tucked into the front of the hymnals, or you can register by phoning us at (313) 822-2814 during business hours.

We all know how fragile things are in urban ministry, so we can't rest on our past success. Called people invite others. Studies show that more than half the people who join a church do so because of the friendliness of the parishioners, or a sense that people care for one another. Other reasons were the preaching, a sense of finding God in the worship of the place, a child-friendly atmosphere and a sense of outreach. If we keep those things in mind, then God's spirit will take it the rest of the way.

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Name

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

- I would simply like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I desire to prepare for my Baptism into Christianity.
- I've been Baptized as a Christian and now desire to join in Catholic Communion.
- I'm non-Catholic, but married to a Catholic, and now wish to join the Catholic Church.
- I'm Catholic and I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and/or Communion.
- I'm Baptized Catholic and would like to learn more about my faith and how to practice it.
- I want to propose someone for Catholic Church membership and offer to serve as their sponsor.
- I would be willing to help with an R.C.I.A. program.
- I have other needs, requests, and questions. Please contact me.

Return this to the Parish Rectory or place it in the Collection basket.

Religious Education Update

There are a couple of upcoming events I would like you to be aware of. First, this from Julie-Sauk Abramovich: Calling All Girl Scouts!

On Sunday, February 5th there will be an opportunity for Girl Scouts of all levels to earn the "My Promise, My Faith" pin. Come down to the Ark at 1:30 pm to hear the story of Esther, make a craft, and have fun earning a Girl Scout award. This event will last until 3:00 pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those who wish to participate.

Also, the Family Center in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and GPPSS invite you to attend the presentation, "A Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture" to be held in the Grosse Pointe South High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm. Space is limited to the first 420 people. There is a \$5 admission fee.

Betty Haley

Stuff for Your Sweetie

Our Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction in the ARK will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Singles, couples, friends, lovers ... everyone is welcome! Building on last year's popularity, we will once again include a fabulous silent auction with a variety of gifts and services. Proceeds will benefit the ARC, the St. Ambrose Rebuilding Campaign.

To make the auction as fabulous as last year's, we again need your help. Would you please consider donating to the silent auction? Start gleaning some treasures from your collections to offer for the event. Obviously, the high-end items produce more revenue for the parish, with vacation packages, antiques, jewelry and sports tickets and memorabilia selling particularly well. Written appraisals and donation letters can be given for high-end items that may be used as a deduction for tax purposes.

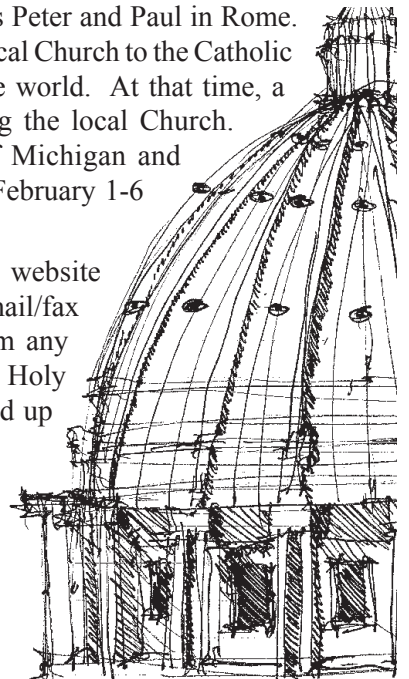
To discuss donations or to arrange for pick-up or delivery, contact Bob or Jan Ramsey at (313) 885-4784. But, to secure tickets to the event, contact Mary Urbanski at the rectory office (313) 822-2814.

Ad Limina

Every five years, the bishops of regions of the world pay a visit "to the threshold" of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul in Rome. This pilgrimage connects the bishops and the local Church to the Catholic Church throughout history and throughout the world. At that time, a report is given to the Holy Father concerning the local Church. Archbishop Vigneron along with bishops of Michigan and Ohio will make their "ad limina" visit from February 1-6 of this year.

Archbishop Vigneron has launched a website for the pilgrimage. Through that site, or by email/fax or social media, you can communicate to him any prayers that you offer for the intentions of the Holy Father. A list of those prayers will be gathered up and presented to Pope Benedict personally.

The website will also contain messages from Archbishop Vigneron and his auxiliary bishops, information about our local Church, and more interesting history about the *ad limina* visit. Check out the Archdiocesan website at: aodonline.org.



The Buzz

It seems hard to believe, but this Wednesday we already are flipping to the second page of our parish 2012 calendar. February is just about here! How has the first 8% of your year been going?

This weekend, God's Word in the Liturgy is confronting us with demons, miracles and prophets. Sounds more like a title for a Marcellina's Book Club novel. But here in the dead of winter, we're challenged with the heart of what it means to be a disciple in very dramatic terms.

In Mark's Gospel, today's passage is Jesus' first miracle. Driving out a demon sets the theme of His whole mission: to rid the world of evil, and replace it with His teaching – the Good News – wholeness/holiness – eternal life. As one commentator put it, miracle stories in the Gospels aren't there so much to prove that Jesus is God, but more, what *kind* of God He is. And by extension, if we are in communion with Him, what kind of disciples are we to be!

So the challenge is – what miracle of driving out evil and replacing it with the authoritative power of Christ are you working on right now? Prophets provide us with a work-list if we need one. But at the end of the day, we should be able to say that there is less evil in the world we touch than when we started. Ever thought of yourself as a miracle worker? There is no more important miracle needed than to replace a demon with goodness, and there is no better time to start this vocation than today.



Lent is less than a month away – Ash Wednesday will be here on the 22nd. But over the next couple of weeks, there are still some very special winter dates for us to celebrate.

This week has two special religious celebrations on our Catholic calendar. Thursday, February 2nd, is the 40th day after Christmas. Since the year 386 Christians have marked the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on this day with the use of candles. These recall the famous words of Simeon, who with the prophetess Anna, held Jesus in his arms and declared Him "a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." It is customary to offer candles blessed on this day to the faithful for use at home. Boxed sets are available for you at the icon of Mary at the front of the church.

This Friday, February 3rd, is the feastday of St. Blaise; and in accord with ancient custom we will use newly blessed candles to invoke the saint's intercession in protecting our health. This "Blessing of Throats" will be offered to individuals following the 8:30 morning mass or at a 7:00 p.m. prayer service.

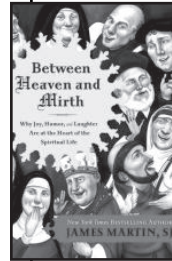
I trust our prayers on both these days will help encourage us to use many God-given talents and abilities to defeat demons of "darkness" and disease throughout the year.



And just before the next Sunday BUZZ, I hope you take the opportunity to enjoy some happy moments of love at the Valentine's Dinner-Dance-Auction here on Saturday, February 11th. But sometimes, demons afflict formerly loving marriages. Perhaps you or someone you know needs a miracle healing. (Feb. 11th is also the Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes – a Marian title synonymous with miraculous healings.) Disciples dedicated to the work of healing marriages have helped thousands through a program called *Retrouvaille*. Sessions are available in the dioceses of Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and even Toledo and Windsor too. Call 800-470-2230 or go on-line at retrouvaille.org for more information. It's always worth working for a miracle.

Chuck Dropiewski

Marcellina's Book Club



In Between Heaven and Mirth, author James Martin, SJ, assures us that God wants us to experience joy, to cultivate a sense of holy humor, and to laugh at life's absurdities – not to

mention our own humanity. Fr Martin invites believers to rediscover the importance of humor and laughter in their daily lives and to embrace an essential truth: faith leads to joy.

Fr. Martin offers countless examples of healthy humor and purposeful levity in the stories of biblical heroes and heroines, and in the lives of the saints and the world's great spiritual masters.

Marcellina's Book Club will meet, on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in the ARK at 7 p.m.

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week of the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, January 30

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, priest

11:00 a.m. - Funeral - Janet Hohendorf

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Donald Kummer
Betty Wolfson

Friday, February 3

St. Blaise, bishop and martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Dorothy Borowski
Rev. Daniel McGrath

Throat blessings at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 4

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, February 5

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People



Scriptures for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 30

- 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13
- Ps 3: 2-7
- Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday, January 31

- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25, 30-19:3
- Ps 86: 1-6
- Mk 5: 21-43

Wednesday, February 1

- 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17
- Ps 32: 1-2, 5-17
- Mk 6: 1-6

Thursday, February 2

- Mal 3: 1-4
- Heb 2: 14-18
- Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32

Friday, February 3

- Sir 47: 2-11
- Ps 18: 31, 47, 50-51
- Mk 6: 14-29

Saturday, February 4

- 1 Kgs 3: 4-13
- Ps 119: 9-14
- Mk 6: 30-34

Sunday, February 5

- Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7
- 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
- Mk 1: 29-39

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4th and February 5th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Naessens Reader: Bruce Hartrick

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Adam Borkowski, Della Cimini

Altar Servers: Emilio & Diego Garcia

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc Reader: Norman Cure

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz & Steve Linne, Judy & Al Ramberger,
Chris Walsh, Liz & John Witherell

Altar Servers: Freddie & Joshua Haynes,
Aidan Davila Vin-Luan, Ariana Rodriguez

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc Reader: Roger Playwin

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Brocklehurst, Nicole Justin,
Jeri & Bob Krueger, Sue Playwin, Lou Rondini, Cindy Warner

Altar Servers: Joseph & Nicholas Kurta

Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$9,645.00
On Sunday, January 22, 2012

envelopes we received \$6,626.00
in the loose collection \$ 536.20
in electronic donations \$1,060.00
in children's envelopes \$17.48
for a total of **\$8,239.68**

Under budget for the week by ..\$1,405.32
Year-to-date under budget by . . . \$24,985.89

Number of envelopes mailed 800
Number of envelopes used 195
ARC Building loan remittance \$ 6,995

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Roma Affelt, Grace Weise, Daniel Bonior, Terry Pfaendtner, Kay Schwarz, Anthony Hicks, Kay Balas, Yvonne Smith, Elizabeth Howard, Mark Haas, Charles Ebner, John Perras, Elizabeth Oberly, Mary Howard, Audrey Decker, Maria Chinchilla, Jim Carroll, Bob VanTiem, Edward Andrzejczak, Bonnie McKenna, David Jackson, Lee Beard, Karen Caudil, Lynn Kiley, Joseph MacEachern, Grace Huvaere, Bernice Phillips, Irene Scopel, Lyle Eagle, James McKenna, and Miriam Levant.

A Family Perspective

Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

Mardi Gras Celebration

The Catholic Kolping Society, 24409 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, will hold a Mardi Gras Celebration on Friday, February 17th, at 7 p.m. There will be music, dancing, a cash bar, food, and prizes for the best costumes. Admission is \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Call Mary at (586) 909-2027.

From Pregnancy Aid

Thanks so much for your Christmas Giving Tree donations. The Catholic Churches in this area are especially helpful in keeping our shelves stocked with items for women and babies in need.

We always need diapers, sleepers, receiving blankets and onesies, and the people of St. Ambrose provided us with so many of those items. We are extremely grateful for your generous gifts to our ministry.

Road to Rio

The next World Youth Day will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from July 8-13, 2013. An informational meeting for pilgrims to the event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Seminary. To register, please call Megan in the Office of Youth Ministry at (313) 596-7325.



Welcome to St. Ambrose!

*St. Ambrose Parish continues to grow,
not only in spirit, but also in numbers.
On behalf of our parish community,
now beginning its 96th year of existence,
we warmly welcome all those who have newly
registered with us this past year...*

Julia Platz on Nottingham in the Park, **Elizabeth Cassidy** on Lakepointe in the Park, **Gregor and Melody Gerhardstein** on Barrington in the Park, **Jennifer Widzinski** on Hawthorne in the Woods, **Jose and Renee Rodriguez** on Beaconsfield in the Park, **Lucy Ament** on Barrington in the Park, **Ellen Schumacher** on Wayburn in the Park, **Steve and Joyce Kurdziel** on Kenmore in the Woods, **Paul O'Donnell** on Lakepointe in the Park, **Sebastien and Cortney Foka** on Moselle Place in the Farms, **Jacob Neme** on Somerset in the Park, **Kelly Rossi** on Wayburn in the Park, **Vito Degaetano** on Pattow in Roseville, **Nichole Bethell** on Lakepointe in the Park, **Shawn and Holly Ryan** on Bedford in the Park, **Alfred and Gloria Kaiser** on Oxford in the Woods, **James and Patricia Davis** on Beaconsfield in the Park, **Andrew Johnson** on Wayburn in the Park, **Lawrence and Donna Salive** on Chase Run in Sterling Heights, **Lawrence Garcia** on Stanhope in the Woods, **Keith and Sarune Baer** on Balfour in the Park, **Charles Cantin** on Audubon in the Park, **Catherine McPherson** on Manchester in the Woods, **Catherine Francis** on Glenbrook in St. Clair Shores, **Irene Yash** on Woodmont in Harper Woods, **Christopher and Bridget Christian** on Hillcrest in the Farms, **Erich and Heather Dyer** on Hughes in St. Clair Shores, **Gary and Amy Whitaker** on Beaconsfield in the Park, **Todd and Andrea Brien** on Westchester in the Park, **Patrick and Elizabeth Hurford** on Whittier in the Park, **The Lahey Family** on Three Mile Drive in the Park, **Steven and Rachelle Grieser** on Audubon in the Park, **Michael Carsten** on Nottingham on the Park, **Jacqueline Wood** on Essex in the Park, **Robert Starrs** on Beaconsfield in the Park, **Karen Jordan** on Lennon in the Woods, **William and Mary Jo LeFevre** on Audubon in the Park, **Colleen Freund** on Marter Road in St. Clair Shores, **Laura Cole** on Hawthorne in the Woods, **Hans and Sara Hummer** on Berkshire in the Park, **Victor and Amy Moncivais** on Maryland in the Park, **Michael Zaporski** on Jefferson in the Park, **Shannon Ashbaugh & Matthew Nipe** on River Place in Detroit, **Brian and Sandra DeFour** on Harcourt in the Park, **Joseph Solomon** on Kelly in Roseville, **Steven Welc** on Roslyn in the Woods, **Ryan and Jacqueline Palermino** on Jessica in Chesterfield Twp., **Eugenie Frodien** on Lakepointe in the Park, **Daniel and Kelly McLean** on Buckingham in the Park, **Julie Morang** on Middlesex in the Park, **Bryan and Cressie Boggs** on University in the Farms, **Frank and Christine Gallagher** on Berkshire in the Park.

Become a member of an ever-growing St. Ambrose Parish by registering your name with us. Registration cards can be found in the front of the hymnals; or you can register by telephone at 313-822-2814, or online at stambrose@comcast.net

Student Mentor Partners Program

Student Mentor Partners (SMP) serves youth in Detroit who are struggling academically and whose families struggle financially. They pair the student with a positive and consistent mentor to offer stable guidance and support. In addition, they provide tuition assistance for the student to attend a college prep school. Ninety-nine percent of their students who graduate high school go on to college!

Currently, SMP is in great need of mentors to inspire the students of the program. They are looking for a minimal commitment of four hours per month throughout the student's entire high school career. Mentors and students receive free admission to cultural events in Detroit, including Detroit River Boat Tours, Tigers games, Broadway shows, and more! Visit www.studentmentorpartners.org or call the office at (586) 445-6295.

Pointes for Peace

Congressman Hansen Clarke will speak about a vision for revitalizing the community and creating job opportunities on Monday, January 30th at 7 p.m. in the Harper Woods Public Library.

Congressman Clarke was elected to represent the 13th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives. He has proposed a bill that would redirect all federal tax funds collected from Detroit for a period of five years to invest in the city's stabilization and renewal. The Detroit Jobs Trust Fund would provide an estimated \$2 billion to pay down the debt of the city and public schools, and develop employment opportunities. Clarke earned a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He has worked as chief of staff to U.S. Representative John Conyers.

For more information call Carol at (313) 882-7732. Visit pointesforpeace.org.