

St. Ambrose Parish

JANUARY 31, 2010
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Keeping the Faith: Pray Always

A few years ago, I was invited to facilitate a five-part short course on prayer for our diocesan diaconate-formation process. I found this a most perplexing endeavor due to the complexity and elusive nature of the subject matter. In the end, it was also wonderfully rewarding, as the deacons-to-be, a few of their wives, and I shared our experiences of awe in God's presence and of moments in which God seemed very distant. Through our conversations, I began to consider more deeply the ways in which we are formed as people of prayer.

Forming the community

Life in most of our families is filled with the daily comings and goings of each person within the household. Many families take time on Sunday evenings to look at the week ahead, plan drop-off and pickup times, look ahead to important events, and look forward to special moments together. In my family, we identify the evenings we will be able to have dinner together as a family. Even with the demand of two working parents and active children, we value dinner time as sacred time, beginning with prayer and lingering for as long as possible, telling stories of our day and keeping in mind those who need our help. One way to strengthen prayer in individuals is to develop strong



patterns of prayer at home. The prayer does not need to be highly structured or long: a simple offering of thanksgiving for the ways in which we are bountifully blessed (the food at our tables is a sign of that blessing), intercessions for those we know who need Christ's love (often expressed through our actions), quiet moments to lift our lives to the fullness of the Spirit. In praying these simple prayers at home, we teach one another to "pray always" and to trust in God's care. My children went through phases when they moaned at the invitation to pray aloud, but both have now become comfortable with spontaneous prayer. I have shared books of prayers with both of them, and my daughter told me recently that she used one of those books in her religion class for her turn to lead the class in prayer. She commented that her peers were quiet and prayerful, and, without saying so, she seemed grateful to be comfortable in voicing prayer with others.

Formed through life within the community

In my parish community, we take time throughout the liturgical year to weave brief moments of morning and evening prayer throughout the year. From the burning of palms the night before Ash Wednesday to the blessing of pets on the feast of St. Francis to night

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prayer on Holy Thursday and morning prayer on Good Friday, our community is being shaped by patterns of prayer that in turn lead us to our grand prayer together, from the Great Vigil and Easter Sunday to the little Easter of each Sunday. People tell me that these small moments help them to remember to set aside time throughout their days and weeks to turn to God, reflect on sacred Scripture, listen for the guidance of the Spirit, and seek the strength to live as disciples of our Lord.

Forming pastoral practice

Parish leaders must be rooted in prayer. "Of course we are," we may reply. Yet, how many of us find ourselves struggling to concentrate in liturgical prayer because we're dissecting the ritual action taking place? How often do we find the demands of multiple celebrations wearing at our ability or willingness to fully encounter Christ? Do we take the time to retreat and allow God to renew our spirit? I'm sure we have all had moments in which we were tired to the bone, going through the motions and counting the minutes until we could go home, when, quite unexpectedly, God broke through, piercing our fatigue. Possibly a conversation with a parishioner triggers an awareness of Christ's healing presence; maybe an invitation from someone to stop and pray leads to a fresh perspective. Perhaps the best thing we can do is to pause at least once each day and remember that we are only as effective as our willingness to let Christ work through us. In that moment, may our prayer give us the wisdom and courage to serve another day, with hands and heart open to God's love.

By Leisa Anslinger, author of [Here Comes Everybody! Whole Community Catechesis in the Parish](#). Reprinted from the September 2006 issue of [Ministry & Liturgy](#) magazine.

An Opportunity for Service

Following in a tradition to serve those in need, the Epiphany Education Center is dedicated to helping elementary and middle school students achieve academic growth, self-confidence and appropriate maturity. We are located in the Samaritan Center on Conner on Detroit's Eastside. The Center aligns itself with Samaritan Center's vision and core values of dignity, respect, excellence and self-worth.

Former principal of St. Ambrose Academy, Sr. Cyril Delisi, IHM and long-time faculty member, Sr. Alice Baker, IHM are key people who are instrumental in this program. They, along with other religious sisters and lay persons, offer their services with no monetary remuneration. Now in its fifth year, we have eight tutors, 23 students and a waiting list. At this mid-year time of the school year, many parents experience their children needing some extra help in reading and math. If you, or a friend, would be able to join us in this education ministry to children, please call (313) 267-1830, Monday through Thursday between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Or you may email us at epipedu@peoplepc.com. Tutoring sessions for each child are twice a week for one hour.

Caregivers Retreat

Are you in a care-giving ministry or situation – personal or professional – that takes much of your time and energy? Are you looking after others in a care giving situation? You need some respite yourself, some time to be good to yourself, a "getaway" weekend to experience some of the personal care you give to others and to re-energize yourself and find the healing touch of God for yourself and your ministry.

Each year Manresa Jesuit Retreat House sponsors a relaxing, restful, restorative weekend retreat specifically for men and women who are caregivers – professionals like nurses and health care workers, or people who give home care for members of their own family or others. This weekend is designed to minister to you to allow you to be "receivers" of care, grace and spiritual nourishment.

The weekend's facilitator is Fr. James Serrick, S.J. former Executive Director of Manresa. The Caregivers' Retreat will be held from February 5th through the 7th. For information on cost and to register call (248) 644-4933.



A Prayerful Study and Reflection on the Gospel of Saint Luke

Scripture is God's unique revelation. When we open the Gospel of Luke, we open our hearts to a dialogue with God. Plan to join us on the following Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11:00 in the ARK:

January 31	The Parables of Luke
February 7	Food in the Gospel of Luke
February 14	The Eucharist in Luke's Gospel

All Things Considered

This Tuesday will mark forty days since Christmas. At one time, this marked the end of the Christmas season, but with the calendar reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the feast of the Baptism of Jesus now officially ends the Christmas season.

Tuesday, however, still remains a feast that has echoes of Christmas in it. It's called the **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**, and it recalls how Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to take part in ritual purification and presentation.

This day has been known by various titles, among them Candlemas. It references the rite of blessing of candles which takes place on this day. The symbolism of the candles is described by **DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER**, OSB, in his book, "Liturgical Year":

"The mystery of today's ceremony has frequently been explained by liturgists, dating from the 7th century. According to Ivo of Chartres, the wax, which is formed from the juice of flowers by the bee, always considered as the emblem of virginity, signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, who diminished not, either by His conception or His birth, the spotless purity of His Blessed Mother. The same holy bishop would have us see, in the flame of our Candle, a symbol of Jesus who came to enlighten our darkness. St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on the same mystery, bids us consider three things in the blessed Candle: the wax, the wick, and the flame. The wax, he says, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of our Lord; the wick, which is within, is His Soul; the flame, which burns on top, is His divinity."

Over the centuries, faithful Catholics have seen these Candlemas

Candles to have special properties, and thus they are often used during storms, or when Communion is brought to the homebound, or when the Sacrament of Anointing is administered.

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According to ancient practice, the candles used in Catholic services are at least 51% beeswax. Although many substances will burn, it was felt that this natural wax, produced by bees, was the only one worthy to be used at the Lord's altar.

In addition to being the patron of Church musicians, lawyers and beekeepers, St. Ambrose is the patron of candle-makers. The association is through beeswax. He was known as the honey-tongued Doctor, for his eloquence, and he is often pictured with bees or a beehive. (Bees = beeswax, wax = candles ... you get it.)

People in the middle ages understood and honored the accomplishments of the simple honey bee. In reality, bees are just as essential for our life today as they were in olden times. It's estimated that one-third of our human diet is derived directly or indirectly from insect-pollinated plants. 80% of insect pollination is accomplished by honey bees.

In recent years, there is a growing worldwide concern for the honey bee. Over the last decade in some places in the United States, between 40 to 60% of hives have mysteriously died. This has seriously threatened the agriculture of many areas. Unless the honey bee shortage is rectified, the United States may suffer a shortage in quantity and quality of pollinated crops, beef and dairy products. Already, it has meant higher food prices. This may be great news for commodities traders, but it's bad news for families. Additionally, it would have a ripple effect in the world economy and global seed supplies.

There's an old farmer's saying: "Nature gives first warnings." Let's hope there is a speedy solution to the

honey bee shortage, and that scientists figure out what other factors might be at work.

Over the past few weeks, the suggestion has come to me from a few parishioners that since St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers, we ought to be doing something about the bee crisis. I agree.

We already know that the Capuchins in Detroit are pioneers in the urban farm movement, and part of that movement is the erection of bee colonies here on the lower east side of town. It seems reasonable that we, the parishioners of St. Ambrose, might want to lend some support in their beekeeping efforts.

Whenever I bring up this subject, I am surprised that there is so much interest. Apparently the southeastern part of Michigan and Ontario are seen as places of hope by beekeepers, since the instances of failed, or sick hives are lower here than elsewhere. If you are a bee enthusiast, or want to explore some sort of collaboration with the Capuchins in beekeeping, please let us know.

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Another use for beeswax candles is for the blessing of throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, February 3rd. At one time these candles were lit when imparting the blessing. But today we are not that reckless.

At one time, there were many such special blessings associated with saints' feast days. Curiously, just about all of them have faded, except for this one concerning Blaise and throats. Coming at the height of cold and flu season might be one reason for its enduring popularity. You can get your throat blessed here at St. Ambrose this Wednesday morning at 8:30 or in the evening at 7:00.

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I hope that you have already purchased your tickets for our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance and Auction. Seating is limited for the event

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and tickets have been selling briskly.

If you can't make the party on February 13th, you can still participate in the Auction.

Next weekend after both our Saturday and Sunday masses, there will be a special preview of the auction items which will be displayed in the ARK. At that time you will be able to make a bid. Some items have a set "gotta have it now" price. So, if you find something for your sweetie you "just gotta have", you'll be able to purchase it right there and then.

Do you still have some item, service or tickets that you want to donate? It's not too late. Contact auctioneer extraordinaire, Bob Ramsey at 885-4784.



And while plans for Valentine's Day proceed, so do plans for Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday. In fact, these holidays fall so close together this year, that the Valentine's Party will have a Mardi Gras theme to it.

On Sunday, February 14th, we will host our annual paczki party in the ARK after both masses.

Then, on Wednesday, February 17th, Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Services: one at morning mass at 8:30, another at a Scripture Service at noon, and a third at an evening mass at 7:00.

Our plans for Lent once again include Friday night Stations of the Cross and our Fish Dinners in the ARK. The first one of the season will be on February 19th. The last one of the season will be on Good Friday, April 2nd.

There are a lot of spiritual and social events planned over the next few months here at St. Ambrose. You might say, we're a real "beehive" of activity.



Bishop Gumbleton has left for Haiti, bringing with him \$6,105 to provide relief for earthquake victims thanks to your generosity.

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Valentine's Dinner Dance

We're celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a Mardi Gras theme on Saturday, February 13th 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 wonderful auction items.

Tickets are \$25 per person with a cash bar. For ticket information call 822-2814. To help us plan, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. How about purchasing a whole table for your family and friends? Treat yourself to a gala evening with people you know and love.



Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, 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 Wednesday at 8:30 in the morning and at 7:00 in the evening.

The Buzz

It seems hard to believe, but tomorrow (Monday) we already are flipping to the second page of our parish 2010 calendar. February is here! How has the first 8% of your year been going?

The Church's liturgical year is speeding along as well. Today marks the halfway point between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent. Some few of you may remember the "old" days when the three Sundays before Ash Wednesday had special names. The 40 days of coming penance was to be so special and intense that it took three weeks just to get ready for the six-week season that got us ready for Easter. Whew!

On that former calendar, today used to be called Septuagesima. Although now we simply name it the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I think there is still value in letting God's Word help us do a month's-end assessment of how we've been doing, and a revisioning of where we still want to go ... even before Lent arrives.

Over the next couple of Sundays, one of the areas of focus for our spiritual consideration is God's call and our response to be prophetic disciples. Now I don't know about you, but I don't remember "prophetic discipleship" as a term most Catholics were brought up to use about themselves. Prophets were mostly mysterious, scary-talking figures from the Bible – primarily from the Old Testament. Disciples were the twelve followers of Jesus.

But today, anyone who has had a child baptized or been at such a ceremony has heard the very beautiful prayer that accompanies the anointing with chrism right after the water portion of the ritual:

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life. Amen.

All of us who are baptized are called to be prophets ... like Jesus. As disciples, as learners, we look to our Master-Teacher's example for instruction on how to do this. And if your first reaction to all this is that it can't be referring to you because you're not talented enough or religious enough or anything-else enough...just look again at Jeremiah, Isaiah, Paul, Simon-Peter, or any of the others. They all had better excuses. But God chooses us not because of our initiative, but to show that it is His ways and means that make it work. For us it takes a lot of ordinary times, lents, etc. to figure this out and cooperate. You help me to remember to do this; I promise to help you too.

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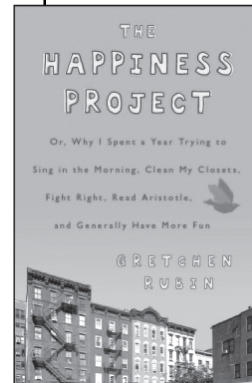
Over the next couple of weeks, there are some very special weekday celebrations that have connections to our consideration of prophetic discipleship as well. On Tuesday's Candlemas celebration, the prophet Simeon recognized the prophetic gift of light that the infant Jesus was to bring the whole world. Whose day/life will you be called to brighten? On Wednesday's St. Blaise Day, when our throats are blessed ... whose hurts will you be called to heal?

Friday's saint, Agatha, is the patroness of breast cancer patients. Saturday's St. Paul Miki S.J. was crucified in Nagasaki in the 1500's for proclaiming Christ. Almost 300 years later when missionaries returned to Japan, they found secret groups of Christians had preserved the Faith through prayer and practice. On Monday the 8th we celebrate the feastday of St. Josephine Bakhita, a slave from Darfur in Sudan, who only died in 1947, and had an incredible journey to baptism and eventual religious life in a convent.

How will your story of prophetic discipleship someday be told?

Chuck Dropiewski

Marcellina's Book Club



In The Happiness Project, author Gretchen Rubin chronicles her adventures during the twelve months she spent test-driving the wisdom of the ages, current scientific research, and lessons from popular culture about how to be happier.

Our book club will meet Wednesday, February 24, 2010 in the ARK. The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. Join us!

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: 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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *February 6th and February 7th*

4:00 p.m. - Saturday – Celebrants: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Fred Lenard
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Borkowski, Mary & Ray Oberly
Altar Servers: Janey Degnan, Ellen & Marie High

8:30 a.m. - Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Griffin **Deacon:** Michael Cummins
Lector: Steve Peck **Eucharistic Ministers:** Michael Hern, Lorrie & Isabel Peck,
Bernadette Pieczynski, Liz & John Witherell
Altar Servers: Patrick Jackson, Iain Marshall, Charlie Peck

11:15 a.m. - Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Deacon:** Michael Cummins
Lector: Ann Kraemer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Brocklehurst, Mary Urbanski,
Mary Howard, Nicole Justin, Bob Krueger, Darryl Swiatkowski, Bernadette Gutowski
Altar Servers: Ramon Martinez, Frankie Pangborn, Isaac Piecuch

Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$8,200.00
On January 24, 2010

in envelopes we received \$6,794.00
in loose collection \$505.01
in electronic donations \$670.00
in children's envelopes..... \$91.53
for a total of..... \$8,060.54
Under for the week by \$139.46

Number of envelopes mailed 807
Number of envelopes used 204

[Where are all the other 603 envelopes?]

ARC debt reduction receipts \$7,482.00
Haitian Relief.....\$6,105.21

Our Sick

Pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Grace Weise, Rose White, Toni Manseau, Daniel Bonior, Anthony Hicks, Roma Affelt, Mary Jo Parker, Yvonne Smith, Mary Segner, Janet Lazor, Kerry Wilhite, Fabian Tryjankowski, Daniel O'Callaghan, Terry Pfaendtner, Sophie Haas, Kay Balas, Joyce Martin, Stanley Remus, Mike McComsey, Bernice Phillips, Rose Castellani, Steve Lagae, James Sweeney, Audrey McLean, Faith Smith, Judi Quatrone, Maurice Paoletti, Freddie Haynes, Jr., Anne Blake, Marion McComsey, Hugh Grannum, Bernard Lazor, Cindy Drost-Urbiel, Lynn Kiley, Kathy Peterson, Mary Wherry, Amanda Westfall, Bill Rice, Pete Corsiglia, Carl Petzold, Colette Gilewicz, Charles Ebner, Sylvia Landuyt, Lois Grogan, Stephen Bush, Mary Jacobson and Sandy Pius.

Our Dead

A funeral liturgy was celebrated on January 29th by Fr. Pelc for **Luella Trentacosta**, age 92.

Luella was born in Bowling Green, KY and was orphaned at an early age and was raised by her sister here in Detroit. She worked as a switchboard operator at Cottage Hospital and cared for three grandchildren when her daughter, Mary Jo, passed away. Luella sat on the boards of the St. Clair Shores Garden Club and Symphony. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Luella was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Mary Jo. She is survived by her daughter, Christine Miller. Luella will be missed by her five grandchildren and four great grandchildren as well as the rest of her family and friends.

Please remember to keep Luella in your prayers.

A Family Perspective

The folks in Nazareth were proud of Jesus, their home-grown celebrity. When he told them his mission was to those outside his family and friends, they felt cheated and angry. Jesus did not back down; it is important to care for those entrusted to us in our family but we must go beyond family and care for strangers also.

Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, February 1

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Francis Budde

Wednesday, February 3

St. Blaise, bishop &

St. Ansgar, bishop

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

7:00 p.m. - Blessing of Throats

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Hugo Wurzinger

Saturday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For all the People

Sunday, February 7

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For all the People

11:15 a.m. - Mass - For all the People



Scriptures for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

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

Wednesday, February 3

- 2 Sm 24: 1, 9-17
- Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7
- Mk 6: 1-6

Thursday, February 4

- 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12
- (Ps) 1 Chr 29: 10-12
- Mk 6: 7-13

Friday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

- Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8
- 1 Cor 15: 1-11 or 15: 3-8, 11
- Lk 5: 1-11

Stuff for Your Sweetie

A great *Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction* in the ARK will be held on Saturday, February 13th. 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.

Tickets are now available after masses in church and at the rectory for our *Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction*. For more information, call the rectory office at 313-822-2814. Last year's event was a sell-out, so get your tickets early if you plan to attend.

To make the auction as fabulous as last year's, we again need your help. Would you please consider donating to the silent auction? Some suggestions include sport/concert tickets, a voucher for services, antiques, art, jewelry, sports memorabilia, the use of vacation property, and anything you got as a gift for Christmas that you really don't like or need!

To make a donation, or to ask auction questions, call Bob or Jan Ramsey at 313-885-4784.

2010 Auction Items – some of this year's premiums

Black Madonna leaded window	Scooter
Silver-plated tea set	Saugatuck condo
Sterling necklace with Lapis	Massachusetts condo
Necklace: artist's creation with silver wire, turquoise and crystal	Beatles' Yellow Submarine toys
Picture: with extra frames	Girl's toy ensemble
Hammered silver candlestick with assorted candles	Madonna figurine on wooden platform
Coin collection	Tiffany crystal bowl
Two, limited edition model train cars	Dublin crystal bowl
Basket of Polish items	Vintage Austrian crystal ensemble
Gevalia coffee ensemble	Polish pottery/toiletry basket
Mary Poppins doll and mini tea set	Blue, art glass, modern vase
Gold ladies' ring with large pink stone	Cloisonné bead necklace
10k man's ring with ruby stone	Large silver cross/necklace with marcasite and crystal
Back pack/picnic ensemble	Ladies' ring with large, square-cut amethyst stone
Pearl necklace	Turquoise and silver necklace
Two cake stands with torte certificate from Dish	Gardener's basket (yellow metal planter)
Crystal and silver salad bowl, servers, placemats, napkins and goodies	Purse topiary and table-top birdbath
	Crewel stitchery picture
	Clint Eastwood autographed CD - "Eastwood After Hours"
	Gold Plate State Quarter collection

Electronic Donations

St. Ambrose Parish is now equipped to make electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card on our website! Christian Financial Credit Union brings parishioners and friends the ability to make an electronic contribution to St. Ambrose on a regular or on a one-time basis.

Your checking account or credit card may be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions on a schedule. This solution is not meant to replace the current envelope method of collection, but instead to provide an additional alternative for individuals who might prefer to make their contribution electronically. We hope that this additional financial service allows you another way of managing your stewardship to St. Ambrose. Log-on to stambrosechurch.net for more information on electronic giving.

ETC. Schedule

Eastside Take Control – an Ecumenical Career Networking Group serving the Eastside community hosts meetings, which are free of charge and open to the community, Mondays from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

The following are the topics for the upcoming ETC meetings

February 1 - Grace

- "I am" Statements and Self Identity

February 3 - Grace (Evening Event)

- Skill Scramble 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Resumes, behavioral interviewing and more in 20 minute segments.

February 8 - St. Paul

- The Value of Wellness

February 15 - St. Ambrose

- Going through Transition

February 22 - Christ Church

- Social Networking