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God and the Candidates Part I

[America Magazine](#), a Jesuit ministry, asked their national correspondent Michael O'Loughlin to research the religious backgrounds of the Democratic and Republican candidates running for president this November. No one, of course, should vote for either of these candidates simply because they are this or that sort of Christian. We have no religious tests for public office. Still, the faith lives of both of them offer clues to their general temperament and character. The following on the faith life of Hillary Clinton is an excerpt from the first of O'Loughlin's articles. Next week we will look at Donald Trump. Access the full text of these profiles at americamagazine.org.

Growing up, Hillary Rodham attended First United Methodist Church in Park Ridge, Ill., a white, upper-middle-class suburb of Chicago. She has said in speeches and in her memoir that she recalls her father praying each night before bed and her mother helping out in various church ministries.

As a teenager, Hillary Rodham took a liking to the church's youth pastor, Don Jones. According to a 2014 CNN profile, Mr. Jones shook things up at First United, focusing on Methodism's social justice tradition, perhaps at the expense of the faith's emphasis on personal salvation. Mr. Jones brought the young people to Methodist churches in dicey sections of Chicago in order to expose them to how their peers lived, in sharp contrast to their own lives in Park Ridge. He pushed them to question their faith, once arranging a debate with an atheist about the existence of God. He took them to Jewish synagogues to introduce them to different religions.

His style ultimately did not mesh with conservative Park Ridge, and Mr. Jones left after just two years. But Mrs. Clinton was clearly affected, and she and Mr. Jones stayed in touch for decades after. The pair exchanged letters when Mrs. Clinton headed off to college, and Mr. Jones went on to attend both of her husband's presidential inaugurations.

When Mr. Jones died in 2009, Mrs. Clinton said that the former youth minister, who looked to figures like Martin Luther King Jr. and Franklin Delano Roosevelt for inspiration, had "helped guide me on a spiritual and political journey of over 40 years."

Though Mrs. Clinton has cited a range of spiritual figures from varying faith communities as personal inspirations, her faith journey has been profoundly Methodist, says Mike McCurry, a professor of theology at Wesley Theological Seminary. "She is a very much a part of that tradition," Mr. McCurry told *America*.

Methodists are guided by what is known as the Wesley Quadrilateral, he said. These are four principles that the denomination's founder, John Wesley, used to "illuminate the core of the Christian faith for the believer," according to the United Methodist Church's website. The four pillars are Scrip-

ture, tradition, reason and experience. (According to family lore, Wesley himself converted Mrs. Clinton's forebears back in 18th century England.)

Calling Mrs. Clinton "a child of the Methodist Church," Mr. McCurry said she probably could not offer "a long dissertation on the Wesley Quadrilateral, but she knows her faith tradition and she knows that thinking because it's very much what you're exposed to when you grow up in the Methodist Church."

Mrs. Clinton and her husband were married by a Methodist pastor in Arkansas, and when they moved to Washington, they attended Foundry United Methodist Church, located just a few blocks north of the White House. The church's pastor at the time, the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, can be described as both a theological and social progressive.

It was during her years as first lady, one Clinton biographer argues, that Mrs. Clinton began to feel reticent about discussing her faith.

Kristin Kobes Du Mez, a history professor at Calvin College who is writing a book about Mrs. Clinton's religious history, points to a 1993 speech in which the first lady called for a "new politics of meaning." With her husband's administration in turmoil, Hillary Clinton called on Americans to embrace "a new ethos of individual responsibility and caring" and to recognize that "we are part of something bigger than ourselves." The address was panned in the media, and, Ms. Du Mez suggests, remains the reason Mrs. Clinton still shies away from publicly expressing her faith more often.

Nonetheless, there have been some hints throughout the years at the kind of religiosity that informs Mrs. Clinton. She is said to read snippets of Scripture each day; she has cited figures from the familiar canon of progressive, modern theologians, including Paul Tillich, Reinhold Niebuhr and Henri Nouwen, as inspirations; and during her husband's affair with a White House intern, Mrs. Clinton is said to have leaned especially hard on her faith.

"During moments of enormous personal pain for her, I think her faith sustained her," said a Southern Baptist po-

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litical activist named Burns Strider who met Mrs. Clinton in 2006, when they bonded over how faith informs social justice issues. He then served as a faith outreach director during her 2008 campaign, and today he sends Mrs. Clinton emails several times a week with short passages from Scripture or quotations from figures she has said she enjoys reading, including the Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor, the poet Mary Oliver and the Christian writer Jim Wallis.

Back in January, when an Iowa voter pressed Mrs. Clinton on her faith during a town hall event, the candidate riffed on a couple of passages from the New Testament.

“The most important commandment,” she said, “is to love the Lord with all your might and to love your neighbor as yourself.” She spoke of the Bible’s commandments about “taking care of the poor, visiting the prisoners, taking in the stranger, creating opportunities for others to be lifted up.” She then asked some rhetorical questions about the Sermon on the Mount and offered an off-the-cuff exegesis. “What is it calling us to do and to understand?” she asked. “Because it sure does seem to favor the poor and the merciful and those who in worldly terms don’t have a lot but who have the spirit that God recognizes as being at the core of love and salvation.”

Finally, she expressed disappointment that Christianity is “sometimes used to condemn so quickly and judge so harshly” and concluded by saying that reflecting on her faith is “something that I take very seriously.” One of the reasons Mrs. Clinton’s religious sincerity is questioned could be the clash of her social positions with the priorities of the U.S. religious right, which is often perceived as synonymous with U.S. Christianity.

Yet Methodists rank as the third largest Christian denomination in the United States, behind Catholics and Southern Baptists. The church’s numbers peaked in the 1960s, with about 11 million members, and today U.S. Methodism claims about 7.5 million adherents. Methodists are part of the main-

line Protestant tradition, a slice of Christianity more politically liberal as a whole than their evangelical or Catholic peers.

Ms. Du Mez says Mrs. Clinton’s religiosity can be best perceived through this prism of socially liberal Christianity, both her own tradition and the relationships she has formed with African-American pastors and churches that compose a large part of the Clinton political base. “Her views on many social issues are absolutely in line with her church’s views, with the possible exception of war and capital punishment,” Ms. Du Mez told America.

That includes toeing the church line on the issue of abortion, says Katey Zeh, an abortion rights activist who has worked for the United Methodist Church. The church’s stance on abortion seems compatible with former president Bill Clinton’s assertion in the 1990s that it should be “safe, legal and rare.”

The church’s “Social Principles” state, “Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion.” But the principles also “recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers.” The denomination was even one of the founding members of a nonprofit group that pushes for increased access to abortion, though the denomination recently withdrew from the organization.

While Mrs. Clinton’s views on abortion have become more extreme in recent years—she is currently pressing for the repeal of a ban on federal funding for abortions—Ms. Zeh told America that Mrs. Clinton still falls squarely within the Methodist tradition on the issue. “There’s no conflict,” she said. Methodists should consult the church’s guiding principles, “but there’s also acknowledgement that we don’t all agree about all of these issues.”

The Catholic Church, of course, is against abortion, and no matter how much she draws on her faith, Mrs. Clinton is unlikely to win over some Catholic voters who reject her and her party’s views.

[Next week: The Faith Life of Donald Trump]



Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem

On Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra will perform *Ein deutsches Requiem, Op. 45* (The German Requiem) by Johannes Brahms here at St. Ambrose Church Robert A. Harris, a WSU alumnus, will serve as guest conductor.

Fifty years ago, the late Malcolm Johns, who was a professor of music at Wayne State University and a resident of Grosse Pointe, began a tradition of performing a major chorus and orchestra work in an historic urban church. This concert continues that tradition. There is no admission charge. You will, however, be given an opportunity to make a donation towards defraying the significant costs of presenting it.

Norah Duncan IV

All Things Considered

We've almost got the final financial total for this year's OYSTERFEST figured out. What remains are the receipts that were charged on credit cards – and the company has been slow in getting that figure to us. I anticipate that this will be done by next week.

We do have a reasonably accurate attendance figure. There were 909 persons at the event, Our highest attendance was our last year in the Mulier's lot when we saw a crowd of 1,200. The following year, when we moved to the new site, there were 1,100 in attendance. We're going to have to work harder next year in bringing our attendance back up, we've got the room!

As we were putting Oysterfest things in storage, we noticed that we still have about 100 beer and wine glasses from last year. We've got about 20 beer glasses from 2014. We'd like to move the old inventory. So we're offering these pieces at half-price, that is \$5 each. Almost everybody can use extra glasses and your purchasing them will add a few extra bucks to this year's Oysterfest total. We'll have these glasses available in the back of church where we are offering our Centennial Cookbooks.

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This year, our traditional **Oysterfest Raffle** got a new name and place. The motivation for this was a flat raffle revenue over the past few years. Our Centennial seemed like a good time to try something new. This led us to celebrate 13 great activities and institutions in the City of Detroit. Each of our raffle premiums is in some way, shape or form, a recognition of our Metropolitan Community.

Called the **Centennial Raffle**, the drawing will be at the **Centennial Dinner Dance** on November 19th at the Rattlesnake Club.

In recognition of our century of urban experience, we've come up with a list of the best things about Detroit ... its institutions, events and products of

which we can all be proud. In this list of thirteen different premiums, we're betting that there are one or two that particularly appeal to you. That's the premium for which you should be buying your ticket.

So if you really want the tickets for a Detroit Tiger game next season with seats in the Jack Daniel's Champion's Restaurant, you mark the letter "I" on your stub.

If you want to take someone to **Tchaikovsky's** "The Nutcracker Ballet" during the holidays, and also get a pair of prime tickets for **Puccini's** Opera "Girl of the Golden West" in the spring, then, "B" is the designation you'll put on your stub.

It's like a "tin can auction" where you direct your ticket to the prize you prefer. Returns should be made to the rectory or in the collection, or in the back of church after mass. You can always ask for more tickets to buy or sell!

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The storm that dropped 5.5 inches on us back on September 29th flooded not only Hampton Street, it also flooded our church boiler room. We are still scrambling to restore our hot water tanks and boilers. We lost a number of seasonal decorations that were in storage there as well as some tools and supplies. Fortunately, most of our losses will be covered by our property insurance. You'll remember that is where we apply our CSA overages to cover these expensive premiums.

We were lucky that the flood waters stopped just an inch below the pipe organ blower – although votive candles and candlesticks that were stored in that room were damaged.

The important thing is that the ARK stayed dry, even though it is several feet lower than the boiler room. The reason for that is when we were building the ARK we invested in a series of pumps to handle just such an emergency. In addition to these pumps, we also have a back-up generator to operate those pumps should the power have gone out. These items were expensive, but on days like the one we just experienced, the value of that investment paid off.

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This is the time of year that we would normally be advertising our Halloween Road Rally, or Murder Mystery. But given the Centennial Dinner Dance coming up in November, we decided to take a break from those activities this year.

We will, however observe what we call our Saintry Pumpkin Mass on October 30th, the Sunday before Halloween. That's where the students in our Religious Education program craft a pumpkin representing a Saint of the Church. Hospitality will follow in the ARK.

We'll also observe All Saints Day on Tuesday, November 1st. At the evening liturgy we'll remember in a special way those who have been buried from our Parish during the past twelve months. Families who had funerals here will be invited to a reception after that mass.

Coming up on Friday, the 11th of November will be the annual St. Vincent dePaul Pasta for the Poor Spaghetti Dinner.

That same weekend, we've scheduled a double header – on Sunday the 13th, the author of Terror In the City of Champions will be here with us at Marcellina's Book Club to lead a discussion about his work and sign copies. (I am fascinated with this book.) Then, on that same Sunday the 13th, at 3:00 p.m., the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra will perform *Ein deutsches Requiem*, (The German Requiem) by **Johannes Brahms**. St. Ambrose Church was chosen for this concert to honor our Centennial. I heard the Brahms Requiem this past Spring with the Atlanta Symphony and was overwhelmed by its power and beauty. You'll definitely want to put this concert on your schedule.

So you see, as we hit the last quarter of our Centennial Year, we are not slowing up at all. The Dinner/Dance on the 19th, preceded by mass with **Bishop Hanchon** will be one of the hallmarks of the anniversary – and it will propel us into the Christmas season with increased cause for joy.

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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.

Diakonos Post

Call it by the title with which it was promulgated in English, The Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, or by its magisterial name, Lumen Gentium – in either case, this foundational document from the Second Vatican Council contains the revelations, reasons, calls and hopes on which is formed today’s Church. In its Section 11 is found the purpose and fulfillment of the Sacrament of Confirmation: “(The confirmandi) are more perfectly bound to the Church by the sacrament of Confirmation, and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ.”

This Sunday begins the second part of our parish’s two-stage journey to bring our young people into the fullness of the sacraments of initiation (the others being Baptism and Eucharist/Holy Communion) as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2017. We have Sunday sessions scheduled for the next two months, and we thank our catechists Dr. Degnan, Mrs. Kurta, and Mr. Utley for sharing their faith and their gifts. The confirmandi will have chances to reflect on the people they have chosen to support them (their sponsors) in this life, as well as to think about those who have gone before us whose holy example inspires them, in reflecting on the choosing of their confirmation name.

Please pray for our youth, and please pray for their parents and those who watch over them, as they move into what the Dominican Timothy Radcliffe described so profoundly in his book Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation, that “... the baby’s parents love their child best by giving it away at baptism, which is just a foretaste of all the times they will have to give it away, to friends, to live its own life, to belong to another in love. This is the paradox of Christian love, that it cherishes the other most in letting them go.”

Deacon Robert Wotypka

Get Ready for the November Elections

The Catholic bishops of the United States are calling on all members of the Church to prepare for involvement in this year’s national elections by spending the Fridays leading up to November 8th in prayer, fasting and study.

Each week has a particular focus theme: this Friday, Oct. 14th, it is “May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic Social Teaching as they consider their votes.” On Oct. 21st it is “May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.”

The rest of the themes can be found at the bishops’ website – usccb.org. Also available there is the full text of the resource entitled “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. The website can also lead you to many more thought-provoking writings about Catholic social teaching that we should see as an essential component in deciding on our vote. If your only formation has been the debates, candidate ads, news soundbites, or commentaries by your like-minded political pundits . . . you owe it to yourself and to the rest of us to expand and exercise your moral conscience in letting faith be a key component in your voting decisions. At least check it out; we’ll all benefit from your doing so.

Vincentian Reflection

Today’s Gospel tells us that only one of those healed returned to glorify and give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve those living in poverty by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Ambrose as we attempt to grow in holiness, friendship and service to our friends and neighbors. If your think you might be interested, call the Rectory and leave us a message at 822-2814.

The Buzz

October is a 'buzz' with special considerations and happenings at St. Ambrose and in the worldwide Church.

First off, today is designated as Vocation Awareness Sunday. Of course, the usual intention here is to focus on particular life-commitments that are wholly dedicated to the Church: ordained and/or vowed. Ordinarily this brings to mind efforts to encourage young (and older) Catholics to consider entering a formation program for a religious community or to prepare for the diaconate or priesthood. And except for permanent deacons, this is aimed at unmarried men and women.

But this weekend's scripture passages in the Liturgy caused me to consider a more foundational need for appreciating Vocations. I don't think it's about going back to a more "conservative" era when the numbers in seminaries and convents were greater. I think it is about going deeply into a prayerful faith where we see ourselves – each and every one of us who is baptized – as washed and cured by the Lord. The experience and response is so total and transformative that a polite thank-you note just doesn't come close. This is about an unconventional, overwhelming, all-consuming, I-can't-help-myself, almost speechless thanks. It is Naaman wanting to haul God's land (His presence) back home so he could continue to give thanks. It is Paul willing to bear any suffering, even death, to bring others to the salvation for which he is so thankful. It is the Samaritan leper who couldn't help "disobeying" Jesus' directive, but had to come back to thank Him and glorify God. He wasn't just cured; he was "saved".

This kind of faith experience is too rare for most of us. If we had more of it, I don't think we'd need vocations' programs. We'd be overwhelmed by the need for discernment counselors and formation programs for the myriad of ministries to which the Holy Spirit would guide "the thankful ones". What a happy vocations crisis that would be!



Speaking of vocations, if you or someone you know is wondering if you are called to give thanks to God as a fully initiated member of the Catholic community ... here is an invitation to check into the RCIA process at St. Ambrose. We are just beginning a new season of no-cost, no-obligation, no-strings-attached information sessions on Sunday mornings in the ARK.

Adults and older teens who are exploring or definitely requesting any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion) are definitely invited. They can also bring along anyone they wish to the sessions. The atmosphere is adult-oriented and very relaxed.

For more information about the RCIA at St. Ambrose, call me anytime at 822-2017. When God calls, it is never the wrong time, nor too late, to answer.



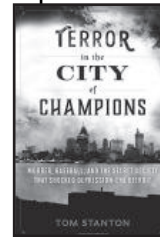
And back to giving thanks . . . tomorrow, October 10th, is not only Columbus Day, but across the River it is Canada's Thanksgiving Day. Let's take a moment to join them in prayerful thanks for our lands, and pray too for greater wisdom and dedication to the betterment of our hemisphere and world.



Another reason to give thanks on Tuesday, October 11th, is the 54th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and, more recently, the feastday of the saint who called for it – Pope John XXIII. The work of the Holy Spirit in that extraordinary experience (1962-1965) is not finished. The causes for the continuing transformation of the Church and for our deepest thanksgiving have not ended.

Chuck Dropiewski

Marcellina's Book Club



Award-winning author Tom Stanton weaves a stunning tale of history, crime, and sports. Richly portraying 1930s Detroit, Terror in the City of Champions features a pageant of colorful figures: iconic athletes,

sanctimonious criminals, scheming industrial titans, a bigoted radio priest, a love-smitten celebrity couple, J. Edgar Hoover, and two future presidents, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. It is a rollicking true story set at the confluence of hard luck, hope, victory, and violence.

Mr. Stanton is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently on the faculty of the University of Detroit Mercy.

We will meet with the author, on Sunday November 13th from 9:45-11:00 in the ARK.

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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 after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, October 10

8:30 a.m. - Morning prayer

Tuesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, pope

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Barbara DeRyck,

Bp. Kenneth Untener, Aiden Kavanaughugh

Wednesday, October 12

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, October 13

8:30 - Mass - Mary Jane Roznowski,

Jerome Easlick, William Storey

Friday, October 14

St. Callistus I, pope

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Antoine Vandenheede,

Bernard and Mary Segner,

Thomas Litka

Saturday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor

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

Sunday, October 16

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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



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Scriptures for the 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 10

• Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31-5: 1

• Ps 113: 1b-5a, 6-7

• Lk 11: 29-32

Tuesday, October 11

• Gal 5: 1-6

• Ps 119: 41, 43-45, 47-48

• Lk 11: 37-41

Wednesday, October 12

• Gal 5: 18-25

• Ps 1: 1-4, 6

• Lk 11: 47-54

Thursday, October 13

• Eph 1: 1-10

• Ps 98: 1-6

• Lk 11: 47-54

Friday, October 14

• Eph 1: 11-14

• Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13

• Lk 12: 1-7

Saturday, October 15

• Eph 1: 15-23

• Ps 8: 2-3b, 4-7

• Lk 12: 8-12

Sunday, October 16

• Ex 17: 8-13

• 2 Tm 3: 14-4: 2

• Lk 18: 1-8

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15th and October 16th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede Lector: Roger Playwin
Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Bennert, Adam & Maria Cox- Borkowski,

Della Cimini, Peter Hern, Mary Urbanski

Altar Server: Frankie Pangborn, Ava Boley

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede Lector: Laura Zajac

Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Harrison, Liz & Steve Linne,

Bernadette Pieczynski, Judy Ramberger, Chris Walsh

Altar Servers: Nicholas, Margaret, & Meredith Kramer

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc Lector: Kurt Vatalaro

Eucharistic Ministers: Doris Fleming, Michele Hodges,

Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski

Altar Servers: Shea Vatalaro, Liam O'Byrne

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$10,100.00

On Sunday, October 2, 2016

in envelopes we received \$7,506.00

in the loose collection\$ 580.00

in electronic donations \$1,503.00

in children's envelopes \$9.00

for a total of \$ **9,598.00**

Under budget for the week \$ 502.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 155

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Kay Balas, Peyton Barron, Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elbersen, Dan & Doris Fleming, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Ray Oberly, Elizabeth Robert, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Fred Schroeder, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Betty Greenia, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Sue Walsh, Eileen O'Brien, Mark Haas, Bernadette Gutowski, Anne Billiu, Martha Luna, Laurie Lavins, Elaine Geshel and Dan Urbiel.

Save the Date
Dinner/Dance
Marking the Centennial of
St. Ambrose Parish
Saturday, November 19th

November 1st

November 1st is All Saints Day, which this year falls on Tuesday.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation for U.S. Catholics. There will be a morning mass at 10:00 and an evening mass at 7:00 p.m. where we will remember in a special way those who have died and were buried from our parish in the past twelve months.

There will be a candle-lighting memorial calling out each of the deceased by name. We extend the invitation to all our parishioners to come and pray for the beloved dead in their own families at that Mass.

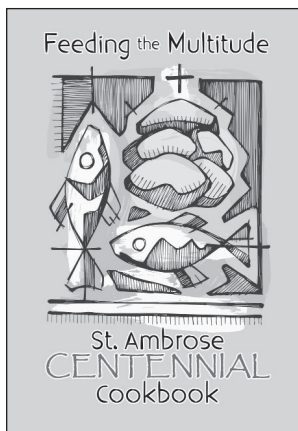


The Best of Detroit

Our St. Ambrose Centennial Raffle 2016

\$10 per ticket gets you a chance at winning *one* of the following events and/or establishments that make living in the Motor City great! Purchase tickets specifically for the event you want. Drawings will be held at our Centennial Dinner Dance on November 19th at The Rattlesnake Club. Tickets are now on sale.

- An overnight deluxe suite at Detroit's **MGM Grand Casino** and dinner for 2 at the **Wolfgang Puck Steakhouse**.
- **Michigan Opera Theater** – 2 tickets to the Ballet Met Columbus "The Nutcracker" on November 26, 2016 and 2 seats to the opera "Girl of the Golden West" on April 8, 2017 with valet parking and Director's Lounge access.
- A private tour for 8 of the **Parade Company** warehouse. Thanksgiving for four at Campus Martius and 4 prime tickets for the Parade in the heart of the TV zone.
- **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** – A meet and greet with Leonard Slatkin and Norah Duncan IV – plus 4 seats for a concert in the '17 season. Post concert afterglow at the **Whitney**.
- Guided tour of **Pewabic Pottery** for 8 and a custom ceramic created for the recipient. Dinner at **Sindbad's**.
- Coffee with Salvador Salort-Pons, the director of the **Detroit Institute of Arts**, and a guided tour for 4 to the exhibition: "Bitter/Sweet: Coffee, Tea and Chocolate."
- A personal tour of **Atwater Brewery** with founder Mark Reith including dinner for 8, plus a side trip to **Two James Spirits** and **Detroit City Distillery** including transportation.
- 2 tickets to the Charity Preview of the **North American International Auto Show** on January 13, 2017 – Plus access to the Studio 25 after-party with gourmet food and dancing.
- Dinner for 4 at **Jack Daniel's Champions Club** at Comerica Park for a **Detroit Tigers** game during the '17 Season.
- 6 upper bowl seats for the last **Detroit Red Wings** game at the Joe Louis Arena, April 9, 2017
- A **Shinola** 47mm Runwell wrist watch. A tour for 2 of the Shinola Factory and lunch at **Selden Standard**
- 4 Club Level seats for the **Detroit Lions** vs. **Chicago Bears** game on December 11th 2016, including parking.
- A private tour for 8 of the historic **Ford Piquette Plant** with automotive historian Mike Skinner. Pizza at **Z's Villa** following.



Feeding the Multitude

For our 75th Anniversary, we published St. Ambrose Really Cooks," which was a collection of recipes from our parishioners in 1991 and a reprint of recipes from our parishioners in 1925. For our Centennial, we reasoned that the time was right for a new cookbook.

This handsome, spiral-bound, hard-cover book is entitled Feeding the Multitude. It takes its theme from the miracle of Jesus where the Lord feeds 5,000 with just a few loaves and fishes. Every cook has done something similar to that when the budget is running low, or when unexpected guests show up at dinner time.

Taking something small and making it go a long way is also a good image of how St. Ambrose Parish has operated over this past century. Hence our Cookbook title is *apropos*. Sections include: Appetizers; Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes; Main Dishes; Breads & Rolls; Desserts; Cookies & Candy. Feeding the Multitude also has a section that you'll hardly find in other cookbooks – there is a collection of meal prayers for everyday and special day use!

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These Cookbooks sell for \$15. We ordered a limited printing, and once these books are gone, they are gone. So, if you want one for yourself, or for gift giving, purchase it sooner rather than later. Christmas is not that far away. Feeding the Multitude would make a nice gift to a fellow cook or for an Ambrosian who has moved away and would appreciate a little "taste of home."

A New Choir Season

Our St. Ambrose Liturgical Choir rehearsals resumed on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Our parish choir sings at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday masses, at special Centennial Liturgies, at major seasonal and sacramental feasts – Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and Easter and at Confirmation and First Communion. The formal choral season will end on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.

This Christmas Eve, we will present Saint-Saen's "Christmas Oratorio" as the musical prelude to Mass at Midnight. Scored for strings, harp and organ by a youthful 23 year old Saint-Saens, it is as popular in Europe around Christmas as is Handel's "Messiah" in the U.S.

If you are interested in joining the parish choir, contact Dr. Norah Duncan IV by email (ac8468@wayne.edu) or see him in the choir loft after the Sunday masses. Although we are accepting all voice parts, we are especially in need of more tenors and basses.