



ST. AMBROSE PARISH
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Beehive

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How to Do Holy Week

Lent is flying by. Holy Week starts next week. Does that mean we didn't make it hard enough for ourselves? It's possible. But that's the great thing about Lent. You can always take note of how it's going halfway through and ramp-up the penitentialness (is that a word?) OR realize you bit off more than you can chew and give yourself some extra grace.

But what we all need to keep in mind is that we are preparing ourselves for Holy Week – the most important time of our Christian year. And for those of us with young children in the house, it takes a little extra preparation to get your ducks, that is, Easter eggs in a row. So here's some things to keep in mind:

Keep It Simple

Holy Week is a big deal all by itself. So don't load up your week with all sorts of other obligations that can wait until the Easter octave is over. In fact, try to clear your schedule from non-Holy Week related things because someone will probably get the stomach flu. Hopefully not the stomach flu, but you know what I mean. Something unexpected is going to come your way during Holy Week because that's life. Leave some margins, people!

Take a Look at the Calendar

Grab the church bulletin or go to facebook.com/stambroseparish. See what's going on and what your family can participate in.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are the only two days of obligation, but there's so much wonderfulness happening during Holy Week that you'd hate to miss! Going straight from Palm Sunday to Easter and skipping Good Friday really doesn't do justice to the weight and wonder of the season.

So, consider what's doable for your family this year and write it down. But don't freak out if this is not the year to do all the things. Sometimes with new babies or difficult toddler bedtimes, Holy Thursday and Good Friday services aren't going to happen. Or maybe Stations of the Cross is impossible to handle solo and your spouse has to work whenever it's being offered. Jesus understands. Just figure out what can happen for your family this year.

Here's what St. Ambrose is offering during Holy Week...

Palm Sunday: Be sure to bring the family to experience the Palm Sunday procession. The bigger the procession the better! Bring palms home and make a cross out of them and place it on your front door or in an honored place in your home. Pray that you survive the inevitable palm branch whacking by toddlers.

Penance Service: St. Ambrose offers a penance service at the beginning of Holy Week on Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 and midweek on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to prepare yourself and the family for Holy Week.



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The Sacred Triduum:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Ambrose is at 7 p.m. The church stays open until midnight that night so that you can have some time in private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. One spouse can stay home to watch the kids while the other gets an hour of quiet time – then they could switch.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: At St. Ambrose, there will be Stations of the Cross in church at noon, followed by the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 1:30 p.m. This year, there is a very public gathering on Good Friday. Gather with other Christian faithful for an Ecumenical Stations in the Street beginning at 3 p.m. at Kercheval and Neff Road. Finish the day with a Lenten dinner at the ARK beginning at 5 p.m.

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord: If you have young children, you might not be making it to every service. That's ok! But just start by figuring out when you're getting to Easter Mass and work backwards. Think about work schedules and bedtimes and what you can make happen. There's been years when we've ALL gone to church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Then there's been years when my husband has gone to Holy Thursday while I put kids to bed and then we switch for Good Friday. Or we've taken the one kid that we think can handle sitting through it. Babies that can be kept happy with nursing aren't what's tricky for me during those longer services – it's the 15 month-2.5 year olds that are the challenge. Get ready to be flexible!

The Case for the Vigil Mass

We might be a little insane, but we love taking our kids to the Easter Vigil. Yes, it's late. But for some reason, our kids are awed into good behavior by being dressed to the nines, going to Mass as it's getting dark, along with the bonfire and candlelight procession at the beginning of the service. We hate missing the Easter Vigil Mass. We were received into the Church at age 25 during the Vigil Mass, so it's just so special to us.

Traditions for the Home

First off, don't try to do all of these. We certainly won't be tackling this whole list! But here's some ideas for observing Holy Week with your family.

Read aloud about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Passion, and the Resurrection. You can read straight from the Bible or read picture books or from story book Bibles. I love Tomie dePaola's Book of Bible Stories because the illustrations are wonderful and it's not paraphrased, it's really Scripture. We also like reading some of these picture books during Holy Week.

Prepare your home with spring cleaning as you

prepare your heart for Easter.

- Observe Spy Wednesday. Some families hide 30 pieces of "silver" in their home for their children to find to help remind them about when Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
- Shut off the screens for the Triduum. Try no TV from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.
- Try a Seven Churches Visitation on Holy Thursday.
- Attend a Stations of the Cross.
- Make Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday.
- Dye Easter Eggs on Holy Saturday so they'll be ready for Easter Sunday.
- Celebrate with Easter baskets that you will have blessed on Holy Saturday. Prepare the traditional ethnic Easter foods like your parents or grandparents did. Or, create an Easter basket with your own favorite foods.

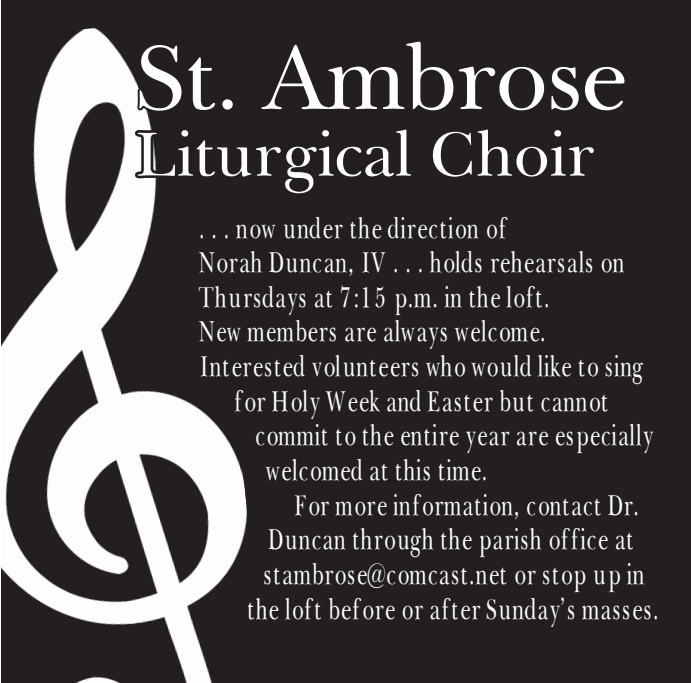
Easter Feasting

Start planning the menu so it's one less thing to stress out about. Figure out who you're having over. And what a great way to share your faith by inviting friends over to share Easter lunch (and you might as well invite them to Mass, too!).

Consider how you'll decorate. It doesn't have to be anything complicated, but children love to have visual reminders of the Church seasons. Make your home look a little different during Eastertide than it did during Lent.

We take down all the purple cloth covering our crucifixes when we get back from the Vigil Mass and then use a lot of fresh flowers inside on Easter Sunday. And remember to keep the Eastertide celebrating going. Lent is 40 days, but Easter is 50!

Adapted from carrotsformichaelmas.com.



**St. Ambrose
Liturgical Choir**

... now under the direction of
Norah Duncan, IV ... holds rehearsals on
Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the loft.
New members are always welcome.
Interested volunteers who would like to sing
for Holy Week and Easter but cannot
commit to the entire year are especially
welcomed at this time.

For more information, contact Dr.
Duncan through the parish office at
stambrose@comcast.net or stop up in
the loft before or after Sunday's masses.

All Things Considered

Last week I wrote about the delegate chosen from our parish for **Archbishop Vigneron's SYNOD 16**. **Roger Playwin's** name was on our slate of three candidates that we submitted to the Archbishop, but he did not get chosen. The Archbishop had different ideas about where Roger could best serve the Church. Roger was elected to a 3-year term on the Executive Board of the Michigan Catholic Conference!

Founded in 1963, the Michigan Catholic Conference serves as the official voice of the Catholic Church in Michigan on matters of public policy. By advocacy and service, the MCC is the official voice of the seven (Arch) dioceses in the state. Roger is an equal member along with the seven (Arch) bishops of those dioceses.

The Michigan Catholic Conference also develops, coordinates, and manages programs that provide retirement benefits, health, and life insurance coverage for lay employees and clergy, as well as property and casualty coverage for the Church throughout Michigan. In Roger's first meeting, the MCC made a major breakthrough and changed its healthcare coverage policy to now include "legally domiciled adults over 18 who have cohabited with a Church employee for six months or more."

Roger, a graduate from Wayne State, has a long and varied career in political and religious institutions. He worked for Detroit's **Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh** and for Congressman **Dennis Hertel**. He was Director of Government affairs for Gannett.

For 19 years, Roger was the executive director of the Catholic Youth Organization for Monroe County. He served our Archdiocese on our Catholic Board of Education; as a member of its Pastoral Council and as a consultant for strategic planning for parishes under **Cardinal Maida**.

Roger was the executive director of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Detroit. That later brought him to be the CEO of the National SVdP in St. Louis where among his many jobs was the coordination with the Federal Government as to the aspects of the physical recovery of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Now retired, Roger serves on our Parish Pastoral Council and is the "point person" for our Convent repurposing project. You will see Roger and his wife Susan at Sunday and weekday mass. They have three children, Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Patrick.

Roger's lifetime of service to the community and to the Church is capped by this appointment to the Michigan Catholic Conference. We're glad he didn't get to be our Synod representative because he now gets the opportunity to represent our Church in Michigan in its most visible forum.

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We are still trying to pin down a date and a format for our Parish Dialogue Gathering in preparation for SYNOD 16. It needs to be completed before June 30th. I hope that many of our St. Ambrose Parishioners will be able to take part in this transformative experience which should empower us to Unleash the Gospel in our local Church. This Dialogue Gathering is an important part in preparing for the Synod as it allows the Archbishop to hear the Holy Spirit through your voices. To facilitate the process here, we have invited **Fr. Bill Cieslak** (who gave our retreat last November) back as a moderator. I don't expect much to happen with this until after Easter.

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Catholic tradition is built on public processions – think of celebrations like Stations of the Cross which began as a procession through the city of Jerusalem. Candlemas, Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi and daily prayers at Lourdes. Be a demonstrative Catholic

this coming Palm Sunday and get your body more actively involved in prayer at next Sunday's 11:15 mass along the walkway that has been built especially for a ceremony like this. There will be an "internal" procession within the church building at our other two masses.

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There is also a great procession planned for Good Friday. This year, at the invitation of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, we have been asked to change the format of our Stations in the Street. It will still be

held at the same time – 3:00 on Good Friday, but the location will change to Kercheval Avenue – from Fisher to Neff Roads. Involved in this ecumenical effort will be Christ the King Lutheran; Grosse Pointe United Methodist; Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran; St. Paul's on the Lake; Star of the Sea; St. Clare of Montefalco; and ourselves.

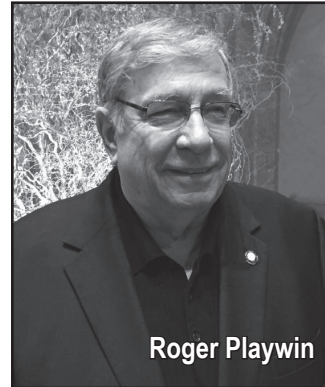
As it stands, this plan for a more "suburban" expression of the stations will alternate years with the more "urban" route as we have known it. **George Bush** will continue to be our point person for this devotional.

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The politicians have left Flint, but the crisis there continues. We've seen a steady, although small, stream of items coming in for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Flint. Composed mostly of immigrants from Mexico, Guadalupe parish is especially hard hit. They started with little and now have less. They need bottled water, as well as water (and shower) filtration systems. They also need other items such as personal hygiene kits and baby supplies – especially baby bath-tubs. Pharmaceutical samples of all sorts would be welcome.

Leave your donations in the church vestibule or call our office to make arrangements for a drop-off. **Gerard Huvaere** is making weekly deliveries for us to the Parish of Guadalupe.

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Be a Good Steward of the Lenten Season

Christian stewards will greet Lent with the best of intentions. But sometimes, we reach Easter disappointed in our own efforts. Here are some suggestions for keeping us on task during this Lenten season:

- Plan ahead. Give thought and prayer to what will most help you draw closer to Jesus during this special season. Write your intentions down, and review them often.
- Keep it simple. Like those folks who sign up for gym memberships on January 1 and give up by January 15, sometimes we approach Lent with too many resolutions. Be realistic and don't set yourself up for guilt.
- Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the pillars of Lent. Try to do one thing in each of these categories. Stretch yourself a bit and come up with something new and challenging.
- Keep your eyes on Jesus. Coming closer to him through his passion and resurrection is our goal.
- Place Lenten reminders in your home. If you have no crucifix in your living areas, put one there. If you have a crucifix, perhaps affix a spot of purple to it as a reminder of Lent. Find a special picture or holy card that speaks to you and display it.
- Simplify something tangible in your daily life, like your closet or your schedule.
- Place a special candle on the dining room table, and when your family says grace each evening, encourage them to share the struggles and joys of their Lenten resolutions, or perhaps an act of kindness they did that day. This is a good activity for kids.
- Take your family to the Stations of the Cross at least once.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encourage your family to do so.
- Make it a point to prepare for and participate in the beautiful Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and even the Easter Vigil. Celebrate the completion of your Lenten exercises.
- After Easter, reflect on your Lenten practices. Remember, God's mercy to us is unlimited. It's not all about what "we" did, but what God does within us.

Friar on Fire

I can't believe that Easter is only just a few more weeks away. Lent has passed by so quickly, especially with all the wonderful experiences at the famous Friday Lenten Fish Dinners! I never thought that I would look forward to Fridays during Lent. Every bite of fish is a prayer of thanksgiving for being so delicious and for God to have mercy on the hips!

Last Sunday was Laetare Sunday, which is a sign that we are past the halfway mark and are anticipating the start of the Easter Season. Many people are probably checking in on how they are doing with their Lenten practices, seeing how they have been doing with giving things up or seeing how they could do more. Sometimes as we look back at the season, we wish we had a little more time to do the things that we intended to work on in order to see a greater change.

Even though we may want to dwell in the past a little more or wish we could have a little more time, we are invited in the remaining weeks of Lent to enter into the gift that time gives us as it pushes us forward to new life and resurrection. The beauty of a season is realizing that there are moments where we need more time to work on ourselves, die to oneself and allow God's time to transform us and make us anew.

Resurrection is irresistible! Whether we use the time to work on ourselves or not, God's time will push us forward into Easter and newness of life. We are getting ready now for new life all around us as the weather starts to warm up in the 60's and we see blades of grass bursting forth. It is God's goodness that allows us the experience and sensation of new life all around us.

Jesus invites us this week to not dwell so much on the past, but to look forward as we spring forward in our lives, and on our clocks. We are invited to dwell not on our sin and what we have done in the past, but to make anew our lives by the way we allow God to fill our hearts with God's Compassion and Mercy. The woman in today's Gospel is totally transformed and made anew not because of justice found in the law, but justice that is found in the heart of God – a heart that is filled with abundant Compassion and Mercy. May we allow God to spring forward new life all around us.

Please continue to pray for the young adult ministry, Tap Into Life. The next Tap Into Life will take place at the Solanus Casey Center next Sunday, March 20th starting at 6 p.m. The topic will be on God's Passion of Love that endures all suffering. If you know a young adult who is between the ages of 18-35, please invite them to open their hearts to this nourishment for the soul and to know that they will be received into the warmth and friendship of God's abundant Love.

The Solanus Casey Center is going to be having a fundraising event next Saturday, March 19th. It's the only one for the year and I thought I would mention it because it is a wine tasting event! Please come to support us next weekend starting at 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the Solanus Casey Center at 313-579-2100 or contact me at brtom@thecapuchins.org.

Also, if you have anything that you could donate for the auction that will also be held during the event, that would be of great help as well. I will also be selling some raffle tickets after Mass this week. Please support us if you can. Know of my gratitude and thanks for your love and support for the brothers and me. I am so grateful for your hospitable and welcoming hearts.

Br. Tom



Communal Penance Services

Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education Notes

This 5th Sunday of Lent is for me a time of assessing... Did I live up to my (self-imposed) Lenten obligations? Did I do what I said I was going to do?

In this Sunday's reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, Paul glowing attributes his new life in Christ to be far superior to anything else in this world, while claiming to be in the process of becoming someone who perfectly exemplifies one who follows Christ. In humility, Paul professes, "It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus." Paul's awareness of his personal failures is coupled with his awareness of the grace of God and knowledge of the power of the resurrection (that Christ promises to those who come to him in faith).

This means I (and all who have failed to be perfect in their Lenten attempts) still have a chance. It reminds us that God is in charge and we are not. In my case, God redirected my Lenten plans by replacing what I thought I would do by giving me something else to work on. Perhaps this has happened to you as well....

Whatever the case, the God who declared to the prophet, Isaiah, that he was, "doing something new [for] the people he formed himself" is doing the same thing among us here today. Surely, the woman caught in adultery whom Jesus rescued from condemnation never expected such a turn of events. In the same way, we find God intervening in our lives today. Mostly, he rescues us from ourselves and sends his Spirit to intervene when we least expect, and always when we need him the most.

PROJECT KAY LASANTE The students in our religious education program were invited to "give alms" this Lent by bringing in one dollar to be given to the Kay Lasante Clinic in Port au Prince, Haiti – a special project sponsored by our own Bishop Tom Gumbleton. The Kay Lasante Clinic is primarily an outpatient clinic that serves the medical needs of the poor in surrounding areas who have no health insurance. It is funded primarily by donations – and ours will be given directly to Bishop Gumbleton who will see it gets to the clinic itself.

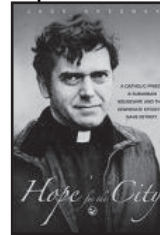
Proudly, I can tell you that our students and catechists have donated **\$279.80** to date. There may be a bit more added over the next two weeks. If you would like to contribute to this fine cause you may make out your check to: Fonkoze USA, Kay Lasante Clinic. You may drop it in the collection basket or bring it into the office and we will be sure to give it to Bishop Gumbleton along with the existing funds. This is such a good cause!

SUNDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS It is long past time to sing the praises of those who come into the office at Merit each Sunday to assist in assuring that all our needs are met as the children and catechists gather to share faith. These wonderful adults assist parents who need to come into the office for one reason or another, calm crying children, attend to sick children, collect attendance cards, and fetch supplies for last minute requests from catechists. They take care of emergencies when I have to be in a classroom or on "patrol". Most importantly, they are there to keep our children safe. They lock and unlock the school doors while we are in session. In the event of a fire or any other emergency, they help me to ensure each child is safe and protected.

There are two or more adults in the office at one time. Even though they are scheduled to work once every four weeks in the office on Sunday, most of them come in to help more than that. Please join me in a prayer of gratitude for **Lori Koss, Alfonso Flores, Frankie Chamberlain, Michelle Kramer, Roberta Robson McGlone, and Laurie Mitchell.**

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Marcellina's Book Club



In his book Hope for the City, author Jack Kresnak tells the story of Father Bill Cunningham, Eleanor Josaitis and others who were drawn to the mission of Focus Hope.

This is a captivating story of a seminary English teacher who rode a Harley-Davidson and marched with Dr. King across the Edmund Pettus bridge. It's the story of a suburban mother of five who organized marriage enrichment events before she persuaded her husband to move back into Detroit. It's also the story of the 1967 riot that exposed systemic racial inequality and the civil rights organization that evolved.

Our book club will meet with the author, Mr. Kresnak, on Sunday morning, April 17th from 9:45-11:00 in the ARK.

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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 after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, March 14

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Robert Patrick Toole
Sandra Gentile

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick, bishop

7:00 p.m. - Patrick & Theresa Pfendner
Teresa Vandenheede, Pat & Lois Abraham

Friday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Mary Joan Gawlowski
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sunday, March 20

Palm (Passion) Sunday

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



Scriptures for the 5th Week in Lent

Monday, March 14

- Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
- Ps 23: 1-6
- Jn 8: 12-30

Tuesday, March 15

- Nm 21: 4-9
- Ps 102: 2-3, 16-21
- Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday, March 16

- Dn 3: 52-56
- (Ps) Dn 3: 52-56
- Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday, March 17

- Gn 17: 3-9
- Ps 105: 4-9
- Jn 8: 51-59

Friday, March 18

- Jer 20: 10-13
- Ps 18: 2-7
- Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday, March 19

- 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16
- Rom 4: 12, 16-18, 22
- Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Sunday, March 20

- Is 50: 4-7
- Phil 2: 6-11
- Lk 22: 14-23: 56 or 23: 1-49

Palm (Passion) Sunday

March 19th and March 20th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lectors:** Pat Ticknor & Mary Urbanski
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam & Maria Cox-Borkowski, Della Cimini,
Jeri & Bob Krueger, Karen McShane

Altar Servers: Sean Hall, Garrett & Lindsey Gannon

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lectors:** Bob Gatzke & Laura Zajac

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Joan Jackson,
Maggie Jackson, Bernadette Pieczynski, Chris Walsh

Altar Servers: Jack & Patrick Hern, Delaney Jackson

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrants: Fr. Pelc **Lectors:** Pat Sperti & Kurt Vatalaro

Eucharistic Ministers: Doris Fleming, Sue & Roger Playwin,
Janis Ramsey, Darryl Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner

Altar Servers: Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, March 6, 2016

in envelopes we received \$8,500.00

in the loose collection \$484.00

in electronic donations \$1,200.00

in children's envelopes \$14.00

for a total of **\$10,198.00**

Over budget for the week \$98.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 181

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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 Elberson, Dan Fleming, Mary Ellen Greenup, 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, Susan Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Felix Checki, Betty Greenia, Emilie Kasper, Angeline Boluk, Arthur Stoyshin and Anna Noto Billings.

Our Dead

A funeral liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Pelc assisted by Dn. Tom Nguyen, OFM Cap. on Monday, March 7th for **Stephen Bush**, age 47.

Stephen was born in Cincinnati, Ohio the youngest son of George and Mary Kay. Steve grew up in Detroit and attended St. Martin of Tours elementary school. He worked as a camp counselor at CYO camp and also worked as an enumerator for the 1990 census.

Stephen enjoyed all sports, supporting many teams including the Tigers, Lions, Pistons and Bengals. He obtained a Master's Degree in applied economics specializing in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati. He was employed by SMART as a coordinator of para-transit bussing, and later by the Central Maryland Regional Transportation System. After being diagnosed with cancer, he traveled to Lourdes with his father and brother and visited the Great Wall of China with his mother.

Stephen is survived by his parents, George and Mary Kay. He also is survived by his brother David and sister, Betsy (David) Reid.

Mass Times

Your membership in the Catholic Church gives you privileges to worship with any Catholic Community world wide. While on your vacation or traveling, websites like masstimes.org and thecatholicdirectory.com makes it easy to find a mass wherever you are.

Lenten Prayer at St. Ambrose

On the Thursdays of Lent, our morning Mass shifts to a 7:00 evening time slot in order to give more people an opportunity to attend the liturgy during the weekdays of Lent — leading up to Holy Thursday.

Preceding Thursday night Masses (at 6:00pm), as well as preceding Saturday afternoon Masses (at 2:30pm) private confessions will be heard. (Note that the priest remains in the confessional only as long as there are penitents present.)

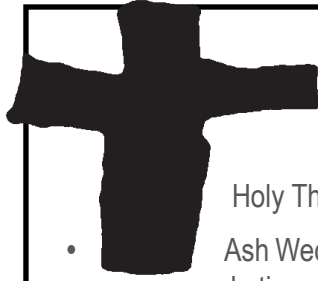
Our plans for Lent once again include Friday night Stations of the Cross and our popular Fish Dinners. Come for an early dinner and stay for Stations of the Cross. Or, come to Stations of the Cross and then enjoy a later dinner. Grace and Mercy abound!

Reflections on the Year of Mercy

On Wednesday, March 30th, University of Detroit Mercy's Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive will host Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA, offering Reflections on Pope Francis' Year of Mercy.

LeCompte will discuss Pope Francis's Jubilee Year of Mercy, focusing on the Pope's speech to the United Nations last September and his ongoing addresses to Catholics during the Year of Mercy, which began in December 2015. LeCompte says: "Pope Francis is not inviting us to pursue charity, he's inviting us to change the actual global policies that cause poverty." Joining him will be with Jorge Chinaea, History Professor & Director of the Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies at Wayne State University.

The talk will take place at UDM's McNichols campus, 4001 W. McNichols in Detroit at the Commerce & Finance building, Room 138.



Lenten Observances

- Lent is the liturgical season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *total* fast and abstinence from meat.
- All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.
- The **Law of Abstinence** from meat binds persons from the completion of their 14th year — from the day after their 14th birthday, throughout life.
- The **Law of Abstinence** forbids the use of meat, but not eggs, milk or products or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.
- The **Law of Fasting** binds persons from the completion of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 59th birthday.
- The **Law of Fasting** allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing as far as quantity and quality are concerned — approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e. the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of at midday. Also: (1) the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. (2) the drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.
- In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until after the celebration of the Easter Vigil.



LENTEN BUFFET DINNERS

Join us in the ARK at St. Ambrose
for dinner every Friday in Lent,
Now through Good Friday on March 25th,
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The menu includes a salad bar, soup du jour, fried or baked cod, tater tots, macaroni with cheese, a weekly special entrée, along with rolls, vegetable, coffee and tea.

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