

St. Ambrose Parish

Our 99th Year!
MARCH 15, 2015
BEEHIVE

Receive, give thanks, break and share

In his rather provocative, though always interesting, autobiography, *Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt tells of a confession he once made as a young boy in Limerick, Ireland.

His mother had just given birth and their in-laws from the North had sent five pounds to buy milk for the new baby. But his father, an alcoholic, had taken the money and was drinking it up in the pubs.

His mother had sent him, a young boy, to find his dad and bring him home. But young Frankie can't find his father. What he finds instead is a drunken sailor in a pub, asleep, with a largely untouched plate of fish and chips in front of him.

Ravenously hungry, he takes the fish and chips outside and eats them. Then, feeling guilty for stealing, he decides he had better go to confession. It's Saturday afternoon and he goes to the Dominican church and confesses to a priest that he stole fish and chips from a drunken man.

The priest asks him why he did this and Frankie answers that he was hungry, that there was not a scrap of food in their house, and that his mother is raging by the fire because his father is drinking away the money meant to buy milk for the new baby.

The priest, hearing all this suddenly becomes quiet. Instead of scolding Frankie and giving him a penance, he does something else (Mccourt's words):

"I wonder if the priest is asleep because he's very quiet 'till he says, 'My child, I sit here, I hear the sins of the poor, I assign the penance. I bestow the absolution. I should be on

my knees washing their feet. Go. Pray for me.' He blesses me in Latin, talks to himself in English and I wonder what I did to him."

These words wonderfully describe one of the central meanings of the Eucharist. We should be on our knees washing each other's feet because that is precisely what Jesus did at the first Eucharist and he did it to teach us that the Eucharist is not a private act of devotion, meant to square our debts with God, but a call to, and a grace for, service. The Eucharist is meant to send us out into the world ready to give expression to Christ's hospitality, humility and self-effacement.

Where do we get such a notion? It lies at the very heart of the Eucharist itself, Jesus tells us this when he gives us the Eucharist, with the words: "Receive, give thanks, break, and share."

The Eucharist invites us to receive nourishment from God, fill with gratitude, and, on the basis of that, to break open our lives and serve the poor in hospitality, humility and self-donation.

This is everywhere evident in the Gospels, though John's Gospel puts it the most clearly. Where the other Gospels have Jesus speaking the words of institution at the Last Supper ("This is my body. This is my blood. Do this in memory of me.") John has Jesus washing the disciples' feet. But, for John, this gesture replaces the words of institution. It specifies what the Eucharist is, in fact, meant to do, namely, to lead us out of church and into the humble service of others.

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Receive, Give Thanks, Share

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An old hymn, often used to send people forth from the church, puts it well:

*Called from worship into service
Forth in His great name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged
Love in living deed to show.*

This wonderfully expresses what the Eucharist is meant to do. It is a call to move from worship to service, to take the nourishment, the embrace, the kiss we have just received from God and the community and translate it immediately and directly into loving service of others. To take the Eucharist seriously is to begin to wash the feet of others, especially the feet of the poor. The Eucharist is both an invitation which invites us and a grace which empowers us to service.

And what it invites us to is to replace distrust with hospitality, pride with humility, and self-interest with self-effacement so as to reverse the world's order of things – wherein the rich get served by the poor and where the first priority is always to keep one's pride intact and one's self-interest protected.

The Eucharist invites us to step down from pride, away from self-interest, to turn the mantle of privilege into the apron of service, so as to help reverse the world's order of things wherein pride, status and self-interest are forever the straws that stir the drink.

It is no accident that, among all the potential Scripture texts it might have chosen for the liturgy on Holy Thursday, the feast that marks the institution of the Eucharist, the Church has chosen John's account of Jesus washing the feet of disciples. A splendid choice.

Indeed, nothing better expresses the meaning of the Eucharist than does that gesture.

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, a theologian, teacher and author. He currently serves in Rome as general councilor for Canada for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.



Spring Strings

*A concert by the Wayne State University Strings
under the direction of Professor Kypros Markou
hosted by St. Ambrose Parish.*

Laetare Sunday

March 15th

at 4 p.m.

*The program will include music by
Corelli, Telemann and Vivaldi, plus
Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,"
Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile" and
Nielsen's "Underlige Aftenlufter."*

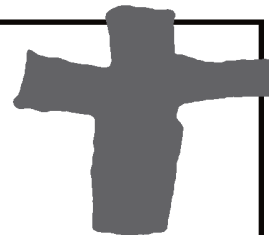
*This free concert, featuring
WSU student soloists, is sponsored by
our St. Ambrose Liturgical Choir
and Nicholas and Joan Piccione*

Multiple Sclerosis

MS Awareness Week is a special time to rally together to recognize progress, acknowledge everyone's connections, contributions, and inspire others to help create a world free of MS. Representatives from the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be with us in the ARK in between masses to answer questions next Sunday, March 22nd.

Lenten Observances

- Lent is the 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.



All Things Considered

This Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Hence today is called *Laetare (rejoice) Sunday* which marks the mid-point of Lent. That's a great reason to celebrate. To mark the occasion, **Marilyn Biery**, our Minister of Music, has arranged a fantastic concert featuring student musicians from Wayne State under the direction of **Kypros Markou**, the professor and director of orchestral studies there.

All this talent is coming to St. Ambrose this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and is being presented free of charge to you and your guests.

A performance gratuity to the student's musical outreach program is being paid by the members of our **St. Ambrose Liturgical Choir**. Our choir is dedicating this concert to the memory of our former Music Minister, **John Guinn**. John, was a faculty member at Wayne and was always en-

couraging young musicians. This concert featuring students from Wayne's music department would certainly have pleased him. In addition to this, John always made a big deal about his birthday on March 25th, always falling during Lent, so it's fitting that this Laetare Sunday concert would be a way of remembering that too.

The reception following the concert is being hosted through a generous gift given for that purpose by **Nick and Joan Piccione**. We certainly want to thank them for giving us the ability to meet with our guests and musicians following the concert. It's my observation that college students are usually hungry, so this will be a way of sending them back to school with a little nourishment. They fed us with their music, so it's appropriate to give them some nourishment in return.

This concert will be a wonderful way to welcome Spring and the coming feast of Easter. This is also another great introduction to the parish for your friends and neighbors who may be looking for a faith community. I hope to see a full church at today's concert.

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I wish I could figure out what prompted the extraordinary collection that came in last weekend. Could it be the couple of weeks of whining that I've been doing about the pressure of mounting payables and a very sluggish weekend envelope? For whatever reason, we were able to make a significant dent in our envelope shortfall. But the pressure is not completely eliminated. Even with this remarkable outburst of generosity, we are still running a \$25,000 deficit in envelope revenue for the year. Please take advantage of the special Dent the Deficit challenge. If we come up with \$20,000

in these envelopes, it will be matched – turning it into \$40,000. Now that would give us some serious relief in paying some outstanding bills and assessments. My thanks to all who gave thus far and especially to the donor of the matching funds, **Paul Lavins**. I encourage those who are not in the habit of contributing to the support of our parish, for whatever reason, to

please find a way to do so as best you can. Look for a DENT envelope in the pews.

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Our Book Club selection this Lent: *Jesus on Trial*, is by **David Limbaugh**, who is a practicing attorney and former professor of law. I've asked three members of the legal profession in our parish to critically read this book and to offer their opinions at a meeting of Marcellina's Book Club on Palm Sunday morning in the ARK. I invite all our parishioners, especially those in the legal profession, to join in this discussion that centers around contemporary Christian apologetics. Using rules of evidence, what's the case for and/or against Jesus?

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This Thursday is the feast day of **St. Joseph**, the spouse of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. He is petitioned by many Catholics as one who grants an easy death, because he is said to have died with both Jesus and Mary at his bedside.

But in the wider world of Catholic lore, Joseph is the patron saint of real estate matters and home sales; and as Saint Joseph the Worker, he helps people find employment. The reason given for these beliefs is that he was a carpenter who taught his stepson Jesus the carpentering trade, and he always saw to it that Jesus was well housed.

I take it as a good sign from St. Joseph that on his feast day we will have a site visit on the convent property with **Jeff Barnes** who was appointed to the cabinet-level position of Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency by **Governor Rick Snyder** a year ago. Our goal of developing that building for the use of women veterans gets a step closer with his visit. Sheltering homeless women veterans and their kids sounds like a project worthy of Saint Joseph.

This Thursday night at 7:00 might be an excellent time for you to attend mass in honor of the saint to pray for your intentions and ours.

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Put a DENT in Our Deficit

Matching pledge potential.....\$20,000
Current donations.....\$7,405
For a DENT total of.....\$14,810

Our matching pledge challenge remains active through Easter Sunday. Please be generous and use the special DENT envelopes you can find in the pews. Thank you!



Bee at the Tee
St. Ambrose Golf Classic
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park

Make plans now to join in the inaugural St. Ambrose Parish golf outing on June 12, 2015. We're planning a great day of golf and socializing at the beautiful Chandler Park Golf Course (chandlerparkgolfcourse.com).

The event includes a scramble format with four-person teams, lunch and awards, with a great dinner to conclude the day at the ARK at St. Ambrose. A person can register to play a round of golf and dinner, or just for dinner.

Register now online at planmygolfevent.com/26900-StAmbroseBeeAttheTee. Or registration, sponsorship and volunteer forms are available in the back of church. Questions? Email st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com.

Sponsorships will be available in many different price ranges. Consider signing up your business as one of the first supporters of our first golf outing. Personalize your own sign to celebrate a special event, to thank or remember someone special, or to congratulate a team or a group.

Religious Education Update

This coming Saturday, March 21st the families of those preparing for First Communion will gather for what we call, The Breaking Bread Banquet. This special luncheon is the “meal before the meal” or a time to gather, pray, and eat before the children come to the table of the Lord for the first time. Praying together is so important

St. John Vianney stressed the importance of the community at prayer when he said: *“Individual praying is like straw scattered over a field. If you set the straw alight, the flame is small. But, if you gather up all the bits of straw the flame fills out, rising high up in the sky, and it’s the same with communal prayer.”*

Betty Haley

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint: Care for God’s Creation and Poor People

- Turn off lights and unplug appliances when you leave the room.
- Unplug your cell phone as soon as it is charged.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs.
- Turn off water when shaving, brushing your teeth and take shorter showers.
- Ride a bike, walk, carpool, or use public transportation whenever possible.
- Use a biodegradable soap, shampoo.
- Visit Catholic Relief Services FAIR TRADE website where you can buy, support and even fundraise with products like the Equal Exchange coffee, tea, and chocolate. Fair trade farmers care for Creation and are given a living wage to support their families and communities.
- Reduce use of disposable products by using reusable containers; if you must buy disposable, buy paper or glass products instead of plastic
- Bring reusable cloth bags when shopping instead of disposable plastic bags.
- Buy local, and/or organic food; purchase recycled products whenever possible.
- Organize an environmental awareness day at your work or school.
- Plant a garden and start a compost pile.
- Eat less meat: the UN concludes that “the livestock sector emerges as one of the top two or three most significant contributors to the most serious environmental problems,” including climate change.
- Dry your clothes outdoors when possible, use the dryer less.
- Write to your lawmaker and elected officials and urge them to act with urgency and put care for creation, the poor, and the common good ahead of short-term special interests.
- Encourage your community to support mass transit and other alternatives to the automobile for commuting.
- Consider the footprint of products before you buy them: from resource extraction, to production, distribution, consumption, and disposal.
- Consider the social and environmental cost of goods and service: Who is making this product? How and where is this made? Using what resources? How long will it last?
- Reflect on ways to simplify your life.
- What are your needs vs. wants? How might I reduce the amount of resources I consume?
- Learn about Catholic Social Teaching on the environment and share the good news that Catholics are called to care for Creation, care of the poor, seek the common good and respect all life.
- Take the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation: catholicclimatecovenant.org.

The Buzz

Laetare, rejoice! We are more than half way along in this season of renewal. How are your Lenten prayer, fasting, and works of pure love affecting your faith? How radically have you changed in 3½ weeks? Any change at all? *Laetare* Sunday is a time to pause for a moment, catch our breath and regroup. But indeed, rejoice; there's still time.



Speaking of Lenten rejoicing, this year we do have a delightful group of adults in our parish RCIA process who are preparing for Easter Sacraments of Initiation. They joined with us last Sunday at the 8:30 mass to celebrate a special ceremony called a "Scrutiny". It consisted primarily of our blessing prayer over them that each day of this season they might continue to radically change their lives into full membership in the Body of Christ through the Catholic community. Next Sunday at the 11:15 mass they will do so again with us. Spend some time this week praying for them ... and praying that we might be renewed by the fresh enthusiasm of their faith as well!



Now if Lent is leading your heart and soul to new changes, a great prayer way to celebrate it is with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are five more times this is scheduled to be offered at St. Ambrose before Easter: two more Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons before mass, and finally the Wednesday evening of Holy Week. Additional opportunities are available at nearby parishes or with our friends daily at the Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliot.



Last weekend, six men from St. Ambrose attended an introductory presentation sponsored by our Vicariate and the Archdiocesan Office for Evangelization about a program to renew and enhance Catholic male spirituality. It is titled, "Crossing the Goal", and it utilizes some football jargon and images to encourage men into ongoing spiritual "workouts". It is set up as a small-group prayer/support process, but guys too busy to get together can still use it on a private, individual basis. And there doesn't have to be any cost involved other than an hour of your time. If you're still looking for a Lenten practice that might fit, take a look at CTG. And I'd like to get some feedback this week from any man who has a chance to check it out on-line at crossingthegoal.com. Those of us who attended the meeting are planning to "huddle" the following week and we'd like to include your armchair quarterbacking.



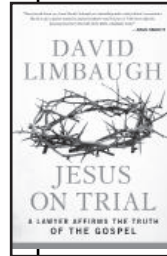
The next two weeks are chock-full of great things to rejoice about on the calendar. This Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day and Thursday is St. Joseph's Feast. Wedged in between on Wednesday is the feastday of St. Cyril of Jerusalem. He lived in the same century as Ambrose and fought against some of the same heresies. Special still to us today is his defense of the full divinity of Jesus, as well as His real presence in the Eucharist. Attributed to Cyril is the beautiful instruction about the reverent reception of Holy Communion: *"to make of your left hand a throne for the right, since you are about to receive into it a King. And having followed your palm, receive the Body of Christ, saying over it the Amen."* I guess it wasn't the "Vatican II Church" that first began this way of receiving Communion! And if you get a chance, check out what Pope Francis had to say a week ago on March 7th – the 50th anniversary of the first mass celebrated by a pope in the vernacular language of the people.



Hope to see you this afternoon (Sunday) at the 4:00 concert in church. And think Spring – this Friday at 6:45 P.M. *Laetare*, all people of faith!

Chuck Dropiewski

Marcellina's Book Club



In *Jesus on Trial*, David Limbaugh applies his legal experience to making a case for the gospels as hard evidence of the life and work of Jesus Christ. Limbaugh, a practicing attorney and former professor of law, approaches the canonical gospels with the same level of scrutiny he would apply to any legal document. Does the story of Jesus that Christians have treasured for centuries stand up to his exhaustive inquiry—including his examination of historical and religious evidence beyond the gospels?

Marcellina's Book Club will meet on Sunday morning, March 29th at 9:45 a.m. in the ARK. Make this book your Lenten reading.

The Beehive

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

Pastor: Rev. Timothy R. Pelc
Pastoral Minister: Charles Dropiewski
Religious Education: Elizabeth Haley
Minister of Music: Marilyn Biery
Office Manager: Theresa Harthen

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 16

8:30 - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick, bishop

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Patrick Pfaendtner,
Marie Thomas, Pat Morrissey & family

Wednesday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Miguel Davila,
Anna Hughes, Joseph Majer

Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Ted & Mary Zawacki
and their daughter, Margaret Peterson;
Delbert Ramond & family

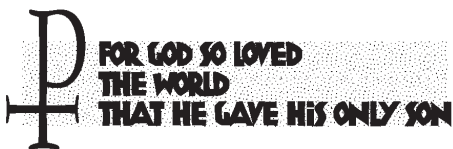
Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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



Scriptures for the 4th Week of Lent

Monday, March 16

- Is 65: 17-21
- Ps 30: 2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
- Jn 4: 43-54

Tuesday, March 17

- Ez 47: 1-9, 12
- Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9
- Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday, March 18

- Is 49: 8-15
- Ps 145: 8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
- Jn 5: 17-20

Thursday, March 19

- 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a
- Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22
- Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Friday, March 20

- Wis 2: 1a, 12-22
- Ps 34: 17-21, 23
- Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21

- Jer 11: 18-20
- Ps 7: 2-3, 9b-12
- Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday, March 22

- Jer 31: 31-34
- Heb 5: 7-9
- Jn 12: 20-33

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21st and March 22nd

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Mary Urbanski

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Borkowski, Ron Hoffman, Karen McShane

Altar Servers: Sean Hall, Sumner Verlinden

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Steve Peck

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Christopher Harrison, Peter Hern,
Bernadette Pieczynski, Joellyn Valgoi, Liz & John Witherell

Altar Servers: McKenna, Erica, Corey, & Carrigan McGraw

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Bob Krueger

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Billiu, Doris Fleming, Mary Ghesquiere,
Jeri Krueger, Sue & Roger Playwin, Janis Ramsey

Altar Servers: Sylvia & Effie Hodges, Liam O'Byrne

Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish

requires a *minimum* of \$10,127.00

On Sunday, March 8, 2015

in envelopes we received \$11,087.00

in the loose collection \$617.00

in electronic donations \$1,200.00

in children's envelopes..... \$13.00

for a total of **\$12,917.00**

Over budget for the week \$2,790.00

FY 14-15 under budget \$24,909.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 221

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Roma Affelt, Kay Balas, Elizabeth Howard, Maria Chinchilla, Mary Ellen Greenup, Bonnie McKenna, Karen Culver, Joseph MacEachern, Mary Myers, David Schumacker, Mary Morreale, Carter Billiu, Bob Ramsey, Fred Schroeder, Ann Sullivan Kay, Mary Pat Egan, Pat Blake, Dominic Centorbi, Irene Scopel, Ray Oberly, Milton Aitchison, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Kathleen Elberson, Felix Checki, Maureen Barron-Brioc, Ginger Weiksnar, Laura Bush Terry, Fr. Phil Naessens, Lennie O'Brien, Maryjane Cullen, Bp. Joseph Imesch, Andrew Chavez, Angela Hansen, Roger TenHoopen, Barbara Mann, Elizabeth Robert, Bernadette Gutowski and Dan Fleming.

Vincentian Reflection

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our love for God by doing good works, reaching out to those in need, and acting in justice and charity. We demonstrate our love for God when we love others. The society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to help us help others. Call the rectory to get connected.

E-Donations

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

Your checking account or credit card can be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly, or quarterly contributions on a specific schedule. We hope this financial service allows you an easy way to manage your stewardship response to St. Ambrose. A set electronic contribution also helps our parish maintain a steady revenue during months when many are traveling and away from the parish. Parishioners may go on vacation. Our parish does not.

Visit stambrosechurch.net for more information on electronic giving, or call our office for personal assistance.



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Holy Week & Easter 2015

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
Penance Service - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
Great Palm Sunday Procession – 11:15 a.m. beginning at the Academy Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 — HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 — GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 4:30 p.m.
Lenten Dinners in the ARK - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 — HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Foods - 12:00 noon
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 — EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 8:30 a.m. • Mass at 11:15 a.m. – Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK

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), confessions will be heard.

This year Lent once again includes Friday night Stations of the Cross and our popular Fish Dinners. Try this at least once this Lent: 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.

Good food and grace abounds! Sample a serving of both.

Buffet Volunteers

In order to keep providing the great dinners that people have become accustomed to, and at the same price, we depend on our parish volunteers to help serve, and clean up after our Lenten meals. Our Confirmation students are already in line to provide great service for these Lenten dinners, but we need adults, too. If you can serve at all or some of the buffets as a volunteer, we'd like to hear from you. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Mary Oberly, at moberly007@comcast.net. "To bus a table" comes from "busboy," an American term, that originated when waiter's helpers were called *omnibus* boys, *omnibus* in this case meaning "having to do many tasks." Our volunteers need to be ready and willing to do an *omnibus* of activities that very well may change from week to week.



LENTEN BUFFET DINNERS

Join us in the ARK at St. Ambrose
for dinner every Friday in Lent,
now through Good Friday on April 3rd,
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

\$15 per adult • \$10 for children aged 6 to 10.
Carry-out service available (313) 822-1594.

