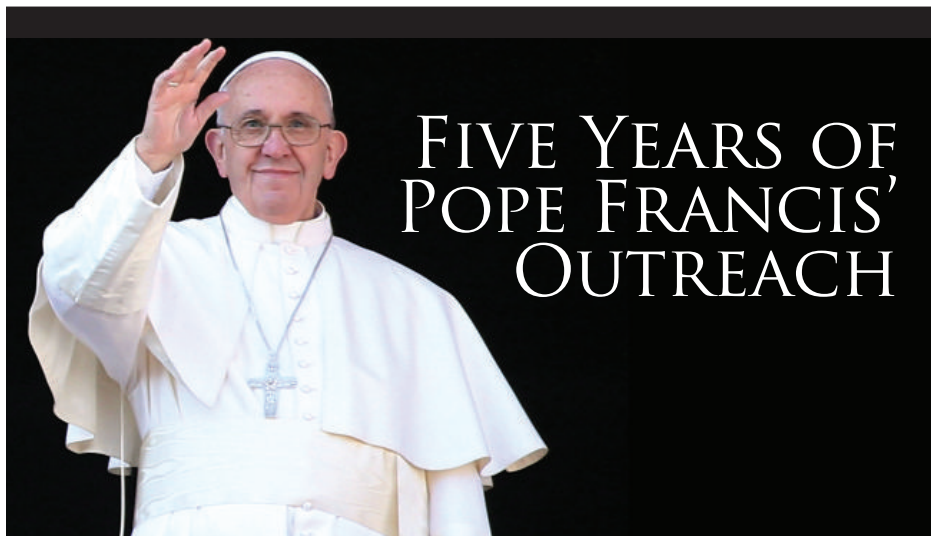


St. **A**mbrose Parish

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FIVE YEARS OF POPE FRANCIS' OUTREACH

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope just a few days after telling the College of Cardinals that the Catholic Church faced a clear choice between being a Church that “goes out” or a Church focused on its internal affairs.

After this Cardinal from Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected Pope on March 13, 2013, and chose the name Francis, he made “go out,” “periphery” and “throwaway culture” standard phrases in the papal vocabulary.

Catholics now have a wide variety of opinions about how Pope Francis is exercising the Papal ministry, and many of his comments – both in informal news conferences and in formal documents – have stirred controversy. But, as he wrote in “*Evangelii Gaudium*,” the Apostolic Exhortation laying out the vision for his Pontificate: “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out in the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

But there are two areas of internal Church affairs that he recognized which needed immediate attention: the reform of the Roman Curia and the full protection of children and vulnerable adults from clerical sexual abuse. Pope Francis has insisted that the real reform is a matter of changing hearts and embracing service.

For Pope Francis, this new course involves evangelization first of all. “Evangelizing presupposes a desire in the Church to come out of herself,” he had told the cardinals just days before the conclave that elected him. “The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents and of all misery.” **Mercy** is the first thing the Catholic Church is called to bring to those peripheries, he said.

Although in 2013 he told reporters he would not be traveling as much as his predecessors, Pope Francis has continued their practice of literally “going out,” making 22 trips outside of Italy and visiting 32 nations.

But he also regularly visits the peripheries of Rome, both its poor suburbs and its hospitals, rehabilitation centers, prisons and facilities for migrants and refugees. His desire to reach out has inspired innovations that were noteworthy at the beginning of the papacy, but now seem to be a natural part of a Pope’s day. For example, along with Vatican gardeners and garbage collectors, Francis continues to ask a small group of

Catholics to join him most weekday mornings for Mass in the chapel of his residence in the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, a simple guesthouse built by St. John Paul II. Pope Francis decided after the 2013 conclave to stay there and not move into the more isolated papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace.

On Holy Thursday each year, he has celebrated Mass at a prison, care facility or refugee center and washed the feet of patients, inmates or immigrants – both men and women – Catholics and members of other faiths. He since ordered the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments to clarify that the feet of both women and men can be washed at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

One Friday a month the Pope tries to visit people in particular need; including those at a school for the blind, a neonatal intensive care unit, a community of recovering alcoholics, a children’s group home and a community for women rescued from traffickers who forced them into prostitution.

In September 2015 as waves of migrants and refugees were struggling and dying to reach Europe, Pope Francis asked every parish and religious community in Europe to consider offering hospitality to one family. The Vatican offered apartments and support to a family from Syria and a family from Eritrea. Then, seven months later, Pope Francis visited a refugee center on the island of Lesbos, Greece, and brought 12 refugees back to Rome on the plane to the Vatican with him.

Less than three months into his Pontificate, he began denouncing the “throwaway culture” as one where money and power were the ultimate values and anything or anyone that did not advance money or power were disposable: “Human life, the person, are no longer seen as primary values to be respected and protected, especially if they are poor or disabled, if they are not yet useful – like an unborn child – or are no longer useful – like an old person,” the Pope

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said at a general audience.

In the first three years of his Papacy, he published three major documents: “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (The Joy of the Gospel); “*Laudato Si*,” on Care for Our Common Home,” on the environment; and “*Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), on Love in the Family,” his reflections on the discussions of the Synod of Bishops in 2014 and 2015.

People skeptical about the scientific proof that human activity is contributing to climate change objected to parts of “*Laudato Si*,” but the criticism was muted compared to reactions to Pope Francis’ document on the family, especially regarding ministry to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics and the possibility that, under some conditions, some of those Catholics could return to the sacraments.

The strongest criticism came from U.S. Cardinal Raymond Burke and three other cardinals, who sent to the Pope and then publicly released in November 2016 a formal, critical set of questions, known as “*dubia*,” insisting that allowing those Catholics to receive the sacraments amounted to changing fundamental Church teaching about marriage, sexuality and the nature of the sacraments.

Pope Francis has not responded to these cardinals, two of whom have since died. But in December, the Vatican posted on its website the guidelines for interpreting “*Amoris Laetitia*” developed by a group of Argentine bishops, as well as Pope Francis’ letter to them describing the guidelines as “authentic magisterium.”

The guidelines by bishops in the Buenos Aires region said the path of discernment proposed by Pope Francis for divorced and civilly remarried couples “does not necessarily end in the sacraments” but, in some situations, after a thorough process of discernment, the pope’s exhortation “opens the possibility” to reception of the sacraments.

In the document and throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has emphasized God’s mercy and the power of the sacraments to spur conversion and nourish Christians as they try to progress in holiness.

Like all Popes, Pope Francis frequently urges Catholics to go to confession, telling them it is not a “torture chamber.” And he repeatedly gives priests blunt advice about being welcoming and merciful to those who approach the confessional. Like St. John Paul did each Lent, Pope Francis hears confessions in St. Peter’s Basilica. But, he surprised even his closest aides beginning in 2014 when, instead of going to the confessional to welcome the first penitent, he turned and went to confession himself.

He also has surprised people by being completely honest about his age. In April 2017, when he was still 80 years old, he told Italian young people that while they are preparing for the future, “at my age we are preparing to go.” The young people present objected loudly. “No?” the pope responded, “Who can guarantee life? No one.”

Excerpt from the Catholic News Services article by Cindy Wooden, March 13, 2018, catholicnews.com

Holy Week & Easter 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Penance Service - 2:00 p.m.

Palm Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PALM SUNDAY,

Palm Sunday Mass – 8:30 a.m.

Procession and Mass – 11:15 a.m.

Beginning at the Academy building

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the church until midnight

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon

in the church building

Liturgy of the Lord’s

Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Stations in the Street at 3:30 p.m.

Lenten Dinner in the ARK - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 noon

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS

8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 11:15 a.m.

Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK

All Things Considered

Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m., please gather at the Academy building for our annual outdoor Palm Sunday procession. Our music minister, **Norah Duncan**, has put together some marching musicians to accompany us!

This public demonstration of our faith only asks you to walk one block. I've asked you to do this for more than 30 years, yet every year I see that there are a number of able-bodied persons of every age that plop themselves in a pew and wait for the rest of the congregation to join them. While I, from first-hand experience, understand the physical limitations of people who find difficulties in ambulation, I struggle to believe that there are so many afflicted in our congregation on this particular Sunday every year. Heck, most people walk as much, or further, from the parking lot than they do for this procession!

Catholic tradition is built on public processions. Be a demonstrative Catholic and get your body moving in prayer at next Sunday's 11:15 mass along the walkway that has been built especially for a ceremony like this. Note the names of those parishioners who walked this way before you.

For those "less able" there will be an "internal" procession within the church building at our other two masses.

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My responsibility as your pastor is to make the sacraments available to you and your family and to provide spiritual instruction and inspiration toward the salvation of your souls.

What has become more and more difficult in my fulfilling this obligation is the encroachment of just about any other activity when it comes to prioritizing the time given to religious endeavors. This certainly is a problem for adults whose schedules dominate them. This spills over to the youngsters of the parish who have a plethora of extra curricular activities that compete for their attention. I understand that parents want and need

to provide opportunities for their children's growth. But this can't ever be at the expense of their spiritual maturation.

Currently it seems that religion takes a back seat to just about any other scheduling demand proposed by coaches, teachers, dance instructors, karate dojos and travel agents to list a few. It's not like a generation ago when confronted with a choice between a religious obligation and a secular activity, religion would win. Today the speedy choice for a lot of parents

**Communal
Penance Services**
Saturday, March 24th
at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28th
at 7:00 p.m.

is to opt for any other endeavor before that of religious education and the sacraments. Life is about choices and parents set the standard as to which choices will take priority in a kid's moral future.

My parish staff and I never intentionally put families in a bind. We exercise due diligence in checking vacation breaks and other school, sport and social events on local calendars before we make our schedules. But the reality is we can't ever keep up with all the other choices and voices claiming your family's time. At some point, I as your pastor have to be assertive in staking a clear claim on the hearts of your children. Parents should understand that our basic requirements for religious formation are not arbitrary and should not try to negotiate these important demands away.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Parents should teach their children to subordinate the material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones."

"Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church. A

wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life."

The latest PEW study indicates that 79% of those who call themselves "former" Catholics leave the Church before age 23. Of that group, 32% reported that their family was never that religious growing up. That failure to inspire rests as much upon parents as it does upon me.

For years, my pastoral approach has been pretty much "soft sell". I believed that when faced with obvious ethical vs hedonistic choices, parents would opt for the ethical. That used to work. But times have changed and more and more families are not even meeting me half way, or even seeing the legitimacy of my claim in sacramental and religious educational matters. For the sake of my salvation, I feel that I need to be more assertive in staking a claim on the souls of your children. That is my responsibility.

It is also the responsibility of the pastoral team I have assembled to serve you here in this parish. I have never hired anyone who does not believe in what is now called the "Pope Francis school of mercy." Accommodation in the name of the Gospel faith is no sin.

But there must be limits to accommodation. My staff and I should always be understanding, we also need to be as demanding and convincing as coaches and academic advisors as to what will best fit those who will carry or not carry our faith into the future. After all, we are talking about decisions that are soul sized here. I need to remind you that your primary goal as a parent is to get to see your child in heaven. Every other goal is just window dressing.

My commitment to my vocation and to you is that I will continue to provide a place where engagement in the sacraments is seen as a priority. We will endeavor to make every mass, sacramental activity and educational opportunity you attend here something that is engaging and thought out in advance.

But it's like the man who prayed to God to give him the numbers to the winning Lotto, and God responds, OK, meet me half way. Buy a ticket.

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 Fridays in 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., to 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.

Post Diakonos

“Works of art that can accompany you through the decades are mirrors in which you can see yourself, wells in which you can keep dipping. They remind you that what you bring to the work of art is as important as what it brings to you. They can become registers of how you’ve changed.”

Rebecca Solnit in Harper’s, September 2016

Ms. Solnit wrote this by way of commemorating her viewings of the 1956 near-classic movie “Giant” (I like it, but I don’t seek it out, nor turn it off; the proof that it doesn’t reach greatness is that it’s not even the best film of its near-great director, George Seaton – that would be “Shane”). To read her column – which is liberally framed, in the non-political sense, so parents with children take note – is to have my nose yet again rubbed in the reality that I should have been and should be keeping a journal, which was likely indispensable to her in writing this piece. She begins when she first saw the film, in 1996, and recounts subsequent viewings, spaced about a decade apart, detailing who she was with and what thoughts and feelings the film drew from her over time. Out of those memories she creates a reverie free from the falsehoods of nostalgia, culminating in the bright insightful gem quoted above.

May I, Ms. Solnit, take your revelation in another direction? I believe everything you say about works of art is also true of Scripture. Long have I been taught and ever more deeply have I come to believe that the Bible is the living word of God. This week’s re-encounter with John Chapter 12 (it is one of the options for readings today) reveals that what I was drawn to and valued years ago, when I first started to study Scripture formally, has been re-arranged. Nothing has been rejected, rather, what makes the strongest impression has shifted. And this is the saving power of the Bible.

The Prologue of John in Chapter 1 is the Ur-text for Franciscans – even more than Matthew 25, when Jesus names the works of mercy. The Prologue is proof that Jesus always was – one in being with God the creator – and that his Incarnation and his desire to be one of us was not just a “Plan B” reaction to our concupiscence. Okay, now check out Chapter 12, beginning in particular with verse 44: like the Prologue, it is spoken to an unnamed hearer. It matches the tone of the Prologue – that same sweeping but simple grandeur – yet it “shows the work,” to borrow a term from mathematics: it gives us Jesus in his own voice, describing the ways he has lived out the promises of the Prologue. And its focus is not cosmic but ad hominem – “I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness” (v. 47).

Movies are an excellent use of the dark. But nothing compares to the Light.

Fr. Robert Wotypka

Faith Formation Station

Please be sure to open and read any communication from St. Ambrose that is being sent to the main contact email listed on your child/ren’s registration form. Important information regarding upcoming events, changes in scheduling, sacramental preparation, etc. is communicated to parents this way. Check your spam file and call the office if you are not receiving emails. Email blast reminders will be forthcoming with details for the Palm Sunday procession.

Program Evaluations are being collected in the hallway at Merit. We look forward to your feedback. Student Evaluations are being collected in class for any parents wishing to respond to their child/ren’s progress report and/or thank their catechist for his/her faith and dedication.

Substitute Catechists Needed: The program is in need of volunteers to occasionally serve as substitute catechists when our regular catechists cannot attend class. Lesson plans will be provided. Please consider helping us out with this ministry – parents, that means you! If you are interested in volunteering, call/email the office (313) 822-2814 or email reled.stambrose@comcast.net.

Kelly Woolums

The Buzz

Today in the Liturgy, the Church celebrates Jeremiah's prophecy in which God promised a new covenant – one where His law would be written on the hearts of His people. In the Gospel reading Jesus declared, "The hour has come . . ."

So, what have you been "reading" on your heart this Lent? Have you let God get close enough to write anything there? Anything? If not, you need some more Lent. Let's also help each other brush up on our reading skills if necessary. There is nothing more important on the agenda for the next two weeks than that!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the best ways the Church has to help us clear our (in)sights and read God well. There are three more scheduled opportunities to do this at St. Ambrose before Easter: this Thursday evening before the 7:00 p.m. mass for individuals, then next Saturday afternoon at 2:00 and the following Wednesday night of Holy Week at 7:00 for communal penance services with an opportunity for individual contact with a priest. "The hour has come"; are you ready?



Today at the 11:15 mass we celebrate the last of the "Scrutiny" liturgies with our parish ELECT – those chosen for Easter Sacraments of Initiation. Over the course of this holy season, each of our weekend mass-time gatherings has had an opportunity to meet and pray for these special people. Please keep them in your prayers. They are very excited about joining us in this Catholic Faith. Let's not only welcome them warmly, but also let's make sure that the vibrant spirit of faith in this parish continues to grow deeper and wider to help sustain them in the days and years ahead.



Next weekend is already Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed and distributed in church at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 am Sunday masses. The 11:15 a.m. mass next Sunday will begin on the front steps of the Academy building on Alter Rd. with the blessing and distribution of palms. This will be followed by a procession of the entire congregation down Hampton to the church for the remainder of the Liturgy. Come directly to the Academy for the 11:15 start. Blessed palms will be available after mass for those who cannot participate in the procession for health reasons.

As I'm writing this, it is still winter . . . and freezing cold. In my years here we've had shirtsleeve temps, and we've had horizontally blowing snow days for the Palm Sunday Procession. But since spring begins this Tuesday, (and I certainly have the fever!) my hope is for a clear, bright and warm morning next Sunday. And I also hope the Tigers win more this year. We'll see which hope is more likely to come to pass.

Chuck Drowpiowski

Vincentian Reflection

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and help lead them to Easter hope and joy.

Local Response to Gun Violence

March For Our Lives will be a *youth*-led event on Saturday, March 24th at 11 a.m. on the Riverfront – meeting at 1340 East Atwater St., Detroit MI 48207 – held in solidarity with other student-led events planned across the country that day. In addition to students, adults can be "allies" for the event. The exact details are still being planned, but the location for the program at the riverfront has been secured. There will also be some sort of march. The lead contact for this event is Grosse Pointe South student Harry Susalla and he can be reached at marchforour-livesdetroit@gmail.com. Youth groups from local churches both in Grosse Pointe and Detroit are encouraged to attend, and there are opportunities for youth volunteers as well.

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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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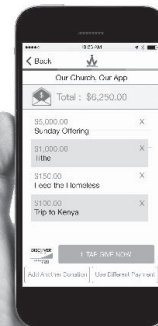
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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 20

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

William J. McNish

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 22

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Alexandra Turnbull

Friday, March 23

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Geraldine Miller

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 24

Blessed Oscar Romero, bishop & martyr

2:00 p.m. - Communal Penance

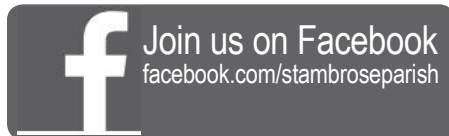
4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. - For All People

11:15 a.m. - For All People



Scriptures for the 5th Week of Lent

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

- Nm 21: 4-9
- Ps 1-2: 2-3, 16-21
- Jn 21-30

Wednesday, March 21

- Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95
- (Ps) Dn 3: 52-56
- Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

- Ez 37: 21-28
- (Dn) Jer 31: 10-12
- Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday, March 25

- Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16 (proc)
- Is 50: 4-7
- Phil 2: 6-11
- Mk 14: 1-15: 47 or 15: 1-39

Passion (Palm) Sunday

March 24th and March 25th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Wotypka **Lectors:** Bern Degnan & Mary Urbanski

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Maria Cox- &

Adam Borkowski, Karen McShane

Altar Servers: Jack Hern & Sean Hall

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lectors:** Norman Cure & Bob Gatzke

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Joan Jackson, Chris Walsh

Altar Servers: Nicholas, Margaret, & Meredith Kramer

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Billiu, Doris Fleming,

Sue & Roger Playwin, Darryl Swiatkowski

Altar Servers: Liam & Maria Liburdi

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, March 11, 2018

in envelopes we received \$7,001.00

in the loose collection \$566.00

in electronic donations \$1,390.00

in children's envelopes..... \$3.00

for a total of..... **\$8,960.00**

Under budget for the week..... **\$1,140.00**

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used..... 176

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- JER. 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.

It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Josephine Marino, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Alexandra Billiu, Frank Gregory, and Mark Olstyn.

Nukes & Your Future

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts a forum entitled **Nuclear Weapons, Security and Morality** this Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

This forum aims to educate about the dangers of nuclear weapons and the consequences of world leaders legitimizing their use as a tool of war and foreign policy. The objective is to lead the global community to push the concerns of nuclear proliferation onto the agenda of all world leaders through students, educators and policy makers. This group hopes to mobilize the community to sign a declaration denouncing the development, possession and use of nuclear weapons.

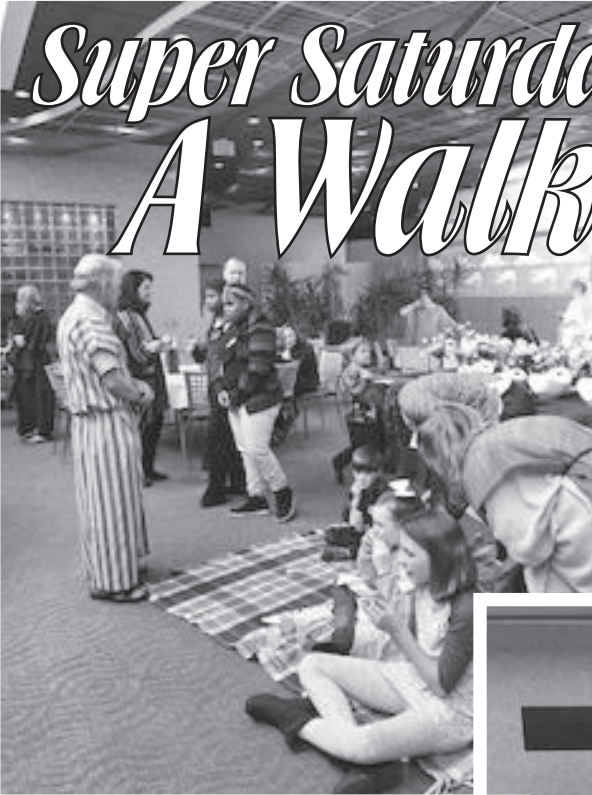
The forum will be moderated by Dr. Anthony Perry and will include Cynthia Stiller, and Drs. Frederick Pearson, Alvin Saperstein and Prasad Venugopal.

Family Planning

Couples are invited to attend the 2018 Natural Family Planning Support & Education Series: Deeper Reflections which begins on March 20th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Couples use NFP for a variety of reasons from avoiding to achieving a pregnancy or simply to monitor their health. Whatever your reason for using NFP in your marriage – you are not alone. Get to know each other, explore the various NFP methods and hear incredible NFP stories. RSVP to nfp@aod.org and visit aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and times.

Super Saturday: A Walk With Jesus



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