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Refugees and Catholic Social Teaching

From its beginning, America experienced waves of immigration as individuals sought better lives for themselves and their families. Many came as refugees looking for safe haven, escaping persecution or violence in their home countries. From the Puritans seeking freedom to practice their religion in the 1600s, large numbers of Germans, Italians, and Irish escaping hardship and unrest in their home countries during the 1800s, and the unaccompanied minors from Central America in recent years, America has experienced a wide variety of cultures and ethnicities coming to her shores.

After World War II, a growing number of refugees prompted federal action to allow more people to find a new life in the United States. In 1948, the U.S. Congress passed the Displaced Persons Act, initially allowing 200,000 additional displaced Europeans to be admitted to the United States. Before its passage, President Harry Truman urged Congress to pass legislation that would allow America to “do its share in caring for homeless and suffering refugees of all faiths.” He wrote that he believed accepting and welcoming these individuals would “add to the strength and energy of the Nation.”

Welcoming individuals and families from differing cultures has brought strength and energy to the country. The beauty of the United States is its ability to bring together people of different backgrounds. These transitions have not always been smooth and at times have aroused fear in certain populations, yet new individuals and groups continue to come, encouraged by the place religious freedom and tolerance hold in the country’s fiber.

Now in 2016, men, women, and children continue to flee war-torn countries and politically difficult parts of the world, leaving their homes, livelihoods, and, at times, other family members and friends behind. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the worldwide number of displaced persons has recently been at the highest level ever recorded; at the end of 2014, 59.5 million people experienced displacement, compared to 51.2 million in 2013 and 37.5 million a decade ago.

Images have filled television screens, newspapers, and internet articles, showing the growing refugee crisis that is stretching across the Middle East and Europe. At the same time, rising acts of violence and terror around the world have contributed to a climate of fear and distrust that has also entered into America’s political debate.

The Catholic Church teaches that discussions and actions regarding immigrants, migrants, and refugees must revolve around the human person and the dignity that each person deserves. When Pope Francis spoke before the U.S. Congress in September 2015, he recognized the magnitude of the refugee crisis while also encouraging all to see the human faces of the refugees and those who have been displaced.

“The Church stands at the side of all who work to defend each person’s right to live with dignity, first and foremost by exercising the right not to emigrate and to contribute to the

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development of one's country of origin. This process should include, from the outset, the need to assist the countries which migrants and refugees leave."

Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2016

The Catholic Church recognizes that nations have a legitimate interest to enforce their own immigration laws. It is important that countries are able to protect the safety and security of their own people, as long as enforcement of the laws is done in a just and humane way. At the same time, the Church teaches that individuals have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. While no country should be forced to accept all who wish to migrate or resettle, efforts should be made by the more prosperous nations to welcome the foreigner and those desperately in need, especially persons fleeing persecution and violence in their home countries.

The Bible presents many examples, both in the Old and New Testaments, of refugees fleeing oppression. In fact, the Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Holy Family departing for Egypt, seeking to escape the violence of King Herod. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus became refugees themselves, finding protection in a new place until they could safely return home. The Catholic Church must be present to help modern day refugees, improve living conditions, and welcome refugees as they resettle in a new country.

Pope Francis has consistently spoken of the need for people of faith to assist refugees, even calling on all European parishes, convents, and religious institutes to host a refugee family. The Vatican is currently hosting a Christian family from Syria and has also provided a mobile clinic and medical volunteers to help refugees at processing centers on the outskirts of Rome. The Church has a long tradition of working with refugees and migrants in need, both overseas and back at home. History well documents the efforts of religious congregations and the Vatican, specifically those of Pope Pius XII, for example, to shelter and provide humanitarian assistance to displaced people, including Roman Jews who fled the Nazi regime.

Abroad

In 1943, the U.S. Catholic Bishops recognized a need to assist survivors in Europe in the aftermath of World War II. To respond to this need, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was created. Since that time, CRS has expanded its outreach to 101 countries on five continents, collaborating at the local level to work with the most vulnerable and provide services in the areas of healthcare, education, agriculture, peacemaking, and microfinance, among others. More recently, CRS has responded to the growing numbers of refugees and economic migrants from the Middle East through their work abroad. In his 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, Pope Francis declared that the Church stands with "all who work to defend each person's right to live with dignity," helping first and foremost to address conditions within the home country.

Since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War CRS aid workers have assisted approximately 800,000 war-affected Syrians and 88,000 displaced Iraqis. By working with local organizations and infrastructures, CRS has helped to provide families in need with food and living supplies, counseling, education, medical assistance, temporary shelter, and translation and legal services.

At Home

The United States government relies heavily on its partnerships with outside organizations to help with refugee resettlement. The United States Catholic Church, through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Services office, is one of nine U.S. resettlement agencies that assist refugees arriving in the United States. The mission of Migration and Refugee Services is to "serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, migrants, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking," treating every person with the dignity and respect they deserve. Living out the Gospel of Matthew's call to welcome the stranger, the Catholic Church is present with refugees as they enter the country for the first time, performing services such as:

- Picking up refugee clients from the airport,
- Locating safe and affordable housing,
- Providing furniture, basic household items, and food,
- Offering English as a second language classes,
- Enrolling children in school,
- Transporting and assisting refugees for health screenings and medical follow-up,
- Providing extensive cultural orientation and financial literacy,
- Helping refugees apply for necessary documents and programs, and
- Connecting refugees with employment services.

In the State of Michigan, two Catholic Charities agencies operate refugee resettlement programs. The Refugee Services program at St. Vincent Catholic Charities has served over 20,000 adults and families coming into the Lansing area as refugees since the 1970s. In 2014, the program welcomed approximately 600 new refugees, including large numbers from Iraq, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bhutan, and Burma. Emerging from refugee services provided by the Archdiocese of Detroit during the Vietnam-era, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan operates an Immigration and Refugee Service office that has benefited thousands. Since the 1970s, over 16,000 refugees have been helped by the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese. Many recent cases have been Iraqi families. Within this program, staff assist refugees as they seek to become adjusted to their new communities, especially by processing lawful resident status and ultimately naturalization. The program also offers limited low-cost immigration legal advice or representation.

*Excerpted from [Refugees and Catholic Social Teaching](#), a position paper from the Michigan Catholic Conference. To read this article in its entirety visit [Focus](#) at [micatholic.org](#). Find **Michigan Catholic Conference** on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.*

All Things Considered

The centerpiece of our Archbishop's "Unleash the Gospel" initiative will be **Synod 2016**. The word "synod" comes from the Greek "σύνδοδος" (synodos) meaning "assembly" or "meeting" and it is synonymous with the Latin word "concilium" meaning "council".

Originally, synods were meetings of bishops, and the word is still used in that sense in Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. But there are also Diocesan synods which are meetings of the clergy and the laity summoned by the bishop to deliberate on legislative matters. According to Canon Law (#463), in addition to specific clergy, members of the laity, chosen by the diocesan pastoral council through the diocesan bishop, should also be invited to attend.

Last Fall, we submitted three potential representatives from our Parish for the upcoming Synod 16. From that group, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council chose **Patrick O'Hara** to represent St. Ambrose.

Patrick is well known to many parishioners. He and his wife **Anne (White)** along with their two children **Julia Rose** and **Tom**, have been part of our parish since we merged with St. Martin's. Pat graduated from Catholic Central High School, attended Sacred Heart Seminary and received his Accounting Degree from the University of Detroit. He has been active in Detroit politics and was elected to the Detroit Charter Revision Commission that rewrote the city charter. He has served as the Treasurer of the Charter Revision Commission and was on the staff of the Michigan House of Representatives Taxation Committee.

Patrick is also on Detroit's Cristo Rey High School Board of Directors. He is a Board Member of the Metropolitan Agency for the De-

velopmentally Disabled. In addition, something very important during this the month of March, he is a member of Detroit's Saint Patrick's Parade Committee – and was Grand Marshal of the event in 2006.

It will be Patrick's responsibility to be the spokesperson for our Parish at the Synod's gatherings this October. But he will not be speaking just for himself. He will carry with him the reports and reactions of our parishioners, gleaned from a Parish Dialogue Gathering which we will hold here later this Spring.

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. Assisting him will be our Pastoral Minister, **Chuck Dropiewski** and parishioners **Clarisa** and **Kevin Picuch**.

We are still trying to pin down a date and a format for our Parish Dialogue Gathering. We know that 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.

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Stations in the Street has been a part of Good Fridays at St. Ambrose ever since we carried that tradition over from our merger with St. Martin's 27 years ago. The objective of this service was to take the "Via Dolorosa," that is the "Sorrowful Way" of Christ's passion out of the confines of a church building and into the streets of our city – streets filled with people and places for whom and for which Christ suffered and died.

This year, at the invitation of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Associa-

tion, we have been asked to participate in a larger version of 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 Neff to Fisher Road.

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.

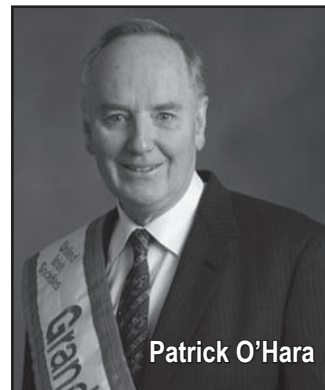
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Think about how many times a day you use tap water. Now imagine finding out that tap water is poisoned with lead — and has been for nearly two years. A once-quiet crisis in Flint is now drawing voluminous concern from around the nation.

It's easy to feel removed and relatively helpless during a massive crisis like this. While there is State aid coming into the city, the poorest of Flint's poor are still struggling to get back on their feet. One community especially hard hit is Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish which is composed primarily of immigrants from Mexico. They need bottled water, as well as water (and shower) filtration systems. Guadalupe parish also needs other items such as personal hygiene kits, medical and baby supplies – especially baby bath-tubs.

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

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Patrick O'Hara

Religious Education Update

This coming Saturday, the families of those preparing for their First Communion will be gathering for the Breaking Bread Banquet. This annual banquet is what we call “the meal before the meal”. At this meal we focus on the spiritual part of the journey to the Lord’s Table and so it involves the whole family.

After families gather and find their seats, several parents come forward to lead us in a prayer that recalls the gathering of the disciples at the Last Supper. Parents then stand behind their children and participate in a special blessing ceremony in which they bless their children and, in turn, Fr. Tim blesses the parents who play an indispensable role in guiding their children through the sacraments.

The families have time to socialize with one another while enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Fred Whaley and Mary Oberly with the children in mind. As they leave, the children take the special First Communion plate they have designed themselves along with other special gifts from the parish.

If you have been praying for one of these young children (because you picked up a prayer card with their name on it in January), they would love to know! Please do send a card to congratulate them and to let them know they have been in your prayers. Simply address the envelope with the name of the child you have been praying for and drop the card in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you!

Betty

Refresh Your Spirit

Treat yourself to a moment away from the stress of everyday living, to be refreshed, to value the Spirituality of Time at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP will present this program on Wednesday, March 16th from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The suggested offering is \$45 per person. To sign up call (248) 651-4826.

Friar on Fire

A few weeks ago we held **Tap Into Life** at the Solanus Casey Center and I have to share what happened because it was just amazing how everything came together. First I have to say how amazing it was to see how Father Solanus Casey continues to work in the lives of young adults and allow miracles to happen. The weekend that Tap Into Life was scheduled, there was a power outage in Detroit that affected the Solanus Casey Center. The power outage happened Saturday afternoon due to high winds and the power was not scheduled to come back on until Tuesday afternoon. At that time it was just too late to contact people to change the venue. That weekend I learned an important and vital part in ministry, and that is sometimes you have to improvise!

With the help of wonderful and amazing young adults and the staff at the Solanus Center we improvised and used our creativity to bring forth a new experience and tour for the young adults who would come. We improvised and had a candlelight dinner and made use of the lighting that we did have. We started to think of fun ideas like flashlight tours and candlelight prayers. We were so creative and came up with our Plan B’s, (and Plan C’s and Plan D’s,) that would have been just as good of an experience for young adults.

We started the night with the candlelight dinner and then Solanus worked a miracle for us: the power that was supposed to come on a few days later suddenly started to work for us! We were able to go on with the tour of the Center and have young adults experience the life and way of Mercy of Father Solanus by way of his gratitude that exuded from his loving heart. Though they could have definitely done that without electrical power.

We ended up with around 30 people at Tap Into Life and the event was filled with so much laughter, fun, depth and prayer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tour of the Solanus Center and were very engaged in the life and Spirituality of Solanus. His spirituality helps young adults in several different areas of their life. A lot of the young adults said that they never knew that the Center even existed and would love to come back and have more young adult gatherings there. It was a prayerful experience that nourished their souls and their hearts.

One of the big reasons why we wanted to have the Tap Into Life at the Solanus Center is to parallel the Capuchin Spirituality and what Pope Francis has been asking in this Year of Mercy by highlighting acts of Mercy. At the Center we receive over 20,000 confessions a year and it is a place that mirrors the Gospel for this week: the story of the Prodigal Son. Men, women, young adults, people of different faiths and people who are in need simply of God’s mercy are hungry and taking steps to come to God. And God is constantly embracing people, especially in this season of Lent with a Cloak of Compassion and Mercy.

I want to invite you to please come to the Solanus Center and experience this wonderful place of Mercy and to continue to pray for these wonderful young adults and Tap Into Life. Let us pray for young adults to experience and make steps towards the Heart of God.

I also would like to ask for your prayers as we are approaching our fundraiser for the Solanus Casey Center. If you know anyone who would like to support us and spend an evening at our wine tasting or are interested in buying or helping with the sale of raffle tickets, please contact me. I am so grateful for your prayers, support and love.

Br. Tom

Nourishing the Soul

The Solanus Casey Center’s 12th Annual “Nourishing the Soul” Wine Tasting Event will be held Saturday, March 19th, at 6:00 p.m. This year’s event has moved to the newly remodeled Petruzzello’s Banquet and Conference Center on Rochester Road in Troy. Tickets are \$95 per person, include valet parking, and can be purchased by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153 or online: SolanusCenter.org

The Buzz

Laetare, rejoice! We are more than half way along in this holy season. 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? Rejoice; there's still time.

Today's readings from mass are an encouragement and a challenge to keep changing. In Joshua, the Israelites have gone from a wandering desert existence, sustained by daily manna, to a people settled in the Promised Land, sustained by the fruits of their own labor. In II Corinthians, Paul reminds us that through Baptism into the life of the risen Christ, we have become a new creation. And Jesus eats with sinners – an absolutely radical change in thinking about how God treats and interacts with us . . . further illustrated by the famous parable of the prodigal father.

True Faith radically changes people's lives. Is this cause for rejoicing? If you say NO, there is still more Lent to give it another try. For those of you who say YES, *laetare*, believers!



“Unleash the Gospel” is the title given by our Archbishop to a change he hopes to effect in the Catholic Church in Detroit. The goal is to energize all the members of the Body of Christ to take on a mission-focused faith (rather than simply inward or maintenance-focused) that will reach out and transform our part of the world as well as our faith communities. He feels there is a decline in the faith of the local Church that needs to be remedied. There are many opportunities and events scheduled around town to help Catholics form their hearts and minds in this direction. You can read a lot more about this at aod.org.

But in the last BUZZ, I wrote that several members of the parish were going to a training session to facilitate one important segment of this process at the local level. SYNOD 16, a whole-diocese program which will take place in November, is to have preparatory dialogue sessions for everybody in parishes between March and June of this year. **Clarisa** and **Kevin Picuch**, as well as **Patrick O'Hara**, learned about how the experience of us people in the pews could be heard and transmitted back to the representatives at the fall meeting.

Just over a week ago, our Parish Council met and heard a report about this. Creative discussion led to a recommendation that this might be the right time to invite back Fr. Bill Cieslak – our popular, parish Centennial Retreat director from last November – to return and invigorate the process in the spirit we experienced at the beginning of this special year. Details are already being worked out. Let me know what you think about this ... and stay tuned.



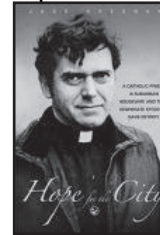
The SYNOD 16 parish dialogue process is built around three steps of faith that I think are ideal for us to reflect on and pray about during Lent ... Synod or no Synod: encountering (meeting in a very real way) Christ, growing daily as His disciple, and becoming a witness of all this (the powerful mercy of the living Christ) to everyone we meet.

In each step, the diocesan process asks us to offer three responses: 1) How have I experienced this in my life? 2) How has my parish community helped me in this? 3) What could my parish or diocese do to help me do this more and better?

I think that getting ready to answer these items is also a great lenten examination of conscience for anyone. Try it. See what you think. This may not be the way Catholics have traditionally thought or spoken about our faith. The Scriptures and the local Church challenge us this lent to rejoice in a radical new vision of our life in Christ. *Laetare*, everyone!

Chuck Dropiewski

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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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 7

SS. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

11:00 a.m. - Funeral - Steven Bush

Tuesday, March 8

St. John of God, religious

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Eugene Martin,
Sr. Helen Edward Duncan

Wednesday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome, religious

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 10

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Joan Convery,
Clare Weston, Lois Moore

Friday, March 11

8:30 a.m. - Ray & Rosanna Tessmer
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Scriptures for the 4th Week in Lent

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

- Is 49: 8-15
- Ps 145: 8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
- Jn 5: 17-30

Thursday, March 10

- Ex 32: 7-14
- Ps 106: 19-23
- Jn 5: 31-47

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

- Is 43: 16-21
- Phil 3: 8-14
- Jn 8: 1-11

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 12th and March 13th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Jeri Krueger
Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Della Cimini, Peter Hern,
Bob Krueger, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer, Mary Urbanski
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Blake Hern

8:30 a.m. EDT - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Karlos Haynes
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Joan Jackson,
Maggie Jackson, Bernadette Pieczynski, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Lizzie High, Delaney Jackson

11:15 a.m. EDT - Sunday - Celebrants: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Roger Playwin
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Mary Ghesquire, Sue Playwin,
Cristina Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner, Patty Yaden
Altar Servers: Brian Garvey, Conor Garvey & Delaney Garvey

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, February 28, 2016

in envelopes we received \$7,633.00
in the loose collection \$537.00
in electronic donations \$1,200.00
in children's envelopes \$11.00
for a total of **\$9,391.00**

Under budget for the week **\$719.00**

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 181

This is not good.

The Lenten Season should signal high attendance and extraordinary sacrifice from parishioners.

We cannot keep up with expenses when we run this far under-budget on what should otherwise be a solid collection weekend. If you are on vacation, please don't leave your parish in the lurch!

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized:

Kay Balas, Peyton Barron, Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Steven Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elbersson, Dan Fleming, Mary Ellen Greenup, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Anna Noto Billings, 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 mass was celebrated by Fr. Pelc on March 2nd for long-time parishioner, **Edward Ploe**, age 86.

Ed was born in Detroit and graduated from Detroit Catholic Central. He met his Marie in a bowling league and together they raised their family on the Eastside and Grosse Pointe. He was a Detroit Policeman who attained the rank of Inspector. Ed did special detail for security during the Pope's visit in 1987 and also was involved in security for the Republican National Convention in 1980. Ed and Marie enjoyed traveling after he retired. He played golf and always kept up with the Tigers. Ed was predeceased by his son, Steve and sister, Joan. He is survived by his wife, Marie and children Susan (Dennis) Bouchard, Sally (Dean) Moyle, Sandra (Robert) Rosser and son, Scott (Peggy). Also surviving are his brother, Robert (Marie), Mary Lou Rolik and Patricia Ecola. He will be missed by his seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild as well as the rest of his family and friends.

Cross and the Light

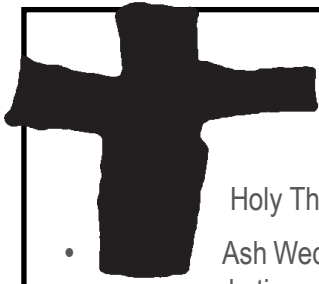
... is a rock musical and surround video experience that takes us from Christ's entry in Jerusalem, through his murder, and to the surprising events that occur after his death. Performances are at Star of the Sea on:

Thursday, March 10th, at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11th, at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12th, at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a free-will offering.



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.

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 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!



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.

\$16 per adult • \$10 for children aged 6 to 10.
Carry-out service available (313) 822-1594.

