

St. Ambrose Parish

Our 99th Year!
MARCH 8, 2015
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The Close of the Catholic Era

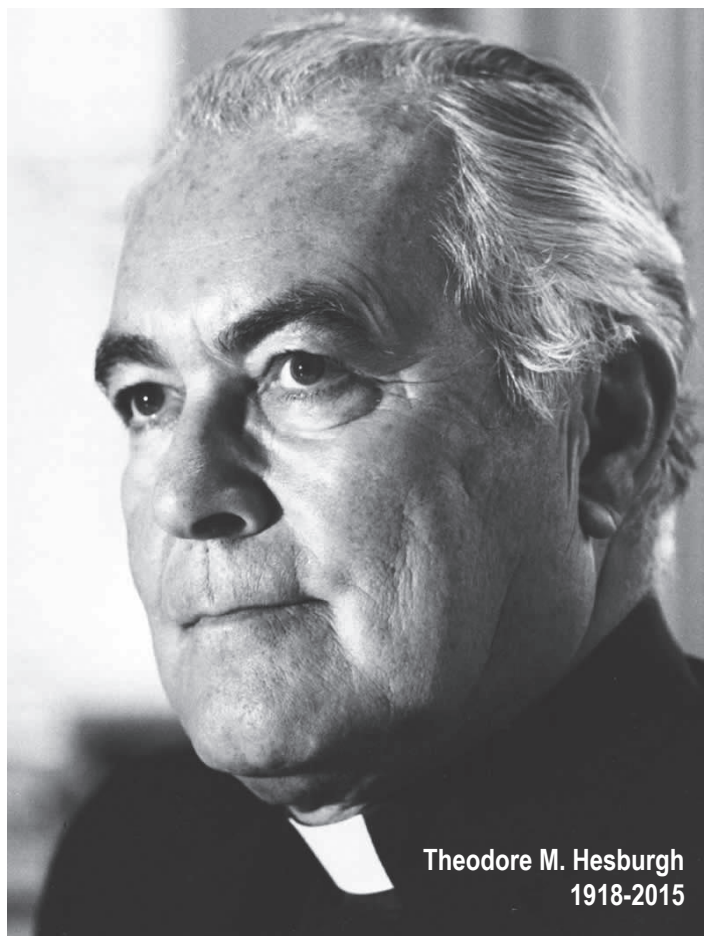
The February 26th death of Holy Cross Fr. Theodore “Ted” Hesburgh, the University of Notre Dame’s longest-serving president, at age 97 has closed the door on the “American Catholic Era.”

Born in 1917, into a time when Catholics were distrusted, despised and discriminated against, Fr. Hesburgh kept pace with, and in many ways encouraged, the emergence of the American Catholic laity. It was an emergence paid for in part by the GI Bill that funded the college education of War World II veterans and gave the young priest his first Notre Dame job, as chaplain to those men and their families.

Those GIs, their wives and their children were the flowering of American Catholicism. They found their voices and places nationally in politics, academia, the corporate world and public affairs, in print and on television. In the public sphere, these were the Catholic generations that flushed with justifiable pride at the sight of Catholic nuns and priests flocking to the civil rights marches from Selma, Alabama in 1965. This was during the period in which Hesburgh was a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He served on the commission from 1957 to 1972.

Where public and Catholic life coincided, Hesburgh’s was the era of the “two Johns” — Pope John XXIII and President John F. Kennedy — and of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). The council’s impetus soon saw the American Catholic laity reaching for new roles, creating new goals, and arguing for a more compassionate society and activist church in a nation fractured by the Vietnam War. Two decades later it was a church squaring off internally with itself, as Catholics of varied preferences and persuasions took stances that would in time shatter its previous unity.

Born on May 25, 1917 in Syracuse N.Y., Hesburgh attended Notre Dame from 1934 to 1937. In 1939, he received his Bachelor of Philosophy from Rome’s Gregorian University. Following his 1943 ordination as a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in the campus’ Sacred Heart Church, Hesburgh received his doctorate in sacred theology in 1945 from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and joined the Notre Dame theology faculty. By 1948, he was department head, and the next year executive vice president.



Theodore M. Hesburgh
1918-2015

In 1952 at age 35, “Father Ted” became the university president. He plunged into the work with youthful enthusiasm, determined to create a world-class university as a world-girdling president speaking out forcefully on national and global issues. In 1962, he was on the cover of TIME magazine. By 1964, he’d received — from President Lyndon Johnson — the Presidential Medal of Freedom for service, not least on the Commission on Civil Rights, plus the National Science Board and the U.S. Advisory Commission on International Educational and Cultural Affairs.

In that same decade, back in South Bend, he launched a five-year, \$52 million development program that raised \$47 million in the first two years, created 40 endowed pro-

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fessorships, and expanded graduate education and research. Halcyon days indeed.

In the 1960s and '70s, Hesburgh was rarely out of the news.

- In early 1968, he told Catholic educators at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium: “Theology must be free, for it will be accepted as a true university discipline only if it operates under the same kind of freedom and autonomy as do other disciplines.”
- In October, he defended the rights of faculty members to speak publicly “according to their own competence,” even when they disagree with the pope.
- By early March 1969, there were student riots on campuses across America. Hesburgh was soon writing to Vice President Spiro Agnew warning against the government taking the initiative to involve itself in quelling campus violence. He wrote that the universities themselves must be the final judges of when outside help was needed. That was 12 months before the Kent State student massacre, when Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on protesting students.
- In late March 1969, Nixon named Hesburgh chair of the Commission on Civil Rights.
- In June, Hesburgh suggested the government assure a college education to all Americans in return for a year of national service.
- At commencements that year, Hesburgh collected the 29th of his honorary doctorates, a collection of robes and diplomas that would reach 106 by the time of his retirement.

The Nixon administration began to feel the heat from Hesburgh in the early 1970s as he turned up the volume of criticism on its record of civil rights inaction at home and foreign aid cuts abroad. Hesburgh warned against a constitutional amendment to prevent busing, warned of “civil disorders in a divided nation.” When Nixon was re-elected in 1972, he fired Hesburgh as commission chairman. Hesburgh subsequently resigned from the commission itself.

Following Watergate and President Gerald Ford's assuming office, Hesburgh and New York Cardinal Terence Cooke, with Jewish and Protestant leaders, called on Ford to “initiate the immediate shipment of 2 million tons of additional food aid” to poor countries as the world food crisis worsened. Ford assured Hesburgh of his commitment but said he was not yet ready to reveal the administration's food aid policies. Hesburgh responded by asking for 4 million tons rather than 2 million.

On campus, while bemoaning the '70s-era college students as cynical and apathetic, he sympathized with their “hunger for meaning in their lives” despite “a hopelessness and listlessness that is a fallout from Watergate.” Nonetheless, when preaching at a Mass to mark the Vietnam Peace Observance, he told students that if they learned one thing

from Vietnam, “it should have been the foolishness of war.” Hesburgh also pleaded for reconciliation with the thousands of young persons who went to jail or left the country rather than fight in a war they considered immoral. He advocated clemency for those convicted of violating Selective Service law or deserting the armed forces during the Vietnam War. Hesburgh was a member of the presidential clemency board.

At that time, Hesburgh was telling Americans that the United States was suffering from “a wounded self-image” from the “double moral shock of Watergate and the Vietnam War.” The cure was for the nation to involve itself in solving the problems of an interdependent world — Hesburgh envisioned a further role for the world's “great universities, leading the way to eradicate world poverty and hunger ... but we need the political will to mount the necessary effort with as much determination and zeal as we use to pile up mountains of arms and luxuries,” he said.

With the election of Jimmy Carter as president, by December 1976, the Notre Dame president had another White House duty: as a consultant on high-level administration appointments. In 1979, Carter appointed Hesburgh to the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. Hesburgh was active in the “atoms for peace” program seeking applications for nuclear energy, attending Vienna-based meetings on the nuclear peril with world leaders. He warned students they were the first generation “facing the probability of an act that would destroy all of God's creation.”

On another topical issue, Hesburgh wrote that a new civil rights revolution was needed to make U.S. law reflect the American consensus on restricting abortion: “The widespread uneasiness about 1,500,000 abortions a year on demand, overwhelmingly for the convenience of the mother, is not an exclusively Catholic malaise.”

Hesburgh retired as president of Notre Dame in 1987 at age 70. Retirement years generally dealt kindly with the aging Holy Cross priest-president. He said a daily Mass wherever he was, usually in the private chapel in his office complex on the 13th floor of the Hesburgh Library.

Theodore Hesburgh lived across a century that saw the American Catholic church go from monitoring and censoring Hollywood movies, to seeing itself castigated for its financial dealings in television documentaries; from a church that banned books, to a church skewered in books by investigative reporters who revealed its cover-ups of clerical sexual abuse; from a church of blind obedience to Rome, to a Rome now reeling from the exodus of its educated middle class across Western Europe and the developed world.

With his death, there is another measure of his lifespan that brings both his Catholic and national significance into focus: He and President John F. Kennedy were born in the same year. In different ways, with Hesburgh slightly ahead of the curve, each ushered in a public Catholic America now all but receded into history.

Excerpt from “Death of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Closes an Era” by Arthur Jones, for the [National Catholic Reporter](#), Feb. 27, 2015

All Things Considered

Next Sunday is *Laetare Sunday* which marks the mid-point of Lent. That's a great reason to celebrate. To mark the occasion **Marilyn Beiry**, 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. In addition to conducting orchestras and ensembles across the world, Kypros is an accomplished violinist and himself has been a member of several chamber groups. That leads to a nice chemistry between Kypros and the members of the Wayne State University Strings – the “seasoned pro” and the “talented upstarts!”

All this talent is coming to St. Ambrose next Sunday 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**. The reception following the concert is being hosted by **Nick and Joan Piccione**.

This 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. We hope to see a full church at next weekend's concert.



In a different, but related matter, a call has come from Holy Trinity Elementary School in Corktown. They are expanding their music program and are looking for musical instruments for their students. I have to believe that there are probably dozens of very serviceable instruments that you or your kids no longer use that are in basements or attics. Consider donating them to the kids at Trinity. **Chris Miller** is coordinating this project. You can talk to her in the choir loft after Sunday mass or at christinemiller577@gmail.com.

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. What's the evidence for and/or against Jesus?

In order to help our “limping” weekend envelope total, we're once again running a “**Dent the Deficit**” campaign during Lent, just as we did last year. Only this time, we are doing it on a *matching dollar-for-dollar basis*.

We have secured a \$20,000 pledge toward our weekend envelope collection – redeemable as it is matched by other donor dollars. If you accept this challenge, please use the special DENT envelope you will find in the pews. This Lent, 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.

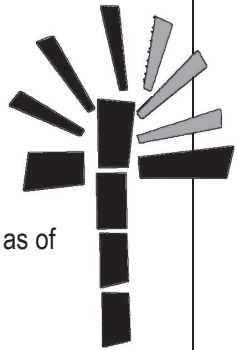
One reason why finances are so tight here in the parish is that we are engaged in a pretty aggressive campaign to pay off, in time

to celebrate our 100th anniversary as a parish next year, the building loan that we took from the Archdiocese. That building loan included three major projects – the parking lot, the upgrades to the church (including a new roof) and the building of the ARK. We use all these facilities with such casualness that it's difficult to remember that there was once a time when we did not have a parking lot, or a place to gather outside of the liturgy. I think you will agree that over the long haul of the parish's life, all these three projects were worthwhile investments and will be enjoyed by the generation following ours. But right now we must sacrifice a little longer so that our debts for these projects can be retired. This is another reason why we need a dependable weekend collection, in addition to successful holiday collections and special events to make budget – there are no surplus funds to cover us – not until the debt is paid.

See you at Lenten Devotions and the Fish Dinner on Friday!

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Toward the
St. Ambrose
Centennial 2016



St. Ambrose Building
and Renovation Debt as of

January 2011
\$3,830,668.82

Balance as of January 2015
\$1,102,654.00

Put a DENT in Our Deficit

Matching pledge potential.....	\$20,000
Current pledges.....	\$1,182
For a DENT total of.....	\$2,364

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).

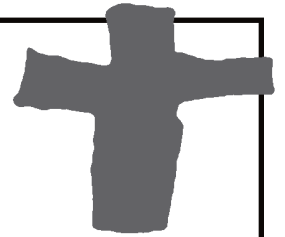
The event includes a scramble format with four-person teams, lunch and awards, with a great dinner to conclude the day at the ARK at St. Ambrose. A person can register to play a round of golf and dinner, or just for dinner.

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.

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.



Vincentian Reflection

This week we hear Jesus being asked “What sign can you show us?” Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. As we reflect on these blessings we should try to discover how each of us can be a sign of God's blessing to others. If there is a family you know who needs help, tell them to call the parish office and ask for assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can be a sign of God's love to them.



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 Aftenlufte."

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

Religious Education Notes

The commandments (in Hebrew, “the words”) that comprise today’s First Reading are symbolic of the Covenant and, in fact, were intended to be our lived response to it. More broad in their meaning than the restricted understanding we give to them, they provide the moral/ethical backbone to our lives as Christians. In their original presentation, the Ten Commandments provided the basis of the relationship between God and the people of Israel. Today we see the basis of our relationship with God as being through Christ.

The Gospel of John includes seven “signs” that were intended to be a key to a deeper understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Covenant. Today’s Gospel reading comes from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry according to John as part of his “book of signs”. Through his cleansing of the temple and the subsequent referral to himself as the bodily temple - “But he was speaking about the temple of his body” (John 2:21), Jesus invites us to see him as the new temple. He shows us the necessity of going beyond what is minimally required (as persons who try to live morally) to that which can set us free.

It was legal and part of ordinary procedure for merchants to sell animals for the purpose of the holy day sacrifice on the temple steps. The “money changers” Jesus chastised were only doing what was tolerated and expected in their society. Jesus’ emotional response to their behavior was intended to call them – and us – to reevaluate what we do on a regular basis – those choices we make every day – that belong to our system of ethics. As Christians we are called to go above and beyond what is required by society to care in order to be in right relationship with each other and with God. Lent is a good time to reassess what we have come to take for granted.

CIRCLE OF GRACE During last Sunday’s session of Circle of Grace, 5th graders reviewed the Ten Commandments as part of their session on “Media”. Students were presented with the fact that every day we are bombarded with mass communication in its various forms. They shared the many forms in which media can present itself: radio, TV, magazines, Internet (electronically), newspapers, and billboards. We talked about their favorite shows and what part of what they were watching helped them to live the Ten Commandments and what drew them away from God’s Law.

We discussed that media can influence us in both healthy and unhealthy ways. We discussed that in order to know what is healthy and what is safe for us to watch or to participate in we need to pay attention to our feelings. We developed a strategy that involved talking to our parents and other trusted adults when we are confused about what is appropriate or inappropriate according to our Christian moral standards. After all, God loves us and wants what is best for us in our Circle of Grace.

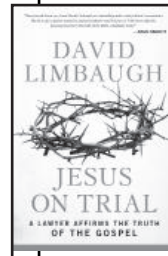
Next Sunday, Circle of Grace comes to the 6th graders. We will extend our discussion to include developing healthy and safe relationships with one another. How do we treat others? Jesus’ imperative to “love others as we love ourselves” forms the basis of that discussion.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES There are 34 candidates for Confirmation whose first act of service includes pouring coffee and tea and bussing tables at the Friday Fish Dinners. Of course, as they work they can’t help but converse with and otherwise interact with our guests. I can’t begin to tell you the number of compliments they received! I am both proud and delighted to be working with them. They are – as always – a wonderful group of young people.

ALMSGIVING This is a reminder to those who wish to join the families in religious education in making a Lenten donation to the Kay Lasante medical clinic in Haiti that is a special project of our own Bishop Gumbleton. Checks should be made out to **Fonkoze USA** with **Project Kay Lasante** in the memo line and sent to the parish office through the collection box, mail, or in person. We will forward all donations to Kay Lasante through Bishop Gumbleton and I will report our total offerings at the end of the Lenten season.

Betty Haley

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

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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 9

St. Francis of Rome, religious
8:30 - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Alma Kavanaugh
Mr & Mrs Jack Kauchek

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 12

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Charles Leonard
Margaret & Les Thompson

Friday, March 13

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Jim & Mae Woodward

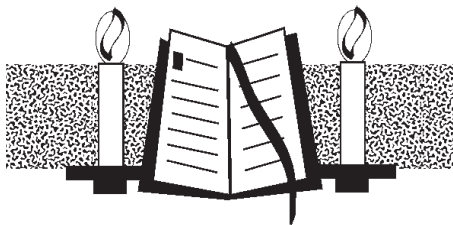
Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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



Scriptures for the 3rd Week of Lent

Monday, March 9

- 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b
- Pss 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4
- Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday, March 10

- Dn 3: 25, 34-43
- Ps 25: 4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
- Mt 18: 21-35

Wednesday, March 11

- Dt 4: 1, 5-9
- Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20
- Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday, March 12

- Jer 7: 23-28
- Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9
- Lk 11: 14-23

Friday, March 13

- Hos 14: 2-10
- Ps 81: 6c-11b, 14, 17
- Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday, March 14

- Hos 6: 1-6
- Ps 51: 3-4, 18-21b
- Lk 18: 9-14

Sunday, March 15

- 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23
- Eph 2: 4-10
- Jn 3: 14-21

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14th and March 15th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Bruce Hartrick
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer, Mary Urbanski
Altar Servers: Joseph & Nicholas Kurta

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Karlos Haynes
Eucharistic Ministers: Peter Hern, Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson,
Bob Jogan, Liz & Steve Linne, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Blake Hern, Delaney Jackson

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Roger Playwin
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Michele Hodges, Janis Ramsey,
Darryl Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner, Patty Yaden, Anthony Yaden
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Ella Chamberlain, Lizzie High

Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$10,127.00
On Sunday, March 1, 2015

in envelopes we received\$9,818.00
in the loose collection\$584.00
in electronic donations\$1,200.00
in children's envelopes.....\$12.00
for a total of**\$11,615.00**

Over budget for the week \$1,488.00

FY 14-15 under budget \$27,699.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 208

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.

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 on Sunday, March 22nd.

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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Our Dead

On Monday, March 2nd a funeral liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Timothy Pelc and Fr. Duane Novelly for **Dr. Richard Joseph**, age 60.

Dr. Joseph was born and raised in Detroit and attended St. Ambrose Elementary and High School until the 11th grade. He graduated from University Liggett and went on to the University of Michigan and Wayne State Medical School. He met and married his wife, Marlene, a critical care nurse, while he was on staff at St. John's Hospital. He was a true "primary care" physician and spent as much time as he could with every patient. He volunteered his time to the Cass Clinic and was a lecturer at the Wayne State University Medical School.

He restored antique cars and participated in the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant National Historic Landmark. He also enjoyed hiking trips and spending time with his sons.

Richard is survived by his wife of 30 years, Marlene and sons, John, Paul and Steve. Also surviving are his sisters, Mary Kelly and Elizabeth Joseph. He will be missed by the rest of his family and friends.

On Wednesday, March 4th, Fr. Tim Pelc celebrated a funeral liturgy for **Bernice Phillips**, age 90.

Bernice was born in Hamtramck and lived in the house where she was born, all of her life. She was the youngest of six children born to Peter and Julia Ferenc.

Bernice was an avid gardener and a member-at-large in the Herb Society of America. She was also an accomplished artist and enjoyed stitchery and reading. She married the love of her life, Stanley Phillips and together they traveled even taking a trip to Mexico in a 1967 Mustang.

Most of all, Bernice loved her extended family. Even though she did not have children of her own, her nieces, nephews and neighbors came under her wing – as did a number of pets like "Sammy" the Beagle. A memorable moment for her was when Clint Eastwood chose her for a walk-on part in the movie Gran Torino.

Bernice was predeceased by her husband, Stan; parents, Peter and Julia; sisters, Louisa and Fran; brothers John, Stanley and Joseph. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and will be missed by her friends in Hamtramck and here at St. Ambrose, especially her long-time friend, Mary Urbanski.

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.

Palm Sunday Singles Retreat

Yes, this is your opportunity to get a great start on Holy Week. The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is hosting a singles retreat following the 12 noon mass until 4:30 PM on Sunday, March 29th at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 Thirteen Mile Road in Saint Clair Shores. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Sr. Janet Stankowski, OP, of Madonna University, Special Assistant to the President, and Fr. Tom Lumpkin, on special assignment to run Day House for the homeless, inspired by Dorothy Day, will speak on "Walking with Jesus through Holy Week." Your free will offering includes lunch. Contact: Mark yesmarkl-apointe@gmail.com or (810) 499-4831 or Margaret at (586) 764-5128.

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.

