

# St. Ambrose Parish

*Our 99<sup>th</sup> Year!*  
APRIL 26, 2015  
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## A Makeover at the Border

The Jefferson Avenue Streetscape Project signals a new era for development in the east Jefferson corridor - and Jefferson East, Inc. is closer to establishing East Jefferson Avenue as one of Detroit's most modern and safe thoroughfares.

Begun on April 1<sup>st</sup>, contractors for the City of Detroit broke ground on a project that will install five landscaped islands to Jefferson Avenue. Construction will take place in the middle lane of East Jefferson Avenue, between Lakewood Street and Alter Road, and is scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2015.

Later in the year, crews will repave the aforementioned section of Jefferson, and bike lanes and a dedicated parking lane will be installed, leaving two vehicle travel lanes in each direction.

Jefferson Avenue will remain open during construction, only requiring the use of the inside travel lane during installation of the islands.

Support for this project was provided by a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, and DTE Energy Foundation, with staffing support from Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program.

Join our Motor City Makeover session this Sunday from 9:45 to 11:00 AM in the ARK when this development will be explained.

Motorists on East Jefferson at Detroit's border with Grosse Pointe Park could see slowdowns this spring — but the payback will be calming and green.

Landscaped center islands like those that grace the suburb's side of East Jefferson will be built for five blocks on the Detroit side, thanks to \$650,000 in grants to Jefferson East, a nonprofit group that helps spur development. The islands, along with a narrower roadway, aim to deter speeders by creating a denser traffic flow in more attractive surroundings — a phenomenon called traffic calming.

And they'll make the area more pedestrian-friendly for shoppers and school kids, and safer for cyclists who'll ride in the project's protected bike lanes — a first for metro Detroit, said Josh Elling, executive director of Jefferson East.

"The goal is to push these protected bike lanes next year all the way to Belle Isle and connect with the Detroit Riverwalk," Elling said. In addition, improvements to pedestrian crossings should cut the area's high count of pedestrian injuries from traffic accidents and also make possible a revival of retail shopping and restaurant hopping in the once-bustling commercial strip, he said.

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Make plans now to join in the inaugural St. Ambrose Parish golf outing on Friday, June 12, 2015. We're planning a great day of golf and socializing at the beautiful Chandler Park Golf Course ([chandlerparkgolfcourse.com](http://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 with dinner, or just for dinner.

Register *now* online at [planmygolfevent.com/26900-St-AmbroseBeeAttheTee](http://planmygolfevent.com/26900-St-AmbroseBeeAttheTee). Registration, sponsorship and volunteer forms are available in the back of church. Questions? Email [st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com](mailto: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 Tee sign to celebrate a special event, to thank or remember someone special, or to congratulate a friend, or a group.

## Makeover at the Border

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The project has been in the works since 2007 but lacked funding until now, Elling said. In Grosse Pointe Park, officials said they welcomed the greening of Detroit's side of East Jefferson as well as other signs that the two cities are fostering more collaboration after years of contention at their border.

"I'd say we're able to communicate with Detroit, and with Mayor (Mike) Duggan, better than we ever have" with previous Detroit mayors, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Greg Theokas said. Positive signs include a recent end to an 11-year stalemate with Detroit over whether to raze the empty and derelict Deck Bar building on East Jefferson, just inside the Detroit border — the lot will become a pocket park while the two cities decide how to redevelop the block — and last fall's removal of the suburb's controversial border blockade on Kercheval Avenue, created by Grosse Pointe Park's farm market sheds. The sheds were moved off Kercheval only after Detroit officials agreed to remove dozens of blighted houses and buildings from their side, Theokas said.

The hope for poverty-pocked urban areas like Detroit's east side is that small projects like the new streetscape on East Jefferson will trigger fresh development of all kinds, said Dan Burden, a national consultant on urban planning, based in Seattle and Minneapolis.

In the 1990s, Burden helped design the now-famous road diet in Ferndale, on West 9 Mile near Woodward Avenue. "In the same kind of way, this project (on East Jefferson) will make it clear that the corridor is open for business," said Burden, whose firm has projects under way in 26 cities, although none in Michigan. "This is a great demonstration project that says let's see about expanding it."

The East Jefferson project is limited in scope, covering only the five blocks from Ashland to Lakewood, in Detroit's Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood that borders Grosse Pointe Park. Burden applauded the foundations "who were willing to make this financial commitment" in a region where city and county budgets can't fund it. Across the country, he said, hundreds of cities are building or considering road diets — that is, eliminating lanes of traffic to accommodate landscaping, bike lanes and safer walkways.

Eliminating lanes is easy to justify when traffic volumes shrink dramatically as they have done in much of Detroit, according to SEMCOG traffic analysts.

Although long-term comparisons of traffic flows on East Jefferson aren't available, according to SEMCOG, a Wayne State University study completed in 2013 for Jefferson East showed that removing one lane each way in the Jefferson-Chalmers area would not impede the flow, measured at about 7,000 cars per day. Giving East Jefferson a road diet, and shrinking it from three lanes to two each way, makes its width equivalent to that of Michigan Avenue at Oakwood, where about 20,000 vehicles pass without backups each day, according to SEMCOG.

The East Jefferson project will have metro Detroit's first protected bike lanes — defined as paved corridors that have a tangible border separating them from traffic, said Todd Scott, executive director of the nonprofit Detroit Greenways Coalition, which promotes cycling in metro Detroit. By separating the two-wheelers from motorists, the lanes will attract a wider range of cyclists, "especially young riders and inexperienced riders who may not be comfortable riding in the street."

The bike lanes, if extended, could ultimately bring tens of thousands more cyclists each summer to Belle Isle, said Michele Hodges, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy. But Hodges, a member of the Jefferson East board of directors, said just as important is to see the project give an economic boost to the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood.

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# All Things Considered

This weekend we celebrate the Solemn Communion of 36 youngsters in our parish. All but two of them have already had their “first” Communion on Holy Thursday. For them, this will be a participation in the Eucharist in a more grand way. By bringing our students into a “process of ritualization” we hopefully are helping them put the emphasis on the right thing – their reception of Christ in an extraordinary way as a call to holiness and service – and not about special clothes, gifts and parties.

Our children and their families certainly deserve to see First Communion as a time for celebration, but it’s also the beginning of a life-long relationship with the sacrament. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ himself, and we should understand this even more deeply as we grow and mature. For this reason, our Religious Education program focuses more on the meaning and the implications of the Eucharist – and not just on “how” to receive, but how important that regular Holy Communion is to our lives as Christians. Today’s Solemn Communion ceremony has our children teaching us all a lesson we knew and maybe forgot – the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives. May we all be renewed and refreshed as we welcome our children to the Lord’s table.

This year’s first communicants include: **Luna Agosta, Iris Bellamy, Ava Biter, Hans Boelstler, Anthony DeLuca, Quinton Egan, Mia Fillmore, Brody Fitzgibbon, Emily Francis, Frank Gallagher, Garrett Gannan, Lindsey Gannan, Evan Hathaway, Charlie Jogan, Paul Kaminski, Lindsay Kodanko, Charlotte Lee, Matthew Lee, Avaclara Legghio, Alexandra Lindsay, Cashton Livingstone, Siobhan McGlone, William McLean, Nathan Michaud, Owen Mulcahy, Margaret O’Brien, Graham Rebain, Matthew Robert, Julie Roeder, Sophia**

**Secco, Henry Strickler, Joseph Strong, Claire Swiatkowski, Kiernan Tague, Brigid Williams and Griffin Zalewski**

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There was a really strong turnout at last week’s Motor City Makeover session, with more than 50 people showing up to talk with Grosse Pointe Park’s new mayor, **Greg Theokas**. This Sunday in between masses in the ARK we will offer another “Motor City Makeover” presentation concerning the Jefferson Avenue project that has already begun as to the “blending” of the street-scapes of the Park with the first five blocks into the eastern side of Detroit. The goal is to eventually connect – by a series of bike trails and other user-friendly amenities – Grosse Pointe Park (and our campus) with Belle Isle.

**Josh Elling** will be our presenter. He has been a part of the Jefferson East Business Association since 2007, and over the last couple years has helped to lead the stakeholder process leading to the creation of the East Jefferson Corridor Collaborative. He will be joined by **Todd Scott** from Detroit Greenways Coalition. This group has developed a vision which calls for over 70 miles of greenways throughout town. That vision also includes bike lanes to bridge gaps between the greenways and to connect with neighborhoods. The Jefferson project will be part of Detroit’s Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan. You’ll want to hear about this.

Next Sunday, we will host the Deputy Mayor of Detroit, **Isaiah (Ike) McKinnon**. After joining the Detroit Police Department in 1965, Ike rose through the ranks to become Police Chief under Mayor Dennis Archer from 1994-1998. He graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Michigan State University; a master’s degree in criminal justice from Mercy College of Detroit; and a bachelor’s degree in history and law enforcement from the University of Detroit. McKinnon is an associate professor of education at University of Detroit Mercy and one of the more visible Catholics in the Duggan administration. Mayor Theokas has also agreed to be present at this session, which should give us all some enlight-

ened dialogue between these two city leaders. You won’t want to miss this session of Motor City Makeover.

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Both Mayors Duggan and Theokas will speak about issues of city safety at the conclusion of the Community Unity Walk this Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walk begins at Mack/Cadieux and ends at Alter Rd.

If possible, come out to demonstrate our civic solidarity and a desire for safer streets. If you want to walk with your fellow parishioners, call (313) 822-2814, or email us at [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net). If you can’t walk, then help us at a hospitality tent at the end of the route.

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Meetings continue on the adaptive reuse of our convent property. We are in the middle of establishing a redevelopment proposal predicated on a minimum of 25 studio apartments in that building. The intended residents would be women veterans with or without children, although the proposal would not exclude other types of occupants.

Since neither the parish or our Archdiocese has surplus funds to expend on this project, it necessitates finding finances for development from other sources. This is the task of the group working on this now. The goal is to have something together by the end of this summer. I think this is a worthwhile project that will give the building a new lease on life – in addition to providing a future source of revenue to the parish. **Roger Playwin** can give you details.

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Pick up a copy of Short Stories by Jesus, which is Marcellina’s Book Club selection for the Easter season. Prof. **Amy Levine** strips away layers of meaning added to the stories by centuries of Christian interpreters in order to help modern readers contemplate Jesus’ parables as they might have been heard by the original audience. This is a great way to get closer into the mind of Jesus and in the process see his parables in a new light. We have some copies of the book for sale at the rectory or in the gathering space after this weekend’s masses.



## Spring Cleaning for a Good Purpose

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ love and care for us. This month, because of your support and gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Ambrose was able to be a “Good Shepherd” to the poor, by assisting 22 families, providing help with food, funds for utilities, rent and other bills.

It’s time to clean out your closets and organize your attics. Our St. Ambrose St. Vincent de Paul Society’s “Bundle Weekend” will take place Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. To save you a trip to the donation center, a pod will be located in the church parking lot to collect your items. We are in particular need of new/clean bed linens. If you have those, please put them in a separate bag and let us know when you drop them off. We are also in need of kitchen items, such as pots and pans, and small furniture such as card tables and chairs. Good clothing in good condition is always needed.

We have an ongoing need for clean twin mattresses, box springs and bed frames. We can arrange to pick these up from your home if you are not able to bring them to the pod. Just call the rectory and let us know. Organize your stuff now for a drop off the last weekend in May.

## Stamp Out Hunger!

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the National Association of Letter Carriers will hold the Largest Food Drive in the world. Leave a donation of non-perishable food items next to your mailbox before the time of your regular mail delivery.

You letter carrier will do the rest, collecting the donations and delivering them to food banks and pantries in the community. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the Stamp Out Hunger! effort is the nation’s largest single-day food drive, having collected more than 1.2 billion pounds of food since its inception in 1993.

## Religious Education Update

Congratulations to the 36 young people in our religious education program who made their First Communion this year. This weekend was the more formal or “traditional” celebration in which the children came dressed in their First Communion attire to receive communion. It is always such a festive event! Too, those who are present recall their own First Communion with all the wonder and excitement that it brought. My own prayer is that we can all receive Jesus in the Eucharist like that every time – for the rest of our lives. I think we take for granted what a blessing the Eucharist is.

Parents and candidates for Confirmation will meet again this Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm in the Ark for the second session in preparation for the sacrament. Reminders have been sent home this weekend.

Betty Haley

## Community Walk

Save Our Children’s Future, Detroit Crime Commission and Crime Stoppers are three of the members of a larger coalition of institutions, organizations, and individuals committed to working together to plant and nurture the seeds of reliable safety on our streets, on our playgrounds, at our bus stops and everywhere in-between. This is in hope that we may all live in and leave the shelter of our own homes without fear and without harm.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a Community Unity Walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The route begins at Cadieux and Mack and ends at Alter and Mack. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan will be in attendance to deliver the keynote speech.

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try,” said John F. Kennedy. We hope you can help these groups make a difference in this corner of town. For more information, visit [saveourchildrensfuture.com](http://saveourchildrensfuture.com) or call Detroit Crime Commission at (313) 394-1600.

If you want to be part of a unified St. Ambrose delegation in making this walk, call (313) 822-2814 or email [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net)

## Motor City Makeover

Metropolitan Detroit is rapidly being made over in ways that will define its future. We’ve invited persons knowledgeable in the field of Detroit’s makeover to talk with us. Hear their visions of the ‘City to come’.

These sessions are Sundays from 9:45 until 11 a.m. in the ARK

**April 19** “The Park and the Parish” with Greg Theokas;  
A meeting with Grosse Pointe Park’s new mayor.

**April 26** “The Border” with Joshua Elling of JEBA and Todd Scott of Detroit Greenways; a look at East Jefferson’s redesign of the five blocks connecting the Detroit and Grosse Pointe parts of the parish, with the goal of blending both communities.

**May 3** “Post-Bankruptcy Detroit” with the Deputy Mayor of Detroit, Isaiah “Ike” McKinnon. Mayor Duggan’s right-hand man and former Detroit chief of police will be on hand to discuss issues relating to neighborhood development and community safety.

## The Buzz

There is a very famous line in today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the First letter of John: "We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." It is a passage that is frequently chosen for funeral liturgies for obvious reasons. But for us, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, it should be as challenging as it can be hopefully comforting.

What does "we shall be like him" mean? It's connected to "We are God's children now". The connection is Jesus Christ.

Who is the only begotten Son (child) of God? Do you believe that God raised Him from the dead and that He lives? To whom do you say "Amen" at Holy Communion and let in to your body, heart and soul? And if you would dare do a mirror meditation . . . whom would you see? Jesus? If not, we've got a lot more Easter praying to do!

That's why the Acts of the Apostles is like a Gospel – Part Two. We see Peter and the others, but we also see Jesus in their curing of a cripple. Peter says so explicitly. Our lives are supposed to be like a Gospel – Part Three. When the people in our daily lives see us, whom do they see? You don't have to be a bishop to be an apostle or a good shepherd. Remember, we are God's children now; we shall be like him. The more we actually live this way, the more Easter will really make a difference in our world. The alleluias that follow will be loud, genuine, and not just found in church.



Speaking of children of God and Holy Communion . . . please keep praying for our 42 "precious lambs" who have received this Sacrament for the first time during this holy season. (I'm including the RCIA adults in this consideration since they're precious to us as well.) They are a sign to all of us of a healthy and growing community – alive as members of the risen Body of Christ.

And especially for our youngest members – let's keep supporting, nurturing and challenging them, as well as one another, to keep growing in close communion with our Good Shepherd. Let's particularly make sure that our second graders' first communion is not their last.



And more for you apostles and shepherds who come to Communion . . . Eastertime is a perfect time to ask and listen to the Holy Spirit about serving the worshipping community at St. Ambrose as a lector, extraordinary minister, minister of hospitality/usher, or altar server (1<sup>st</sup> Communicants are now eligible for this). Check this out further with **Fr. Tim** or myself.

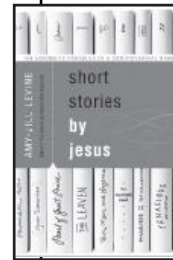


This season is full of "pasture work" opportunities for all you apostolic shepherds from St. Ambrose. (The work is important, but also usually a lot of fun as well!) Check out next weekend's Saturday "Community Unity Walk", and Sunday "Senior Center Meal" at St. Patrick's in Detroit. Help the chief shepherd of our Archdiocese with a serious pledge to this year's CSA campaign. Spring clean at home and help the poor with donated items in the St. Vincent dePaul end-of-May Bundle Weekend. And then it'll be time to "celebrate" the annual Playscape Birthday Party. This will be followed soon after that by this year's Vacation Bible School.

Whew! Seems like a lot; how much should you do? Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, and you will discover how very best to follow Him!

Chuck Dropiewski

## Marcellina's Book Club

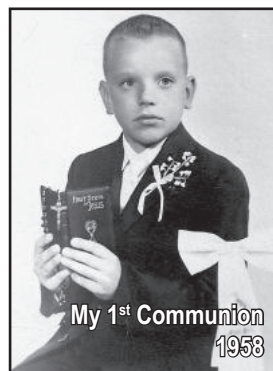


In Short Stories by Jesus, Amy Jill Levine, a renowned biblical scholar, author of The Misunderstood Jew, and editor for The Jewish Annotated New Testament interweaves history and

spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers.

Levine takes readers back in time to understand how the parables' original Jewish audience understood them.

Marcellina's Book Club will meet on Sunday morning, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the ARK. Make this book your Easter season reading.



## The Beehive

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

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

### Sacramental Celebrations

**Masses:** On the Lord's Day –  
 Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

**Baptism:** Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

**Penance:** As announced and by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

**Funeral:** Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

### Directory

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# Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

**Monday, April 27**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, April 28**

*St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr*

*St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Martin Steiner,  
Elinor Myklewicz

**Wednesday, April 29**

*St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor*

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Thursday, April 30**

*St. Pius, V, pope*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Msgr. Walter Ziembra

**Friday, May 1**

*St. Joseph the Worker*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Rev. Mike Ratajzak

**Saturday, May 2**

*St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor*

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

**Sunday, May 3**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

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



## Scriptures for the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter

**Monday, April 27**

- Acts 11: 1-18
- Pss 42: 2-3; 4: 43: 3-4
- Jn 10: 1-10

**Tuesday, April 28**

- Acts 11: 19-26
- Ps 87: 1b-7
- Jn 10: 22-30

**Wednesday, April 29**

- Acts 12: 24-13: 5a
- Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8
- Jn 12: 44-50

**Thursday, April 30**

- Acts 13: 13-25
- Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
- Jn 13: 16-20

**Friday, May 1**

- Acts 13: 26-33
- Ps 2: 6-11b
- Jn 14: 1-6

**Saturday, May 2**

- Acts 13: 44-52
- Ps 98: 1-4
- Jn 14: 7-14

**Sunday, May 3**

- Acts 9: 14: 5-18
- 1 Jn 3: 18-24
- Jn 15: 1-8

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

*May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Elizabeth Puleo-Tague  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeri & Bob Krueger, Mary Urbanski  
**Altar Servers:** Frankie Pangborn, Sumner Verlinden

**8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Bob Gatzke  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen Gatzke, Peter Hern, Karen McShane,  
Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh, Liz & John Witherell  
**Altar Servers:** McKenna, Erica, Corey, & Carrigan McGraw

**11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Michele Hodges  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Bennert, Lupe Davila, Janis Ramsey,  
Darryl Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden, Anthony Yaden  
**Altar Servers:** Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

## Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of ..... \$10,127.00

**On Sunday, April 19, 2015**

in envelopes we received .....\$7,809.00  
in the loose collection ..... \$464.00  
in electronic donations .....\$1,200.00  
in children's envelopes.....\$38.00  
for a total of .....**\$9,511.00**

**Under budget for the week ..... \$ 616.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800

Number of envelopes used ..... 163

*Please use the offertory envelopes that have been mailed to you. Or sign up for electronic giving. Thanks to everyone who gave to a great Easter collection. But we need to not slip back into weekly shortfalls which will erase any gains.*

## 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, 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 Elbersen, Maureen Barron-Brioc, Ginger Weiksnar, Laura Bush Terry, Lennie O'Brien, Maryjane Cullen, Andrew Chavez, Angela Hansen, Barbara Mann, Elizabeth Robert, Bernadette Gutowski, Dan Fleming Katherine Brennan Lee, and Jeanne Noto.

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their parents. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

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<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Box Scores</b>
Number of Families ..... 840		
Returns to date ..... 0		
Average Gift ('14).....\$413		
Received in the '14 campaign ... \$117,654		
Quota for the Archdiocese .....\$106,011		
Property/Liability Insurance ... \$50,000		
Parish '15 Target.....\$156,011		
<p>• We're starting the 2015 CSA campaign this week. Expect a letter asking for your participation. Contribute by using the CSA forms sent to you, or you can make a contribution electronically through <a href="http://stambrosechurch.net">stambrosechurch.net</a>.</p> <p>* We fully expect to again meet our Archdiocesan obligations. Remember that any overage to the CSA campaign comes back to our parish at 100%</p>		



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## St. Pat's Senior Dinner

St. Ambrose Parish is scheduled to cook and serve dinner next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for about 100 low income adults at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in the Cass Corridor/Cultural Center. There is a sign-up sheet in back of church for you to contribute food, or you can make a monetary donation. Servers and personal representatives from St. Ambrose for that day are important. If you and your family can give the time, you would be greatly rewarded. Shared transportation will be offered. Call 822-2814.

## The Cross and the Light Concert Experience

Film, music, and drama have a capacity to touch the heart and spark conversion. We are blessed to have an opportunity to encounter Christ through "The Cross and the Light Concert Experience" this spring here in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the drama of the week leading up to Christ's passion, death, and resurrection? What would it have been like to see the risen Christ and experience the power of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? The Cross and the Light Concert Experience will help you experience these things and more.

The Cross and the Light is a two-hour experiential journey into the greatest story of all time. This deeply moving musical journey through Christ's Passion to Pentecost uses the latest projection technology to transform the walls of the church into a virtual canvas that surrounds and immerses the audience into the story. Seven singers sing 24 songs telling the story of Christ, and this story changes lives! Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. Five weeks, five locations:

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, GP Woods, April 30 - May 2**

**ST. FRANCES CABRINI, Allen Park, May 7 - 9**

**ST. ISIDORE, Macomb, May 14 - 16.**

Don't miss this incredible production! Expected attendance: 20,000 from across the Archdiocese. For performance schedules and to purchase tickets online go to [crossandlight.com](http://crossandlight.com) or call (734) 788-7073.

## Dinner, Drinks & Dogma

St. Ambrose Parish along with Antonio's Restaurant in the Park is sponsoring a group venue for young adults 21 to 39 years old called: "Dinner, Drinks and Dogma". It's a chance to share our Catholic faith in a casual setting where the discussion can flow freely with "no holds barred". Gatherings are held monthly at Antonio's on the first Wednesday of the month. The format revolves around a 7 p.m. start when the group will gather in a private dining room for an interesting conversation about faith. Participants are welcome to arrive early or stay late for a dinner and/or drinks at Antonio's at their discretion. **Our next gathering is Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.** Share the invite with friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. Spread the word via social networks. You don't have to be a parishioner or even Catholic to attend. Please note that the above age restrictions are very loosely enforced!



## Our Dead

A funeral liturgy was celebrated on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> by Fr. Pelc for **Bruce Hartrick**, age 63.

Bruce was born and raised in Royal Oak and attended Kimball High School, the University of Michigan and later Wayne State University Law School. He was a familiar face to the parish, especially at the 4:00 p.m. mass where he often served as a lector. He gave regular service at our Lenten Fish Dinners. His interests included boating and photography, and he was on the board of directors for the Oxford Dominicans. Bruce enjoyed spending time at his cottage on Lake Huron with his family and friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Della Cimini, daughters, Kathleen (Andrew), and Jessica. Also surviving are his sisters, Barbara (Steven), Nancy, Joann (Gregory), Ann (Douglas) and Kathryn (Robert). He will be missed by his three grandchildren and the rest of his family and friends. Please remember Bruce and his family in your prayers.

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Fr. Pelc celebrated a funeral mass for **Patricia "Tricia" Pulis**, age 63.

Tricia was born in Dublin, Ireland and came to this country as a teen. She and her husband, Sam raised their family in Grosse Pointe Park and then she went back to school and became a volunteers' coordinator for non-profit organizations. She was a member of the "St. Ambrose Players." She was also a great "hockey mom" and she loved making big Sunday dinners for her family, but the door was open to many others as well.

Tricia was predeceased by her brother, Cormac and is survived by her husband, Sam, children, Eileen (Chad) Proudlock, David and Kimberly (John) Clexton. Also surviving are her siblings, Brian (Peggy), Mairin, Fergus (Irene) and Geraldine (Gary). Tricia will be missed by her four grandchildren and the rest of her family and many friends.