

St. Ambrose Parish

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BEEHIVE



Faith, Reason and Justice Catholic Schools and Sports

While people have long loved gathering in arenas and around televisions to root for their favorite sports teams, events like the NCAA basketball tourney remain one of the few in a rapidly changing media landscape that still attract a broad and diverse viewership. Because of this, March Madness, even beyond one's busted brackets, is one of the few spaces where we can all participate in a shared story unfolding in real time. The thrilling journeys of Villanova University (men's champions) and the University of Notre Dame (women's champions) to ultimate victory in the Final Four inspired many viewers, but another team might have brought more important insights to university communities. The unlikely journey of the Loyola Chicago Ramblers participates in something larger – a national conversation where, for three weeks anyway, we are all invited to consider what counts when it comes to personal, communal and institutional values in contemporary culture.

In this sense, the NCAA tournament showcases not only athletic excellence, but also moral and spiritual character — and in subtle ways, the pedagogical commitments and objectives of universities. We see excellent young people in school colors competing in demanding moments. But who are these universities they are fighting for? What are their histories and missions? What do these places stand for and how might student-athletes be living out these values on the broader stage? Do these questions even make sense in 2018?

The unlikely journey of the Ramblers invites us to consider our personal, communal and institutional values in contemporary culture. It is my distinct privilege to work at Loyola University Chicago, where I appreciate the school's integral approach to living and learning in the Jesuit/Ignatian tradition, including the emphasis on the dynamic relationship among faith, reason, and justice—an approach

to educating the whole person that is close to 480 years old.

Faith

But what about the men's basketball team at Loyola? Are they part of this troika of faith, reason and justice? On the faith end, "Sister Jean" has become a household name. There could be no more worthy celebrity in times like ours. Sr. Jean (Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM) has cultivated a sense of prayerfulness and spirituality in the men's team (and, with her congregation, well beyond) in ways that has become legendary. The Loyola campus ministry team also leads yearly retreats for all of our sports teams and for all of our students. Such retreats provide support and resources not only for those who have a developed faith life, but for those who are seeking, or who have never had an inkling to think about such things. Ignatian spirituality is excellent in meeting people where they are, and the increase of this kind of literacy is a vital component in Jesuit education.

Reason

I have many student-athletes in my courses at Loyola Chicago and am impressed by their intelligence and effort. But that is less about sending up warning flares or showing special treatment than it is about perpetuating a culture where academics is taken seriously. Eleven of Loyola's athletic programs have perfect graduation rates, there are scores of student-athletes on the honor roll, and the collective G.P.A. for Loyola student-athletes is in at an impressive B+. In the classroom, they have the chance to ponder and navigate through difficult questions, not only about faith and reason, but about the third element in the Catholic, Jesuit education trifecta: justice.

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Justice

It is perhaps here where things get the most complicated—and the most promising. Educating students for justice can be slow going, and there are too many injuries to it in our nation and world for which to properly account. But Loyola's March Madness run amplified attention on national questions having to do precisely with dignity, hospitality and moral citizenship, three key components of social health. For example, Loyola's 1963 men's basketball national championship team connected with our 2018 squad—particularly under the category of social justice in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition. In 1963, the Ramblers acted courageously in the face of institutionalized racism, advancing the cause of the civil rights movement significantly in one fateful game. It is my hope that our 2018 team—and Loyola Chicago's place on the national stage—not only shines a light on the prophetic voice of the 1963 squad, but also raises awareness about a related issue so important to the LUC community: justice for DACA students and their families.

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In a sad coincidence, Felix García, the father of LUC medical student, Belsy García Manrique, was set to be deported on April 4th, the same day 50 years ago that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated for organizing for the common good and speaking truth to ignorance and power. The plight of Mr. García and his family merits the attention of all Americans; the racist status quo that reigned in 1963 seems so distant to us today, or so we think. Why then, as a nation constituted largely of immigrants, do we repeat the errors of that era and enshrine them in unjust laws and policies? If the many ways American culture was on the wrong side of history in 1963 are crystal-clear to us today, our expressions of latent tribalism and the failure to tackle immigration issues with real-world insight and Christian humanism reveals a defect in our communal will, an intellectual and spiritual paralysis that ought not stand.

When thinking about big-time sports, many Americans don't want to make such leaps. They want to keep politics, religion and culture out of the games—even if they find themselves pausing reverently for prayer or cheering ardently when fighter jets pass over stadiums. Can we ask ourselves why a Bears-Colts game is an occasion for the military to flex its muscles, or why sport is the most popular liturgical experience in the world?

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The answer, of course, derives from a shared sense of values. The spectacle of sport, like liturgy, discloses our explicit aspirations and implicit fears in dramatic fashion. But what if other values were also exalted and amplified—like solidarity, generosity and reconciliation? What if, like Sister Jean (who helped to establish the MAGIS scholarship for undocumented students at LUC), we saw collegiate athletics as but an extension of the classroom, another venue for helping young people to learn and grow? And what if we saw that extended classroom as a place where faith, reason and justice might be placed in creative conversation and fertile tension? What might this mean for a world so desperately in need of renewed models of humanity and citizenship?

The success of Catholic Collages this year can teach us many things. We will travel far when we spread the court, care for our teammates, respect our opponents, listen to our coaches, explore both the inside and the outside, pass with creativity and care, play good defense, never give up, and honor the wisdom of spiritually wise women religious who are half our size and who show us how to worship, work and win.

By Michael P. Murphy, who directs the Hank Center at Loyola University Chicago.

WE GP

A newly organized and highly motivated grass-roots group that deserves our parish attention, refinement and potential assistance is called **WE GP**.

By their definition they are “*a community based organization committed to resisting any attacks on civil and human rights; and to promoting local, state and national policy and legislation that are in line with our guiding principles of social equanimity.*”

WE GP provides opportunities for passive social engagement and community building as well as active opportunities for political engagement.

Currently, WE GP is working on building a coalition to collaborate on an April 20th gun violence vigil in Grosse Pointe in solidarity with the national day of action on the 19th anniversary of Columbine. They hope to bring together a diverse group of people of many ages around the ideas of

1. Coming together as a community to honor all lives lost to gun violence, and especially the lives of all children (especially acknowledging that while mass school shootings that impact mostly white communities draw attention, black and brown communities have faced/face gun violence disproportionately).

2. Coming together as a community to send a message that we are ready and willing to do more to protect our children, who should not live/go to school in fear.

3. Coming together as a community in solidarity with the victims, the families and the loved ones of those impacted by gun violence.

This event will be on Friday, April 20th at St. Clare of Montefalco Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

WE GP hopes that other like-minded partners would lend their efforts and skills in planning an impactful event on Friday, April 20th. They will be reaching out to the officials in our electoral district, the GPPSS and several other community groups welcome them to join WE GP in their planning and coalition building.

All Things Considered

Most people think of Easter as a single day. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season that stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long.

About these fifty days theologian **Nathan Mitchell**, my professor in Graduate School, wrote: *"The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to 'party on,' even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply 'the weather of the heart,' to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation."*

At Masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the Church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing government, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and – even in the face of danger or fear – to live with hope.

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Fr. Wotypka's column today contains an announcement that was expected but dreaded by me nonetheless. His Provincial Council has given him a new assignment at the Capuchin Community Services in Milwaukee, effective early July. In his column today, Fr.

Robert details his history with the Motor City. Like the car industry, I fully expect him to make another comeback!

We'll have the next three months to appreciate his wisdom, wit and to long about the "outgoing model."

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At next Sunday's 8:30 Mass the District Council of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will come together for what we used to call a "Corporate Communion" which is a Mass attended in common by members of a Catholic group who share the same mission and goals. Like that of its founder, Frédéric Ozanam, the vision of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "is to embrace the world in a network of charity."

While the SVdP is global, it's actually quite local. Innumerable American Catholic parishes have established "conferences", most of which affiliate with a diocesan council. Among its varied efforts to offer material help to the poor or needy, the Society also has thrift stores which sell donated goods at a low price and raise money for the poor. There is a great variety of outreach programs sponsored by our local conferences and council, addressing local needs for social services including a Summer Camp on the shores of Lake Huron for underprivileged youth.

Roger Playwin, a parishioner of St. Ambrose, has served as the National Director of the SVdP Society at their headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. More recently, he returned to the Detroit District Council as it sought out new leadership. That new leader, **Dan Malone**, will be at mass here this coming Sunday. Malone has been a member of the Butzel Long law firm for 38 years. He was a recipient of the Champion of Justice Award from the State Bar of Michigan. He has a long history of service in the nonprofit community, including serving on the boards of U of D Jesuit High School and Boysville of Michigan.

Following mass next Sunday,

we're hosting a breakfast as a way of welcoming Dan to his new job and as a way of showing appreciation to all the members of the SVdP Society for the great work they do in providing service to the needy and overlooked in our own neighborhoods.

The Society's nearly 100,000 trained volunteers in the United States provided 17.5 million hours of volunteer service in 2016, helping more than 20.9 million people through visits to homes, prisons and hospitals at a value of more than \$1 billion dol-

lars of labor. But that misses the point.

This story has been repeated many times. A reporter once watched **Mother Teresa of Calcutta** as she cleaned the maggot-infested wound of a man on the street, only to say, "I wouldn't do what you do for a million dollars." Mother is supposed to have replied, with a bit of a wry smile, "I wouldn't either."

Obviously, monetary gain did not motivate the diminutive woman known as the Saint of Calcutta; faith did. She wrote, *"We must grow in love and to do this we must go on loving and loving and giving and giving until it hurts – the way Jesus did. Do ordinary things with extraordinary love: little things."*

Nobody expects that kind of steely determination from a SVdP member, all it takes is a willing heart and some time spent in trying to alleviate the problems of poverty – person-to-person. Our Ambrosian Conference of the SVdP has worked for decades in this capacity and could use some relief troops. If you want to know more about the SVdP here and around town, I am inviting you to breakfast next Sunday; shoot us an email or call. Three new couples or individuals from our parish with new energy and ideas would go a long way in augmenting the great work that is already being done. Can't make breakfast? Then talk with our SVdP president, **Randy Rennpage** or past president **Pat Sperti** or by contacting the rectory.



Daniel Malone, CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Metro Detroit

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Cristo Rey schools got their start back in the 90's in Chicago. The Catholic academic scene was a familiar though depressing one. The Archdiocesan high schools were facing serious financial challenges. Those schools had always been the ray of hope for struggling lower income families who dreamed of an education for their children. Most other Catholic schools run by the various orders were in good shape because they attracted a clientele which could afford the substantially higher tuition which those schools charged.

The Chicago Jesuits came up with a new model. Cristo Rey schools were designed to serve students from low income families in urban areas who could not otherwise afford a private school education. The way the Cristo Rey schools do this is to combine a work study program with the academics, sports and extracurricular activities the schools offer. Simply put, the Cristo Rey schools offer a quality education with a work-study component.

Detroit has one of the nation's 26 Cristo Rey Schools. Located at Holy Redeemer Parish on the lower West Side, it is in fact, one of the three surviving Catholic High Schools in the geographic confines of Detroit.

This Tuesday evening, I'm hosting a Scholarship dinner for Cristo Rey in the ARK. Buy a seat. In addition to a great meal, you'll get the satisfaction that you're doing something important for some very highly motivated kids. Contact **Naomi Howrani** at nhowrani@detroitcristorey.org or 313-402-0081.

In addition, Cristo Rey needs businesses who can provide internships (about 5 days a month) for next year's student body. In this, Cristo Rey students get the opportunity to work in real business environments, plus the money they earn is paid to the school to help offset the cost of their tuition. Student earnings make up about half of each school's revenue. I am certain that a number of our parishioners have hiring contacts that can make this happen!

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Post Diakonos

I made my first visit to Detroit in 1983, visiting a college pal at the end of his summer internship at the Free Press. He rented a place in Windsor – cheap rent, easy commute, terrified of the city – and I stayed a day or two while he packed and said his goodbyes, including to a young Fisher woman (those Fishers, I think) on whom he had a crush. He wanted some company for the drive back, which took us through Canada. It was the first time I'd seen Niagara Falls.

My second visit to Detroit was in 1996, for the auto show, when GM unveiled the fifth generation Corvette. It doesn't come up in homilies much, but I am an utter motorhead, so, yes, a pal and I drove 11 hours from New York to see the new 'vette. We stayed with some friends in Cleveland – catch up on old times, share in their childhood memories, terrified of the city – and the weather was brutal, Alpine even while crossing I-80 in PA. Then, knowing that its days were coming to an end, I next here came for the last game of the next-to-last season at Tiger Stadium. I stayed at a Super 8 near Toledo – low rate, free parking, terrified of the city – and I was alone because everyone I asked to make the trip with me was – well, you know where this is going. I made regular business trips during the Oughties, all the time wondering why I was being sent here so frequently while my colleagues were being sent to, oh I don't know – Bali? Sure, Bali. When I was eventually fired from that job, I reckoned I had my answer.

Burned out on life, or my narrow vision of it anyway, I was by the grace of the Holy Spirit lifted up, and moved here in 2008 when I was accepted into the Mercy Volunteer Corps. I lived in a house in Corktown with three other volunteers, and ministered there and in Southwest Detroit. This was during the Carpopocalypse, when GM and Chrysler declared bankruptcy and all the plants closed for weeks. I loved my work, and wanted it to go on and on, as I slowly came to understand that God was making something new within me.

Every Saturday in that MVC year I picked an avenue and walked it, determined not to let fear control my actions or movements. One of my first trips went up Woodward, where I stopped at the Garden Bowl, recently placed on the National Register of Historical Places for being the oldest continuously operated bowling alley in the US. The owner, Papa Joe Zainea (he has since handed on to the next generation) literally opened the door for me – shades of Solanus – asking, "Can I help you?" I said I wanted to look around, and he not only showed me the lanes, the stages, the pool hall, and the bars, he also took me to lunch, and has been my Detroit Godfather ever since. When I told him why I was in Detroit, and about the MVC, he waved me off and said, "You should be a priest."

Now has his prophecy been fulfilled in your hearing, and seeing, and accompanying, and in your example, brothers and sisters of Saint Ambrose, because as I see it, it was not so much that I became a priest as it is that you made me a priest (ordained brother, really, but there's a word count for this column and I am way over it). Thank you for fulfilling the prophecy. This part of my presbyteral formation program has ended, and I am being assigned to work at Capuchin Community Services in Milwaukee, effective early July. We have time to bid farewell and stay connected. God alone knows the future, but I am not afraid, for I am sure that I will walk with you always. And I hope that I can return. Amen

Fr. Robert Wotypka

Vincentian Reflection

As we celebrate the season of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Faith Formation Station

“Christian joy does not arise on the fringes of reality, by ignoring it or acting as if it did not exist. Christian joy is born from a call – the same call that Saint Joseph received – to embrace and protect human life especially that of the holy innocents of our own day.” – Pope Francis, ([Letter of His Holiness to Bishops on the Feast of the Holy Innocents](#), 12-28-16)

As April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, it is a good time to review what policies and programs our Archdiocese of Detroit mandates and what we offer and institute in our programming at St. Ambrose in Religious Education. The Archdiocese of Detroit takes seriously every allegation of sexual abuse and exploitation; they are committed to protecting children and adults from harm. The AOD's Safe Environment program is in place to help prevent sexual abuse within our community and to heal the wounds of past victims.

Every person connected to the Archdiocese of Detroit, whether clergy, employee or volunteer, is required to submit to certain protocols before possibly coming in contact with a child. All employees, catechists, and volunteers in our religious education program are required to participate in the following:

- Mandatory training called Protecting God's Children
- Archdiocesan Policy on Criminal History Background Checks
- Adherence to a code of conduct for employees, religious and clergy
- Enforcing a code of conduct for volunteers
- Safe Environment Policy

Additionally, safe environment programming is offered to all of our students through the Circle of Grace program. Circle of Grace is the approved safe environment training program for elementary and high school students enrolled in religious education in the Archdiocese. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace. The Circle of Grace program teaches children and young people to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles. Throughout the religious education year, the program director facilitates scheduled programming in kindergarten through grade 7.

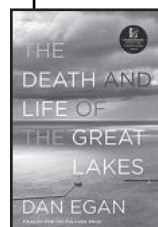
Lastly, all teens in grades 9-12 who volunteer with Children in Vacation Bible School, Super Saturdays, sports teams, and Religious Education classrooms are required to attend a Called to Serve workshop. Called to Serve is an interactive safe environment training program for teens in our Catholic High Schools and Parishes. Participants leave empowered to:

- Use talents to effectively & responsibly serve others
- Work with and be role models for children
- Communicate and partner with adult supervisors
- Interact appropriately with peers
- Recognize and respond to inappropriate behavior

St. Ambrose offers this program yearly to our Confirmation students as well as any other high school students interested in working with children. A Called to Serve Workshop is being offered at St. Lucy parish on Saturday May 12th 10:00am-1:00pm. Inquire or Register at tkswara@stlucychurch.com or (586) 447-4224.

Kelly Woolums

Marcellina's Book Club



The Great Lakes hold 20% of the world's surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work and recreation for millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading.

In [the Death and Life of the Great Lakes](#), author Dan Egan paints a portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes – blending the epic story of the lakes and the ways we can restore and preserve them.

We are in the process of connecting with the author to see if he can pay our book club a visit at a date to be announced. Pick up a copy of the book and get a head-start in reading this important work which was one of this year's twenty Notable Book Honorees by the State Library of Michigan.

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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, April 9

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mary Marzec,

Adeline Urbanski

Wednesday, April 11

St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, April 12

8:30 a.m. - Mass -Terrence Ferret

Friday, April 13

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Renee Mroczek

Saturday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. - For All People

11:15 a.m. - For All People



Scriptures for the 2nd Week of Easter

Monday, April 9

- Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10
- Heb 10: 4-10
- Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday, April 10

- Acts 4: 32-37
- Ps 93: 1-2, 5
- Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday, April 11

- Acts 5: 17-26
- Ps 34: 2-9
- Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday, April 12

- Acts 5: 27-33
- Ps 34: 2, 9, 17-20
- Jn 3: 31-36

Friday, April 13

- Acts 5: 34-42
- Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14
- Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday, April 14

- Acts 6: 1-7
- Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
- Jn 6: 16-21

Sunday, April 15

- Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
- 1 Jn 2: 1-5a
- Lk 24: 35-48

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14th and April 15th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Wotypka **Lector:** Cathy McPherson
Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Bennert, Karen McShane, Matthew Strong
Altar Servers: Joseph & Andrew Strong

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Bob Gatzke
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Colleen Jogan,
 Bob Jogan, Bernadette Pieczynski, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Nicholas, Margaret, & Meredith Kramer

11:15 a.m. - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Pat Sperti
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Billiu, Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming,
 Michele Hodges, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden
Altar Servers: Ella Chamberlain, Liam O'Byrne

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, April 1, 2018

in envelopes we received \$18,665.00
 in the loose collection \$1,767.00
 in electronic donations \$1,390.00
 in children's envelopes..... \$6.00
 for a total of..... **\$21,828.00**

Over budget for the week.....\$11,728.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800
 Number of envelopes used..... 341

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

Our Sick

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



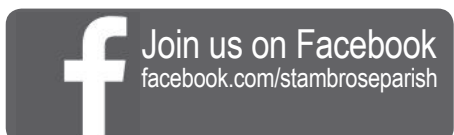
Epiphany Education Center Auction

IHM Sisters Marie Cyril Delisi and **Alice Baker** spent decades of their careers at St. Ambrose Academy. Upon their retirement, they remained in the area and continued their urban ministry under the auspices of Epiphany Education Center, which provides free after-school tutoring, one-on-one.

Cyril and Alice have just turned over the reigns of Epiphany Center to **Roslyn Taylor**, a professional educator who serves there on a part-time basis and coordinates the work of all the volunteer tutors.

Let's continue to support the good work started by our IHM friends. One way is through their Silent Auction which will be held at an annual fund raiser on April 28th at Sacred Heart Activities Center near Eastern Market.

To arrange a donation of an auction item, call **George Bush**, who is one of the Center's tutors, at (313) 640-8295. The better and more interesting the auction item, the more revenue it produces for Epiphany Center, so be creative and generous in your giving.



50 Ways to Celebrate Easter

Well, the Triduum was powerful, with its veiled statues and empty tabernacles and pillars of fire. It was a whirlwind couple of days, but now Easter Sunday has come and we're ready to move back into the Ordinary....

Except that there's nothing Ordinary about it. The Easter season won't be over till June! The Church in her wisdom who asked us to fast for 40 days now follows it up with 50 days of feasting. But (as with Christmas), we tend to forget it's still Easter and we lose out on some incredible riches. So how about we try to live like an Easter people? Here you have it – 50 ways to keep those Alleluias coming all Easter long. It's not as structured as the Advent and Lent Boot Camps, but it gives you a jumping off point. Try some of these this Easter season.

1. Figure out which of your Lenten resolutions shouldn't stop just because it's Easter. Don't stop praying the Rosary or going to Mass because Jesus rose. Don't start cursing or being uncharitable either. Easter should be a time to rejoice in the effort we're making.
2. Change the background on your phone to some stunning piece of artwork celebrating the resurrection.
3. Buy Easter candy half price this week. Make sure to buy enough to last you 50 days.
4. Pray the *Regina Caeli* at noon and at six in the evening.
5. Check out Maximus of Turin's triumphant reflection on Easter. (crossroadsinitiative.com/library_article/588/Christ_is_Risen_Maximus_of_Turin.html)
6. Use the word "alleluia" whenever possible.
7. Have a party to celebrate the canonizations of JP II and John XXIII.
8. Eat kielbasa and pierogies with cannoli and gelato for dessert. Read poetry. Open all your windows. Go skiing. Tell jokes. How very Papal all those things are!
9. Read this excerpt from a homily by St. Ephrem the Syrian. (crossroadsinitiative.com/library_article/542/Jesus_Christ_Conqueror_of_Death_St_Ephrem.html)
10. Plan a dessert every night until Pentecost on May 20th. Explain to your kids that they get to have all of this because Jesus loves them.
11. Easter is half over on April 25th. Give someone a garden plant today saying, "Happy Easter!"
12. Read the book of Acts.
13. Go to Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 10th even if though Ascension is moved to the following Sunday in our diocese.
14. Plan on attending the ordination to priesthood of Deacon Maksym on May 19th at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.
15. Tell someone about Jesus.
16. Make a holy hour every week in Easter.
17. Consider getting 1 Cor 15:55 tattooed on your face. Decide against it.
18. Change your Facebook cover picture to something celebrating the Resurrection—and not something cheesy or kitschy, but something that will cause people to gasp for the beauty.
19. Read Pope Francis' recent Easter messages. Tweet the highlights that stand out for you.
20. Check out this piece by St. Peter Chrysologus. (examiner.com/article/the-divine-office-paul-has-raised-all-men-to-priestly-status)
21. Any time you would have said, "I'll pray for you," ask instead, "Can I pray with you?"
22. Choose joy.
23. Get an Easter-themed manicure. When people comment on it, tell them it's because of your belief in Easter.
24. Don't ever have an Easter egg hunt on Holy Saturday. If you already did, have another one in reparation, and switch your family tradition to Easter egg hunts during Easter. You have 50 days to hunt eggs—don't do it on the one day Jesus is in the tomb!!
25. Pray a rosary every day. Feel free to use the glorious or the Luminous mysteries whenever you want.
26. Meditate on this passage from St. Augustine. (crossroadsinitiative.com/library_article/597/Easter_Alleluia_St_Augustine.html)
27. Change the message on your alarm to something that will remind you to rejoice from the moment your feet hit the floor.
28. Wish everyone you meet a "Happy Easter." Even when it starts to get weird.
29. Make a pilgrimage to a shrine in your area.
30. Treat others as you would treat Christ.
31. Do a Bible study. Read each of the appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection.
32. Go to confession.
33. Start reading the Sunday Bible readings ahead of mass.
34. Trade your Starbucks habit for a McCafé habit. Give the money you save to the missions.
35. Read this passage from a letter to Diognetus. (vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010522_diogneto_en.html)
36. Actually talk with someone begging on a street corner, or freeway entrance. Give them an alm and your name.
37. "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen." (Mother Teresa)
38. Memorize 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
39. Choose a spiritual book to read during Easter. Try The Imitation of Christ or Practicing the Presence of God.
40. Forgive.
41. Plan on attending the Eucharistic procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on June 3rd.
42. Meditate on the Exultet Prayer from the Easter Vigil.
43. Keep holy water in your house. Bless yourself when you leave for the day.
44. Read this sermon by Theodore the Studite: "How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate!" (rc.net/wcc/cross12.htm)
45. Send a "welcome" note to someone who's just entered the Church.
46. Visit the Blessed Sacrament in another Catholic church.
47. Change your ringtone to some sweet version of an Alleluia.
48. Meditate on the music used at mass.
49. Plan on wearing red at Pentecost Mass.
50. Orient your life toward being a saint. Ask yourself at the end of each day: Did I live today like heaven is the only thing that matters?

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