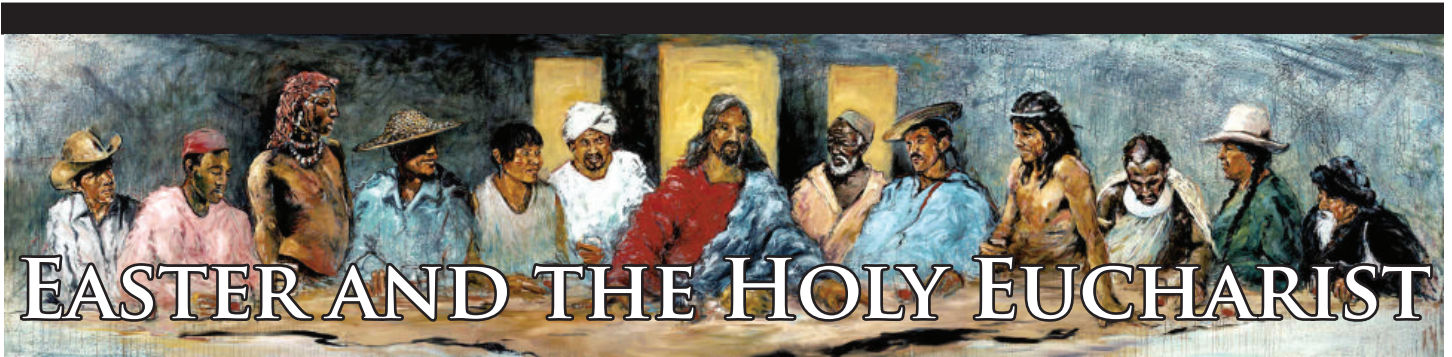


# St. Ambrose Parish

Our 101<sup>st</sup> Year!  
MAY 14, 2017  
BEEHIVE



We do not usually associate Easter and the Holy Eucharist. But we should. Our faith tells us that God became man in order that, by His death on the Cross, He might redeem the world. But this same faith tells us that, when Christ died on Calvary, the Church came into existence. We may therefore say that we were delivered from sin by the Savior's death, and receive the blessings of His grace through the Mystical Body which came into being the moment Jesus expired on Good Friday.

But our Catholic Faith tells us even more. Saint Thomas Aquinas raised the question, "Whether Christ's Resurrection is the cause of the resurrection of our bodies?" He answers in the affirmative. His logic is that whatever is first in any order, is the cause of all that comes after it. Since Christ's Resurrection was first in the order of our resurrection, it must be the cause of our rising from the dead. To prove his point he quotes from Saint Paul, "Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits; for by a man came death, and by a man the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20-21).

St. Thomas goes on to explain that this is perfectly reasonable. Thus we read what Christ Himself says, "As the Father raises up the dead, and gives life; so the Son also gives life to whom He wills" (John 5:21). It is part of the divinely established natural order that every cause operates first on what is nearest, and through it upon others, which are more remote. For example, fire first heats the nearest air, and through it heats bodies that are further off. Consequently the Word of God first bestows immortal life upon that Body which is naturally united with Himself, and through it works the resurrection in all other bodies. Without apology for this long paraphrase from the *Summa Theologica*, we now get back to the subject of this article, on Easter and the Eucharist.

## THE EUCHARIST IS THE RISEN CHRIST

At the Last Supper, when Christ pronounced the words, "This is my Body" this is the chalice of my Blood," he referred to his Body and Blood that were to be nailed to the Cross and

shed on Calvary. As some of the Church's earliest commentators explain, on Easter Sunday night when Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist.

Since the Resurrection of Christ, the Holy Eucharist is indeed the true, living Body and Blood of Christ. But it is now the Risen Christ in His glorified humanity. What are we saying? We are affirming an article of the Catholic faith. In the late eleventh century, when the monk Berengarius denied the Real Presence, he was told to profess what has since come to be known as the Eucharistic Creed:

*I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine placed upon the altar are, by the mystery of the prayer and words of the Redeemer, substantially changed into the true and life-giving flesh and blood of Jesus Christ the Lord, and that after the consecration, there is present the true Body of Christ which was born of the Virgin and offered up for the salvation of the world, hung on the cross and now sits at the right hand of the Father, and that there is present the true blood of Christ which flowed from His side. They are present not only by means of a sign and of the efficacy of the Sacrament, but also in the very reality and truth of their nature and substance (Gregory VII, 1079).*

Words cannot be clearer. Christ in the Eucharist is now the Risen Savior who is seated at the right hand of His heavenly Father and will come on the last day to judge the living and the dead.

## THE THREE-FOLD SACRAMENT

Pope John Paul II may go down as one of the greatest minds in the history of the papacy. It was John Paul who explained at length that the Eucharist is a sacrament three times over. It is the Sacrifice-Sacrament of the Mass, the Communion-Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the Presence-Sacrament of the Real Presence.

On all three levels, the Eucharist is the Risen Jesus Christ whose humanity is a channel of divine grace to the

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## EASTER AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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world. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this truth of our faith. Even as we say this, we must remember that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

**Sacrifice-Sacrament.** The Risen Christ offers Himself during the double consecration in the Sacrifice of the Mass. He is on the altar as the Incarnate God in His human nature. He can no longer die a bodily death because He is now in His glorified Body. But He is ready to die because He has a truly human will by which He would die if He could.

We define sacrifice as the voluntary surrender of something precious to God. In the Mass, Christ makes a voluntary surrender of His human life to His heavenly Father.

Unlike Calvary, in the Mass Christ is offering us along with Himself to His heavenly Father. On our part we are to surrender our wills to the will of God in order to benefit from the graces which the Sacrifice of the Mass confers on the whole human race.

What is the distinctive grace that we receive from the Eucharistic Sacrifice? It is the grace to surrender our wills constantly to the mysterious and often demanding will of God.

**Communion-Sacrament.** In Holy Communion, the Risen Christ gives us Himself in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. The benefits of Holy Communion are beyond human calculation. When we receive our Lord, He strengthens our supernatural life, He gives us the ability to resist the unruly passions of our fallen human nature, He increases our virtues of faith, hope and charity, He removes the guilt of our venial sins and reduces the temporal punishment due to our forgiven sins.

One more effect of Holy Communion needs to be stressed. Receiving our Risen Lord is a promise and assurance of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day. Saint John records the promise, when the Jews asked themselves, "How can

this man give us His flesh to eat?"

Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks My blood has life everlasting and I will raise Him up on the last day" (John 6:53-55).

This is Christ Himself assuring us that the reception of His risen Body in Holy Communion is the guarantee of our own glorious resurrection from the dead.

**Presence-Sacrament.** During His visible presence in Palestine, Christ did mainly two things: He preached God's truth to the people and performed many miracles. Moreover, He foretold that those who believed in Him would witness even greater miracles in the future.

In the Blessed Sacrament, it is the same divine Teacher and the same Miracle Worker who taught

and worked wonders during His visible stay before His ascension into heaven. All that is necessary on our part is to believe. Remember what the evangelist tells us in the Gospels? There were places in Palestine where the Savior was unable to convince the people of His teaching and unable to work miracles. Why? Because of their lack of faith.

With resounding emphasis the situation has not changed in our day. Jesus Christ is on earth in every tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and on every altar where the Holy Eucharist is offered for the faithful. But we must be faithful. We must be full of faith. The measure is our belief that Jesus Christ is now on earth in the Holy Eucharist. In the measure that we believe in His Real Presence, He will teach us the truth, and work miracles in our favor, even greater than the wonders He had performed during His visible stay in Asia Minor.

*By Father Hardon who was the Executive Editor of The Catholic Faith magazine. Copyright © 2003 Inter Mirifica. Front page graphic, "The Last Supper with Twelve Tribes," by Hyatt Moore. Depicted (from left) are: Crow of Montana, Berber of North Africa, Masai of Kenya, China, Ecuador, Afghanistan, Jesus, Ethiopia, Tzeltal of Mexico, Canela of Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Salish of British Columbia, Mongolia.*



On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the Catholic Community of St. Ambrose celebrated the Solemn Communion of:

- Fischer Austin • Cass Baltimore • Ryan Bunch
- Sydney Calin • Lauren Cole • Hayden Drouillard
- Adam Ezop • Daschel Hanneman • Claire Hathaway
- Jackson Hermann • Matthew Jenness • Elaina Keagle
- Grace Kuhl • Elyse Lenglet • Nathan Lipka
- Audrey Lorenzo • Audrey McLean • Eden Novack
- Ava Noecker • Logan Okonoski • Samuel Rouleau
- Maeve Shine • Anna Terry • Emma Truza
- Addison Wiegand • Nathaniel Yeamans

Our Parish congratulates these young people and prays that they stay connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. May they continue to be nourished at the table of the Lord each and every Sunday throughout their lifetime.



# All Things Considered

For Catholics, a child's reception of Holy Communion is not only a rite of passage, it is a sign of growing spiritual maturity. It's safe to say that not only are our children changed in the reception of Communion — whole families are too. That is the reason why we make create such an elaborate event around our kids's this weekend.



Liz Witherell

But unless we carefully reassemble our values, helping a child to prepare for First Holy Communion is apt to be the sum of catechism lessons learned, trips to rehearse the procession, shopping tours, dress fittings, and reminders to charge the cell phone for photos. All these things are normal and good and in the right scheme of things, humanly speaking — but they are not the heart of the matter.

The Holy Eucharist is a mystery as profound and unfathomable as the Trinity. One does not understand how Christ can assume the form of bread and wine. One believes. A child must believe, and if it helps to substitute the word *understand*, then he must understand that the bread looks like bread but is not bread, it is the Body of Christ. The wine looks like wine but is not wine, it is the Blood of Christ. To ask him to understand the mystery of it is asking of him something that even his elders do not understand.

Enough said. The relationship in Communion is a two-way thing. There is not just the child receiving Christ. There is Christ also, wanting to come to the child. "They are My delight." "Suffer them to come unto Me." First Communion at seven is not a piously sentimental occasion. It is life transforming. Let's promise the Lord to keep feeding our children with many grace-filled, faith-affirming occasions such as this.



The **Top Hat Award** was created by the St. Vincent dePaul Society to recognize members of that charitable organization who live their lives with a

commitment similar to that of the Society's founder, **Blessed Frederic Ozanam** (1813-1853). This French literary scholar, lawyer, journalist and social justice advocate was often seen on the streets of Paris wearing his "stove-pipe hat," thus the award goes to those who, like him, are seen out among the streets of the city demonstrating Christ's charity.

This past Saturday, the Ozanam's Top Hat will be worn by our very own, **Liz Witherell**, president of our St. Ambrose chapter of the SVdP. Under her leadership, our conference has won the "Highly Effect Conference" designation for the last two years in a row.

Liz emphasizes the Vincentian role as a caring neighbor. She has fostered home visits as a means of forming real connections with the families in need. She takes pride in the fact that she knows most of the people in our community by name as well as their history of working with our SVdP Conference. She feels that this helps us understand people's problems and allows us to do a better job in assisting them. In turn, those helped feel respected and less marginalized. As a result, when Liz makes a house call, the neighbors come out to just visit and talk. They all know "Ms. Liz."

Both she and her husband, John, have been active in our SVdP Conference since 2008. In 2011, she was elected President of our Chapter, and since then it has seen a great expansion of services. It's not an overstatement to say that thousands of people have been helped due to her efforts and organizational abilities.

Most importantly, her work sends the message to all of us that all our neighbors, especially those in trouble or need, are cherished members of our St. Ambrose community. And so are you, Liz!

No work of charity is unknown to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. They could always use more caring, generous and flexible Vincentians to help.



Another great Ambrosian outreach happened last weekend when a large contingent of parishioners brought a hot lunch and warm friendship to the St. Patrick Senior Center located on the Cass

Corridor. Although gentrification is rapidly taking over that neighborhood, there are a large number of seniors still living on fixed incomes there. The St. Patrick Center is a "home away from home" for them and a place where they can count on a nutritious meal in the company of friends. The Center is open seven days a week.

In addition to the food brought in for last week's meal, Ambrosians also left a donation of \$520 to the center to be used for whatever they need. Thanks for making these elderly live independent, healthy and loved lives.



The first week of returns for the Catholic Services Appeal was strong. We're off to a great start this year. If we maintain the current standard of gifts, we should soon satisfy our quota for the Archdiocese and produce an overage for the parish which will be applied for our own operations. Last year, we were able to pay a full year of property and liability insurance with our CSA overage. We would like to do that again this year and start work on tuck pointing the church building. We try to wrap up the CSA by the end of May, so please factor it into your budget for this month. Donations can be paid using the return envelope

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Number of Families ..... 900 Returns to date ..... 45 Average Gift ('16).....\$542 Quota for the Archdiocese .....\$86,882 Property/Liability Insurance ... \$52,000 Parish '17 Target.....\$138,882 Received as of 5/10/17..... \$26,342		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have begun the 2017 CSA campaign. You should have received a letter asking for your participation. Contribute by using the CSA forms sent to you, or you can make a contribution electronically through stambrosechurch.net.</li> <li>• We fully expect to again meet our Archdiocesan obligations. Remember that any overage to the CSA campaign reverts to our parish at 100%</li> </ul>		

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Planning for our June 11<sup>th</sup> visit from the **Detroit Mass Mob** is proceeding on schedule. We're in contact with **Thomas Mann** who is the catalyst of this phenomenon here in the Detroit area. Its purpose is to introduce and reconnect suburban Catholics with the rich heritage of urban parishes that were the mainstay of the lives of their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

We were told to expect several hundred visitors at our 11:15 mass that morning. Following mass, we will hold an "expo" in the ARK highlighting the activities of our parish today.

There will be a parking and hospitality detail. Tours will be given of the church building after mass and refreshments will be served. There will be need for parishioners to help with lots of different aspects of the visit. If you can commit some time to this, please email or phone us. A training session/social for all volunteers is set for the Wednesday just before the event.

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The civil unrest in Detroit in 1967 had profound effects on this part of the city, and on St. Ambrose Parish. It has been 50 years since that horrible time and we are still trying to make sense and heal from that sad episode.

There will be a number of retrospective events this summer examining the riots of '67, and one of the most scholarly revolves around the anthology entitled Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts, Legacies. That will be our summer reading for Marcellina's Book Club. We are pleased to report that one of the contributors to the anthology, **Kevin Boyle**, has agreed to make a presentation here at St. Ambrose later this summer.

Dr. Boyle, a native of Grosse Pointe Park, is the author of Ark of Justice, which won the 2004 National Book Award for Nonfiction. If you haven't read that work, put it on your Summer reading list too.

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## Diaconos Post

The head of security at the first hotel I ever worked was a retired New York City cop, and he had all the swaggy swagger such of a life in such a place could imbue. The hotel was cheap and well-located, hygienic if long past prime, and we always had at least one "beater" (someone who wasn't paying their bill) in the house. The better part of wisdom was to prevent them from checking in rather than dealing with them once they were registered. I turned over to Pete someone who was suspect (expired ID, not enough cash for the first night plus a phone deposit, non-linear narratives he was all too ready to share), and I watched as Pete turned the guy away with a "Nice try ..." cool brittleness. Pete's closing statement was, as the guy called out threats and protests on his way out, "Yeah, sure, I'm gonna give this one to Officer McCann ...," and he took the reg card and all the photocopies we had made for the check-in and threw them in the trash. Then he winked at us working the desk and went up to his room. Job well done.

He told me later that "Officer McCann" was the go-to guy in the precinct, the one the desk sergeant would promise to contact when someone came in with a delusional complaint or report. The sergeant would take notes to appease the citizen, then pitch them when they left. I have to wonder if my initial interview at St Charles Borromeo seminary in Philadelphia didn't wind up in the "Father McCann" file. I went in right after 9/11, convinced that I had to change my life and return to our Lord. Right plan, wrong execution. The rector met with me on a beautiful fall afternoon. You know how dogs tilt their heads when you talk to them, that angle that says, "I want to help you but you are not making a lick of sense to me"? That's how it was with the monsignor. I was far from even beginning to find my way back into God's house (John 14: 2), and here I was asking him to co-sign the mortgage. This is how I imagined he summarized our meeting, if he even created a report: "God works in mysterious ways. The inquirer did not name any of them."

So be it. In terms of those rejected (1 Pt 2: 4), I was in good company then, and I'm in good company now. Bernard Casey (aka Solanus) left the seminary in Milwaukee when his formators determined he wasn't capable of doing the work. The Capuchins in Detroit made a similar assessment and ordained him a simplex priest, not allowing him to preach or hear confessions. But God had other plans, and the Holy Spirit worked through Venerable Solanus then, and is at work in him now, more gloriously in that he is soon to be called Blessed Solanus. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Robert Wotypka

Playscape  
 Birthday Party  
 Saturday, June 3, 2017

Look for sign-up sheets at the back of church  
 and plan to celebrate and work that Saturday.

## Faith Formation Station

*"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary.*

*Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart.*

*And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps.*

*With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart;*

*so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception;*

*while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear;*

*if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal."*

*— Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Doctor of the Church*

We are wrapping up our year in faith formation here at St. Ambrose with only three more classes left. Our students will be finishing up their textbooks, reflecting on this year's faith journey, and writing classroom celebration prayers that will be shared in the parish bulletin over the summer months. Our program will celebrate Mother's Day with a special May Crowning to honor Mother Mary; together we will pray, sing, and honor Mary with flowers. May Mary's peace and gentle strength be with us all throughout this special month of Mary. Our high school senior classroom assistants will be graduating next month, and to honor them and their service we will be featuring their personal reflections in the next faith formation bulletin article. These young people are amazing role models in faith and discipleship for the students in our program.

Our special first communicants will celebrate their Formal First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these special sacrament students, their families, and their catechists in your prayers. A great big thank you goes out to their catechists and classroom assistants who have faithfully prepared them all year long: Virginia Bush, Melissa Keagle, Jessica Kodanko, McKenna McGraw, and Laura Zajac. Additionally, for preparing the students with the gift of song, we thank our religious education music ministry team: Charlie Bernas and George Bush.

Our special sacrament students have worked hard at being disciples all year. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmandi volunteered at our Oyster Fest, Spaghetti Dinner, Fish Fries during Lent and are preparing for an overnight retreat this summer centered on service in our city and prayerful reflection. These young people are outstanding examples of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Many students wonder if they, too, can be disciples. Not only can they be, but they already are. Some people get the words apostle and disciple mixed up. Jesus had only 12 apostles: men that he chose to be his leaders after his death. But Jesus had lots of other followers – men, women, even children – who were called disciples. He counted on these people to spread the news that the Messiah had come. To call ourselves "Christian," or followers of Jesus (which is what the word disciple means), we must be willing to lead the life that Jesus taught us and to tell others about the things Jesus did and said. So, yes! We can all be disciples. And if we are baptized and a believer in Jesus Christ, we already are. Our hope is that our students remember their call to discipleship and continue their journey in faith throughout their lives.

### PROGRAM REMIDERS:

- **PARTY** on the PLAZA and PENTECOST MASS: We finish the Religious Education year on Pentecost – the birthday of the Church. Parents are invited to pick up their children early (10:30 am) from class on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> and join their fellow Rel. Ed. families on the Plaza for treats filled with the wind of the Holy Spirit: popcorn and cotton candy. Catechists will not be bringing students over to the plaza. Parents must pick up their child/ren from class and walk over to the plaza to join in the festivities. Students will be wrapping up their year with crafts/prayers in the classroom prior to 10:30 a.m. The party leads into Mass, so be sure to pick up your child/ren from class and join all our family at the great mass of Pentecost Sunday! Don't forget to thank your child/ren's volunteer catechists for all their hard work and dedication in passing along the faith all year long!

Kelly Woolums

## Marcellina's Book Club



Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts, Legacies is a soon-to-be released anthology from 30 contributors offering up memories, facts and analysis and some suggestions for the future.

The book ends with a cautiously optimistic tale: "Fifty years after the riots, Detroit is living up to its motto. It is seeing better things. It is rising from the ashes. And if city leaders, residents and businesses are willing to build a city that works for everyone, they are sure to avoid the fire next time."

We've selected this work for your summer reading. Our book club gathering will be held just after Labor Day with contributing author, Dr. Kevin Boyle. The date of that session will be announced shortly.

## The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, 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, May 15

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Andrew Harrison,  
Carl Petzold, Cathy and Clark Cassledine

### Wednesday, May 17

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

### Thursday, May 18

#### St. John I, pope and martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Florence Ciamitaro,  
Bishop Arthur Krawczak

### Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Lloyd Jarboe,  
Fr. Edward Wojdyla (31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

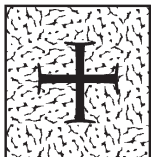
### Saturday, May 20

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

### Sunday, May 21

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



The **STONE** rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

## Scriptures for the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

### Monday, May 15

- Acts 14: 5-18
- Ps 115: 1-5, 15-16
- Jn 14: 21-26

### Tuesday, May 16

- Acts 14: 19-28
- Ps 145: 10-13ab, 21
- Jn 14: 27-31a

### Wednesday, May 17

- Acts 15: 1-6
- Ps 122: 1-5
- Jn 15: 1-8

### Thursday, May 18

- Acts 15: 7-21
- Ps 96: 1-3, 10
- Jn 15: 9-11

### Friday, May 19

- Acts 15: 22-31
- Ps 57: 8-10, 12
- Jn 15: 12-17

### Saturday, May 20

- Acts 16: 1-10
- Ps 100: 1-3, 5
- Jn 15: 18-21

### Sunday, May 21

- Acts 8: 5-8
- 1 Pt 3: 15-18
- Jn 14: 15-21

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Pat Ticknor  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Bennert, Della Cimini, Peter Hern,  
Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, Matthew Strong, Mary Urbanski  
**Altar Servers:** Joseph & Andrew Strong

**8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Bern Degnan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Bob Jogan,  
Colleen Jogan, Bernadette Pieczynski, Chris Walsh  
**Altar Servers:** Jack Hern, Nicholas Kurta

**11:15 a.m. – Sunday - Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Michele Hodges  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Billiu, Lupe Davila, Pat & Michael Mocerri,  
Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yadenl  
**Altar Servers:** Effie Hodges, Grace Whitaker

## Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

### On Sunday, May 7, 2017

in envelopes we received ..... \$7,049.00  
in the loose collection ..... \$718.00  
in electronic donations ..... \$1,390.00  
in children's envelopes ..... \$2.00  
for a total of ..... **\$9,353/00**

**Under** budget for the week ..... **\$941.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800

Number of envelopes used ..... 165

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7*

*Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.*

*No gift is too small or insignificant.*

## Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Pat Blake, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elberson, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Ray Oberly, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Betty Greenia, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Bernadette Gutowski, Martha Luna, Laurie Lavins, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Cheryl Lapensee, Darby O'Toole, and Lou Rondini.

## It's Graduation Time!

In addition to offering our congratulations to our High School parishioners on their accomplishments, we also want to help them make a successful spiritual transition to the next phase of their education. On every secular college and university campus in the United States, students can find a Newman Club. Named after the famed Cardinal John Henry Newman, Newman Centers are places that provide pastoral and social services particularly to a Roman Catholic student population within that college or university. Connect Catholic students with the Catholic Campus Ministry at their respective Colleges and Universities by registering them through the Newman Connection.

Log onto NewmanConnection.com. and click on "Invite a Student to Connect" that will generate an email to the student with a link inviting them to "Get Connection to Campus Ministry." Entering a student's information into the NewmanConnection data base will also allow the campus minister to log in and see a link that says "view incoming student." You may also go to newmanconnection.com/ambassador and sign a student up.



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## The First Years and Beyond

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are invited to treat each other to an enjoyable, relaxing and entertaining dinner date night along with other young married couples! This Friday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton for a Spring dinner date for young married couples.

The evening will feature national speakers, authors and Catholic radio hosts Peter and Debbie Herbeck in their lively, heart felt, and faith-inspired talk – “Love Never Fails.” Peter and Debbie will share how they overcame personal shortcomings and potential pitfalls in their own early years of marriage by putting the other and Christ first, and the practical wisdom and strength of union they gained along the journey! Engaged couples are welcome to attend. Childcare is available. The cost, \$50 per couple includes dinner, dessert, open bar, live entertainment, and dancing!

## Spring Cleaning for a Good Purpose

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 next Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<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 have 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 also 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 later this month.

## Two Retreats

- Caregiving is not just physical, but emotional and spiritual as well. Sometimes we need to ‘go to the cross’ and replenish our Spirit and renew our strength – to be reminded we are not alone on the journey. Join us at St. Paul of the Cross on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for a day of refreshment and encouragement in your role as caregiver. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313-286-2800 or online at [stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats](http://stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats).

- The Labyrinth is an ancient Christian prayer form often seen as a metaphor for our Spiritual journey – a Pilgrimage to the Holy. Participants will learn about the history and movements of the Labyrinth as well as experience walking and praying the Labyrinth. The workshop takes place on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313-286-2800 or online at [stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats](http://stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats). St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center is located at 23333 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit west of Telegraph.

## Detroit 67

On July 28, 1967, President Lyndon Johnson established the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder, which came to be known as the Kerner Commission, to look into the riots that happened in the U.S. that summer. The Detroit Historical Museum is hosting a panel discussion titled “Detroit 1967 Media Coverage: Then & Now” to dissect that Commission's findings and recommendations.

Journalists and community leaders – including Rochelle Riley, Ike McKinnon, Keith Owens, Shirley Stancato, Tim Kiska, Luther Keith, Brenda Peek and Bill McGraw will gather this week for a conversation on the questions: “What did the Kerner Commission Report have to say about the news media?” and “Have media outlets adopted the Kerner Report's recommendations?”

The session is this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Museum which is at 5401 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by the WGPR Historical Society and the Detroit Association of the National Association of Black Journalists.



**Bee *at the* Tee**  
St. Ambrose Golf Classic  
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park

Just how far off can Summer be? Make plans now to join in the annual St. Ambrose Parish golf outing on June 16, 2017 to benefit our Religious Education program and to support activities of our parish

We're planning a great day of golf and socializing at the beautiful Chandler Park Golf Course ([americangolf.com](http://americangolf.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.

Multiple sponsorships are available in many different price ranges. Consider signing-up your business as one of the first supporters of our 2017 golf outing. Go to [BeeAtTheTee.com](http://BeeAtTheTee.com) for prices and registration. Questions? email [st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com](mailto:st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com) or call Brian at (313) 595-8767.