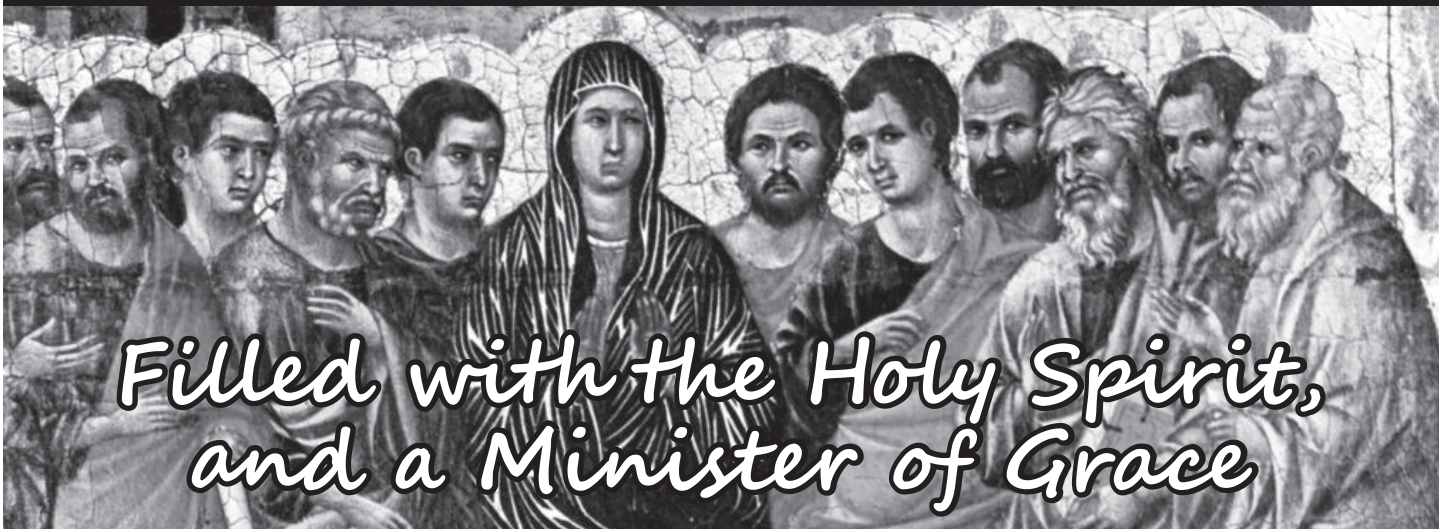




ST. AMBROSE PARISH  
CENTENNIAL 1916-2016

*Beehive*

MAY 15, 2016



The Catholic Priesthood is an extraordinary vocation. Every Christian is called to bring the love of Christ to others, but the ministerial priest, through the Sacrament of Ordination, is called to show that love in a special way.

A priest's vocation is to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith; to lead God's people in love, as a shepherd, as a spiritual father; and to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, 'for the glory of God and the sanctification of Christ's people' (Rite of Ordination). His whole being is transformed, so that he can be an icon of Christ for others, filled with the Holy Spirit, and a minister of grace.

Catholic priests are ordinary men who never lose their humanity. They come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. They have different backgrounds and personalities, different strengths and weaknesses. Yet they have all been called like the first disciples: 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men' (Mt 4). This is not just an 'external' call to do something for Jesus, but an invitation to draw closer to him and share his life more intimately; just as the Apostles, before they were sent out to preach and heal, spent time with the Lord in friendship.

Some priests belong to **religious congregations**. As monks, friars or missionaries they take the three evangelical vows of *poverty*, *chastity* and *obedience*. Their ministry is defined by the particular work of the congregation.

The **diocesan priest**, however, commits his life to serving the Church in his local diocese. It's a 'geographical' commitment to work with his bishop and serve the people of this local area, usually where he has grown up or come to

work or study. He is a 'secular' priest, which means he lives 'in the world' rather than in a monastery, sharing more closely in the lives and experiences of the laity.

In practice, most diocesan priests live and work in parishes. This is their 'default' ministry, where their heart lies. They work in collaboration with their brother priests, with laypeople, and consecrated men and women; caring for the parish together, supporting each other.

Parish ministry is incredibly varied. In a single day a priest might visit children in the school, bring Holy Communion to the sick, support a bereaved family, help a couple prepare for their wedding, hear someone's confession, care for someone who is homeless, negotiate a contract for building services, and attend a parish council or a sacramental program in the evening. And then, much of priesthood is simply being with others – sitting, listening, talking, praying.

The heart of a priest's ministry is the celebration of the Eucharist, where all the above concerns are offered to the Father in the Holy Sacrifice, and where the priest leads his people in worship, repentance, thanksgiving and intercession.

Some diocesan priests work in more specialized ministries, for example, as chaplains in prisons, hospitals, universities or the armed forces. Some even work abroad as missionaries – a reminder that every priest is called to evangelize.

All diocesan priests make three promises. They promise *obedience* to their bishop, to take up whatever ministry he asks. This helps them to be open to the pastoral needs within the diocese, and it stops them getting attached to

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their personal preferences. It keeps them humble, open and generous-hearted in the service of the Lord.

They promise consecrated *celibacy* – to remain unmarried for the rest of their lives. This allows a priest to give himself to Christ with an undivided heart, and to love others with an inner freedom and an extra generosity. Even though many Eastern Catholic Churches have a different practice, for Catholics in the Latin (Western) Church celibacy is at this point in history seen as central to the vision of priesthood as a life of total self-giving.

Finally, they promise to *pray* the Liturgy of the Hours. By praying this ‘Prayer of the Church’ at the appointed times, they sanctify each day. They center their lives on prayer, praying for the Church and for the whole world.

With these three promises the diocesan priest is rooted in Christ. He is free to follow the Lord, wherever he is sent; free to give his life in love and service. His priestly heart, like the heart of the Good Shepherd, is completely dedicated to God’s people. The priesthood brings incredible joys, especially in seeing God’s grace transform people’s lives, and in the special bonds that are formed with laypeople and brother priests.

There are also real difficulties and challenges. These can be in the spiritual life, in ministry, or in the ordinary human struggles that afflict everyone at different moments: tiredness, loneliness, stress, failure, sin. Like every Christian, the priest tries to live through his difficulties with faith and hope, staying close to the Lord, trusting in him.

How do you know if God is calling you to be a priest? First, the basics: only baptized men can become Catholic priests. This is not a form of prejudice or sexism, it is the Church being faithful to 2000 years of tradition, where only men were appointed to stand ‘in the person of Christ’ as Catholic priests.

Second, you need to have an open heart as you discern your vocation. Any Catholic man who is single and unsure about his future should be able to say, ‘Lord, what is your will for my life? What are you calling me to do?’ What matters is to be open to God’s will, and to pray for his help and guidance.

Third, there are some common signs of a priestly vocation. These include: a simple desire to be a priest or to do the things that priests do (celebrate Mass, preach, pray with people, serve others, etc.); an admiration for priests you know; a sense of being pulled or pushed into the priesthood; suggestions from other people that you might make a good priest; and a desire to pray more and to take your faith more seriously. A feeling of unworthiness can be a sign of humility before such an awe-inspiring vocation; and even a desire to marry, sometimes, can point to a fatherly heart that may be fulfilled in the celibate priesthood – if these other signs are there too.

Finally, someone discerning a vocation needs to talk to someone. There is only so much thinking and praying you can do on your own. This might be a trusted friend or relation, or a priest you know, and ultimately the Vocations Director in your diocese or in a religious order. Don’t be afraid. The Lord will guide you.

*By Father Stephen Wang, a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Westminster, London.*

## Del Papa-Grimaldi

Do you know a Catholic high school senior or college freshmen? The Del Papa-Grimaldi Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundations provides two college scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. High school seniors and college freshmen are eligible. Forms are due to the Archdiocese by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available online at [aod.org/.../tuition-assistance-.../del-papa-grimaldi/](http://aod.org/.../tuition-assistance-.../del-papa-grimaldi/)



There is only so much any single parish can do in bringing the message of Jesus to those who need to hear it. That is the point of the **Catholic Services Appeal**. This fund finances a multitude of outreach ministries that no parish, by itself, could ever hope to do. This includes all the central services of the Archdiocese, plus a sizeable subsidy to our Seminary and Catholic schools.

We have begun the 2016 campaign two weeks ago. The box score on page five indicates our mandatory goal and the early, encouraging returns. Make your contribution or annual pledge to the CSA using the mailing information that has been sent to you. We hope to wrap up this campaign by the end of May.

## Religious Education Update

I am incredibly grateful for the seven years of ministry here at St. Ambrose. This parish — and all of you — are etched into my heart where I will treasure you forever. It is reassuring to know that you will be lead by one of the very best – Kelly Woolums. I know that you will welcome her as you did me. And, she will love you as I do!

In the meantime, as Fr. Tim reported to you last week I will continue to coordinate the Confirmation Program. Also, I will not complete my duties until after Vacation Bible School. “Barnyard Round-Up” is the theme this year. This weekend we have registration forms in the back of the church. You may also pick them up in the Parish Office. Vacation Bible School will be held June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-Noon at Merit Academy. Register early!

We are in need of someone who can play an instrument to assist George Bush with the music. In addition we need a couple of adults who will coordinate the snacks. Please call the Religious Education Office if you can help us out.

Betty

# All Things Considered

This Pentecost is a time for us to celebrate the Priesthood in a special way in our parish and Archdiocese.

On Pentecost eve, we were privileged to participate in the First Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by **Father Tom Nguyen**. Tom who was our deacon intern here, was ordained a priest on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Capuchin Seminary Chapel in Mt. Calvary, WI.

Prior to this Saturday, we have to go back to 1994, when **Fr. Randy Kelly** celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving here. A “son” of the parish, Fr. Kelly was ordained for service in the Saginaw Diocese. He is now retired.

You have to go back even further to 1974, when my classmate **Fr. Michael Savickas** celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving here following his diaconal internship at St. Ambrose. Fr. Savickas is still serving as the pastor at St. William in Walled Lake.

And if God’s grace prevails, we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with another “son” of St. Ambrose, **John Maksym**, who has a short two more years of seminary before his presbyteral ordination.

The Church considers her fledgling priests to be especially holy, hence the honor of participating at a “First Mass” or a “Mass of Thanksgiving.” Sometimes it is said that there is a plenary indulgence attached to receiving a blessing from a priest within the first year after his ordination to the priesthood. I have been looking for the origin and basis of this tradition, but haven’t found much. Suffice it to say that, when made in faith, the blessings of a new priest are extraordinary.

If you missed him at mass this weekend, you’ll find Fr. Tom busy at work conducting our “Tap Into Life”

program for young adults at Atwater’s in the Park this Sunday night at 6:00 where their discussion will focus on bringing their input to Synod 16.

For now, the plan of the Capuchin leadership is to leave Fr. Tom at the Solanus Center with some responsibilities continuing here to our parish. We’re blessed to have a newly ordained with us for the foreseeable future.

Our whole Archdiocese rejoices this weekend as five new priests were Ordained at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Pentecost Eve.

There is **Fr. Paul Graney** from Lake Orion. He came to the Catholic priesthood after dabbling in a number of Protestant evangelical colleges. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph’s in Lake Orion.

**Fr. Dominic Macioce** is from Sterling Heights. Before entering the seminary, he was working toward an MBA and managing a sports/martini bar in Washington Township. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, in Sterling Heights on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr. Kevin Roelant** graduated from St. Mary Catholic Central High School, Monroe. He briefly spent time in a religious order seminary before entering training for diocesan ministry at Sacred Heart. His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be at St. Charles Borromeo, Newport on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr. David Tomaszycski** was a journeyman plumber before attending Ave Maria University. He spent part of his deacon internship working in India with Mother Teresa’s Mission-

aries. His home parish is Immaculate Conception Parish, Anchorville where his Mass of Thanksgiving will be said on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr. Timothy Wezner** did radio here in Detroit for almost 10 years before entering the seminary. He started at WOMC-FM, and later moved to WJR-AM. He grew up in Warren. His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Sterling Heights on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

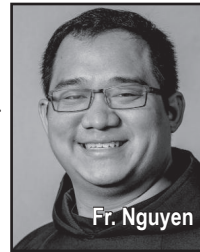
What a remarkable array of priests the Holy Spirit has given us – here in the Catholic Church at Detroit!

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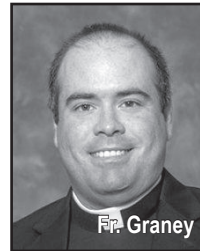
Our Parish commitment to sustaining urban beehives here stems from Saint Ambrose, who is the patron of bees and beekeepers.

We do not spend any parish money on our hives. Up until now, costs have been borne by our beekeepers, **Bernie Van Antwerp** and **David Skupien**. Upon my invitation, funding for this year’s new hives has come from the **Roszka** family in honor of their new granddaughter, **Cecelia De Rosier**, as well as from **Larry Garcia**, **Lindsey Briggs**, **Mary Ann McKenna**, **Donna Dziak**, **Madeline Balice** and **Bishop Donald Hanchon**.

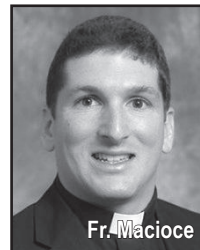
These funds will allow us to establish three more new hives which will replace the ones that did not survive the winter. They also will give our beekeeper the ability to purchase queen bees and colonies that are the result of more controlled breeding, and thus more costly. We’re doing our best to give these marvelous creatures – honey bees – a solid and safe environment in which they



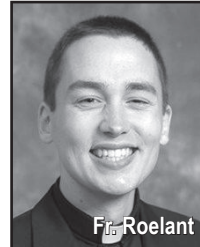
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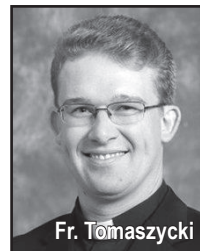
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Fr. Roelant



Fr. Tomaszycski



Fr. Wezner

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can do their work of pollination and creating a little honey for us in the process. Bees will fly as much as 6 miles to visit a nectar source and will readily travel 2 miles. So if you live within that radius of our buildings, do your part by planting bee-friendly plants and avoiding pesticides particularly, neonicotinoids and coumaphos.



To run a parish Religious Education program takes the training of a theologian; the dedication of a saint; and the organizational skills of a general. **Betty Haley** had all of these and more. Stop in the ARK for a moment after today's 11:15 Mass to thank Betty as she moves into retirement mode. I hope we can do a special send-off later in the Summer with Betty and all those who worked with her in our program.



I'm proud to welcome **Kelly Woolums** as our new Religious Education Director. Kelly comes to us from St. Philomena's parish – and as a parent with kids in Defer School, she is already known by many of you. I'll do a more formal introduction for her next week. I am extremely pleased she is with us, and I think you will be too.

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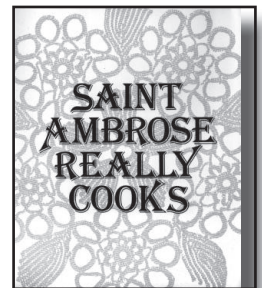
Have you ever wondered about that bracelet that Aunt Tilley left you, or that pocket watch from your Great Grandpa Louie? How about the old painting you've got stashed in the basement, or that collection of Coca Cola trays? Is that Pre-Columbian figurine real or fake? Or how much is your mid-century modern buffet worth?

If you are a fan of "Antiques Roadshow," you'll know that treasures could be lurking in your home – you just haven't discovered them as yet. This Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Ernie and Janice DuMouchelle and the staff of DuMouchelle's Art Gallery Auction House will be in the ARK at St. Ambrose to give verbal or qualified written valuations of art, antiques and other collectibles.

Appraisals will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on each day. Appointment times should be scheduled through Lois in the rectory office by calling 822-2814. Call also to arrange for appraisals of non-transportable items. All proceeds from the event will benefit St. Ambrose Parish.

Centennial Cooks

For our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we published "St. Ambrose Really Cooks," which was a collection of recipes from our parishioners in 1991 and a reprint of recipes from our parishioners in 1925. For our Centennial, we reasoned that the time was right for a new edition of "St. Ambrose Really Cooks."



Irene Scopel, who organized the 1991 book, graciously agreed to be the guiding force for our 2016 book. The planned publication date will be at the end of September – just in time for OYSTERFEST. In fact, this year's cookbook will have a special guest chef section comprised of recipes contributed by the restaurants which have frequented Oysterfest in the past twenty-five years.

We need to start now in assembling recipes from you, our Centennial parishioners. Recipes can be dropped off in the collection basket; or at the parish office; or at Religious Education; or emailed to [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net). Please include your name, phone and/or email with your recipe along with a few words describing why this is a favorite, or what family traditions are associated with these special foods.

Sections include: Appetizers; Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes; Main Dishes; Breads & Rolls; Desserts; Cookies & Candy. We'll be receiving recipes until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Consider sharing your holiday specialties with your larger St. Ambrose family.



Playscape  
Birthday Party

Saturday, June 4, 2016

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

# The Buzz

Happy Pentecost! This solemn feast ranks just behind Easter, up there with Christmas/Epiphany, in importance on the Church’s calendar. The connection is interesting in that Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church.

On this day we remember the story from Acts of the Apostles, when the disciples were still closed up in “a house” – still letting the meaning of the Resurrection and Ascension gestate in their souls. Then, “when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled” (Pentecost already existed as a Jewish harvest-time feast that celebrated The Old Testament Law), the initiative of God’s Holy Spirit took over, filled them and pushed them out to proclaim the Gospel to the big world beyond their protective doors. The Church was born. And on this day, because all who are reborn in the waters of baptism, confirmed in that same Holy Spirit as were the disciples, and in communion with the same risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ – all of us are the Church – happy birthday to you and to all of us with you!



Speaking of birthdays and similar memorial festivities, our own special inheritor of apostolic leadership, **Fr. Timothy Pelc**, generally identifies Pentecost (June 2, 1974) as the anniversary of his priestly ordination. This gift given to him by God 42 years ago has been shared by him in ministry to God’s People here at St. Ambrose for 30 years, more than 70% of his entire priesthood. How about sometime during the next two and a half weeks between Pentecost and Thursday, June 2, you join me in some special prayer for him! And I’m sure he wouldn’t mind a word of personal blessing and best wishes from you the next time you see him.



Tomorrow, Monday, returns us to Ordinary Time (and liturgical green) on the Church’s calendar. However, our next two Sunday celebrations will continue to be specially named. Next weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and the following one (May 29<sup>th</sup>) is that of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (popularly known for a long time as Corpus Christi).

Together with Pentecost, these three Sundays are a lot less about theology than they are challenges for us to reexamine our relationship and experiences with the living God. We may be returning to Ordinary Time, but this is really extraordinary stuff at the very core of our lives.



That “core” is what we delved into last Monday with Fr. Bill Cieslak at an extraordinary SYNOD 16 Dialogue session held in the ARK. There was a great turnout of 150+ parishioners who were not shy about taking a deep look at our faith and Church. From this they formulated a goodly number of critiques and suggestions for the Archbishop and Synod representatives to consider this November. One overriding sense I got from the group is that they too felt that our Catholic Faith is much more about striving to live through, with, and in Christ for the sake of loving others than it is about hard-nosed rule-keeping. (Once when I announced to the group that table-discussion time was up, they told me NO, and kept on sharing what needed to be said to one another. I recognized that the Spirit in the “*sensus fidelium*” is alive and well at St. Ambrose. It would be foolish for anyone – like me – to get in the way of that!)



By the way, the “faithful” from last Monday’s session strongly requested that we assemble their input to be shared for ongoing consideration by and for the whole parish . . . regardless of how the diocese might choose to use it. This will take a little while to respectfully do it well, but we will do it. Watch for it!

Also, if you couldn’t be part of last Monday’s gathering but still want to participate in the Synod input process, you have at least three options. The Dialogue process for the Archdiocese runs through the end of June. Contact me and we’ll find the best way for you to join in. Amen; Alleluia!

Chuck Dropiewski – My new direct-line is 313-822-2017

# The Beehive

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Timothy R. Pelc  
**Assistant:** Rev. Thomas Nguyen, ofm, cap  
**Pastoral Minister:** Charles Dropiewski  
**Religious Education:** Elizabeth Haley  
**Minister of Music:** Norah Duncan, IV  
**Office Manager:** Lois Sokolowski

## 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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 Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230  
**Tel:** (313) 822-2814 **Fax:** (313) 822-9838  
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Number of Families .....	876
Returns to date .....	59
Average Gift (“15).....	\$430
Quota for the Archdiocese .....	\$109,764
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$50,000
Parish ’16 Target.....	\$159,764
Received as of 5/9/16.....	\$30,655
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We began the 2016 CSA campaign two weeks ago. The initial results are promising. 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>	

## Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

### Monday, May 16

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, May 17

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Bishop Kevin Britt  
Felix Checki, Bernard & Mamie Segner

### Wednesday, May 18

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

11:00 - Funeral - Bernice Pickard

### Thursday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - Mass - David White,  
Fr. David Wisner, Marie Nolan

### Friday, May 20

#### St. Bernadine of Siena, priest

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Adeline Urbanski,  
Jane MacIntosh, Florence Kahn

### Saturday, May 21

#### St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & Companions, martyrs

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

### Sunday, May 22

#### The Most Holy Trinity

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



## Scriptures for the 7<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, May 16

- Jas 3: 13-18
- Ps 19: 8-10, 15
- Mk 9: 14-29

### Tuesday, May 17

- Jas 4: 1-10
- Ps 55: 7-11a, 23
- Mk 9: 30-37

### Wednesday, May 18

- Jas 4: 13-17
- Ps 49: 2-3, 6-11
- Mk 9: 38-40

### Thursday, May 19

- Jas 5: 1-6
- Ps 49: 14-20
- Mk 9: 41-50

### Friday, May 20

- Jas 5: 9-12
- Ps 103: 1-4, 8-9, 11-12
- Mk 10: 1-12

### Saturday, May 21

- Jas 5: 13-20
- Ps 141: 1-3, 8
- Mk 10: 13-16

### Sunday, May 22

- Prv 8: 22-31
- Rom 5: 1-5
- Jn 16: 12-15

## The Most Holy Trinity

May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Steve Peck  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christopher Harrison, Liz & Steve Linne,  
Bernadette Pieczynski, Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh  
**Altar Servers:** Lauren & Anna Carron

**11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrants:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Kurt Vatalaro  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming, Roger Playwin,  
Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden  
**Altar Servers:** Brian, Conor, & Delaney Garvey

## Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

### On Sunday, May 8, 2016

in envelopes we received ..... \$9,400.00  
in the loose collection ..... \$450.00  
in electronic donations ..... \$1,200.00  
in children's envelopes .... \$17.00  
for a total of ..... **\$11,067.00**  
**Over budget for the week ..... \$ 967.00**  
Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800  
Number of envelopes used ..... 171

### Thanks For Giving

*The fitting response for one who receives a gift is to say "thank you." Our response in gratitude to God for the gift of mercy is to share mercy with others, to be, in the words of Pope Francis, "mercy-ing." Accept the call to be bearers of God's mercy as good and faithful stewards.*

## Our Sick

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

Kay Balas, Peyton Barron, Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elbersen, Dan Fleming, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Ray Oberly, Elizabeth Robert, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Fred Schroeder, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Betty Greenia, Emilie Kasper, Angelina Boluk, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone and Sue Walsh.

## Our Dead

The funeral liturgy for **Loretta Gilewicz**, age 88 was celebrated by Fr. Pelc on May 13<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Hamtramck to Stephen and Veronica (Adamski) Majewski. Educated in the Hamtramck Public School system, she went on to college at Michigan State where she earned a degree in Business Administration, one of the very few women in that curriculum at the time.

In addition to full-time employment, Loretta was very active in her sorority for 68 years, holding virtually every local office including Province Alumnae Director – supervising 10 alum chapters throughout Michigan.

In her professional world, she had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the Deaf, Hearing and Speech Center for 15 years alongside a young Dave Bing.

Loretta had a great love of the hand arts and did quilting, silk ribbon embroidery and colonial rug hooking. She was a member of several quilt guilds locally and state wide.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond, and is survived by her daughter, Colette; sons, Stephen and Karl; as well as her sister, Stephanie Majewski; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Please keep Loretta and her family in your prayers.

## Vocation

Are you listening to God as a faithful person? "Be not afraid!" If you think God is calling you to be a priest visit our website at [www.detroitpriest.com](http://www.detroitpriest.com) or contact Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Vocations at [birney.tim@aod.org](mailto:birney.tim@aod.org), 313-237-5875.



## Vacation Bible School June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>

Jesus, our Savior, gathers us together as a good shepherd gathers his flock! In **Barnyard Roundup**, children will explore Psalm 23 and five Bible stories that show that Jesus: is always with us; cares for us; provides for all our needs; leads us; forgives and protects us, now and forever!

Lots of 'ranch hands' are needed to plan the snacks, strum the music and creatively lead the Bible story room. 'Mosey on up' and call Betty at (313) 822-2814.

## 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 Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</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 later this month.

## Water for Flint

A once-quiet crisis in Flint is now drawing voluminous concern from around the nation as celebrities, politicians, the President and presidential candidates steer attention to the toxic tap water in one of Michigan's most beleaguered cities.

A retired classmate of mine, Fr. Gary McInnis has been helping out at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Flint for the past three years. I thought that our parish could offer him and that parish some direct assistance with bottled water, as well as water (and shower) filtration systems. Guadalupe parish also needs other items such as personal hygiene kits, medical and baby supplies.

Leave your donations in the church vestibule or call our office to make arrangements for a drop-off. Thanks!



Save the Date!  
Friday,  
June 10, 2016.

Make plans now to join the St. Ambrose 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bee at the Tee Golf Classic benefiting our Religious Education program and activities related to our Centennial year!

Last year, over 80 people were involved in some way – golfing, dining, volunteering or just socializing. The goal for this year is at least 100 golfers – keeping in the spirit of our centennial year.

Bee at the Tee begins at 11:00 AM with sign-in/ lunch. Picture at noon, then a shotgun start for golf. The day concludes with dinner at the ARK.

You can register at [StAmbroseBeeAtTheTee.com](http://StAmbroseBeeAtTheTee.com) or use one of the flyers located at the back of church. Don't play golf? Join us for dinner or consider volunteering for the golf course or dinner.

You can also help with a sponsorship; many levels exist to suite every budget. You can also help by spreading the word and helping us get additional sponsors – consider asking your doctor, dentist, accountant or lawyer.

Dave Simmet and Brian Satterfield are also looking for a few other folks to be on our planning committee. Contact us at [St.Ambrosegolf@gmail.com](mailto:St.Ambrosegolf@gmail.com) for more information.