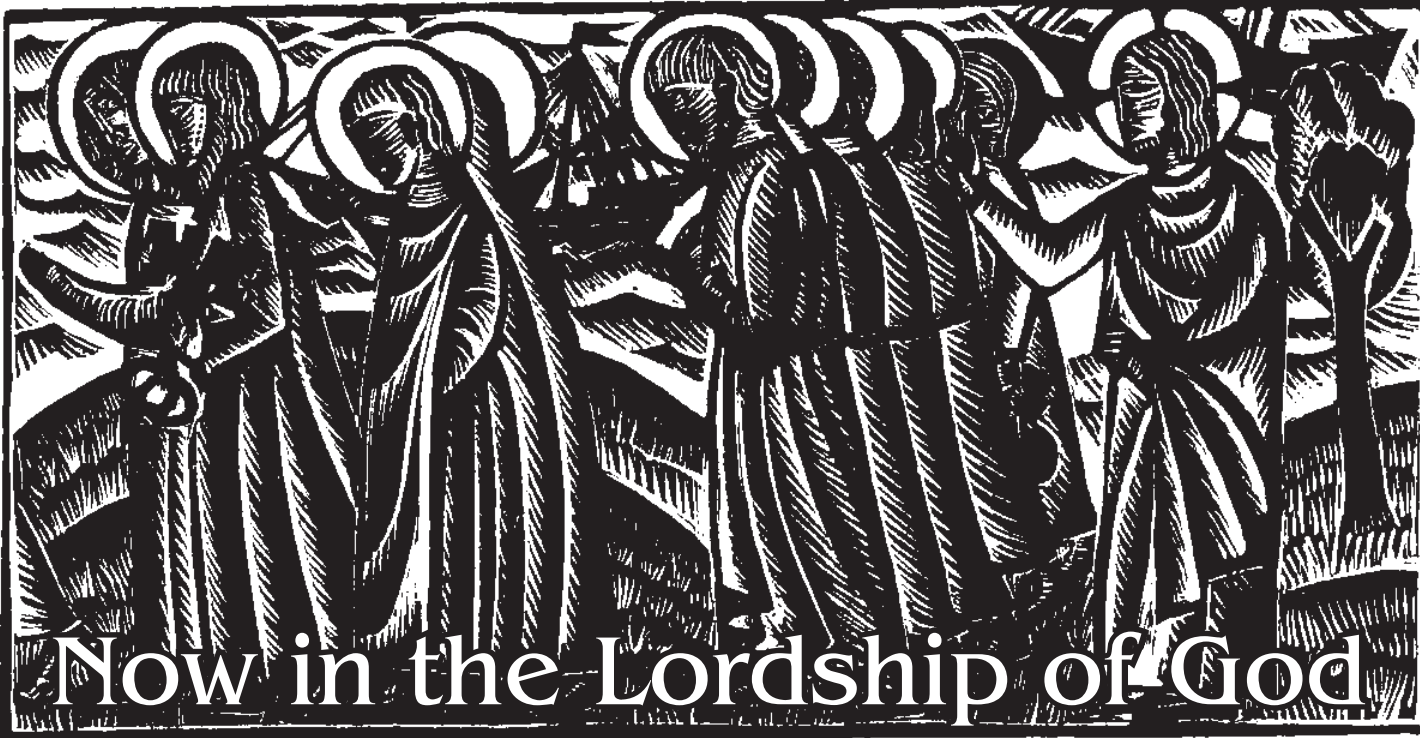


St. **A**mbrose Parish

Our 99th Year!
MAY 17, 2015
BEEHIVE



The following is the homily preached by Pope Francis on April 17, 2013 in St. Peter's Square on the Vigil of the Feast of the Ascension

In the Creed we say that Jesus “Ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father”. Jesus’ earthly life culminated with the Ascension, when he passed from this world to the Father and was raised to sit at His right hand. What does this event mean? How does it affect our life? What does contemplating Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father mean? Let us permit the Evangelist Luke to guide us in this.

Let us start from the moment when Jesus decided to make his last pilgrimage to Jerusalem. St. Luke notes: “When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk 9:51). While he was “going up” to the Holy City, where his own “exodus” from this life was to occur, Jesus already saw the destination, heaven, but he knew well that the way which would lead him to the glory of the Father passed through the Cross, through obedience to the divine design of love for mankind. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: “The lifting up of Jesus on the cross

signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven” (n. 662).

We too should be clear in our Christian life that entering the glory of God demands daily fidelity to his will, even when it demands sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans. The Ascension of Jesus actually happened on the Mount of Olives, close to the place where he had withdrawn to pray before the Passion in order to remain in deep union with the Father: once again we see that prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God’s plan.

At the end of his Gospel, St. Luke gives a very concise account of the event of the Ascension. Jesus led his disciples “out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God” (Lk 24:50-53). That is what St. Luke says. I would like to note two elements in the account.

1 First of all, during the Ascension Jesus made the priestly gesture of blessing, and the disciples certainly expressed their faith with prostration: they knelt with bowed heads

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Now in the Lordship of God

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– this is a first important point: Jesus is the one eternal High Priest who with his Passion passed through death and the tomb and ascended into heaven. He is with God the Father where he intercedes for ever in our favor (cf. Heb 9:24). As St. John says in his First Letter, he is our Advocate: How beautiful it is to hear this! When someone is summoned by the judge or is involved in legal proceedings, the first thing he does is to seek a lawyer to defend him. We have One who always defends us, who defends us from the snares of the devil, who defends us from ourselves and from our sins!

Dear brothers and sisters, we have this Advocate; let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy! He always pardons us, he is our Advocate: he always defends us! Don't forget this! The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate.

2 A second element: St Luke says that having seen Jesus ascending into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem “with great joy”. This seems to us a little odd. When we are separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence. The Evangelist instead emphasizes the profound joy of the Apostles.

But how could this be? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith they understand that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them for ever, he does not abandon them and in the glory of the Father supports them, guides them and intercedes for them.

St. Luke too recounts the event of the Ascension — at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles — to emphasize that this event is like the link of the chain that connects Jesus' earthly life to the life of the Church. Here St. Luke also speaks of the cloud that hid Jesus from the sight of the disciples, who stood gazing at him ascending to God (cf. Acts 1:9-10). Then two men in white robes appeared and asked them not to stand there looking up to heaven but to nourish their lives and their witness with the certainty that Jesus will come again in the same way in which they saw him ascending into heaven (cf. Acts 1:10-11). This is the invitation to base our contemplation on Christ's lordship, to find in him the strength to spread the Gospel and to witness to it in everyday life: contemplation and action, *ora et labora*, as St. Benedict taught, are both necessary in our life as Christians.

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

Franciscus



Bee ^{at the} Tee
St. Ambrose Golf Classic
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park

Make plans now to join in the inaugural St. Ambrose Parish golf outing on Friday, June 12, 2015. We're planning a great day of golf and socializing at the beautiful Chandler Park Golf Course (chandlerparkgolf-course.com).

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

Register *now* online at www.planmygolfevent.com/26900-StAmbroseBeeAtTheTee/. Registration, sponsorship and volunteer forms are available in the back of church. Questions? Email st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com.

Sponsorships will be available in many different price ranges. Consider signing up your business as one of the first supporters of our first golf outing. Personalize your own Tee sign to celebrate a special event, to thank or remember someone special, or to congratulate a friend, or a group.

All Things Considered

We had a healthy return on the Catholic Services Appeal last week, but we are still a distant 75% away from achieving our minimum, mandatory target of \$106,011.

This is important because the CSA allows us to share Christ’s message through serving countless people in ways we may not realize. Primarily, the CSA goes toward a multi-million dollar subsidy to Sacred Heart Seminary.

It also allows our Archdiocese to operate our Marriage Tribunal completely without cost to those seeking some resolution to a failed marriage through the annulment process. That is something that many other Archdioceses and Dioceses throughout the world have still yet to do. Here in Detroit, we have been a leader in providing cost-free judicial services – funded by the Catholic Services Appeal.

Please take a prayerful moment and consider your responsibility as a Catholic to “Bring Jesus Christ to All” here in Southeastern Michigan. Make your contribution or a pledge to the CSA using the mailing information that has been sent to you. If at all possible, please send your CSA contribution in before the end of this month. And remember – any shortfall is billed back to the parish as part of our debt.

But by the same token, any overage is returned to us for parish use. We’d like to apply such an overage to defray our property and liability insurances which cost us around \$1,000 a week.

We hope to wrap up the CSA campaign by June 7th. On that day we have scheduled a “victory concert” wherein donors to the CSA are invited to our annual Opera Breakfast, along with **David DiChiera** and talents from the Michigan Opera Theater.



Our Religious Education Program year closes this Sunday with an all-class Ascension party on the Plaza.

272 children took part in this year’s classes. They were assisted by 26 teachers and 15 support staff. This whole, complex operation was masterfully handled by our Religious Education Director, **Betty Haley**.

Although our religious education program is on *hiatus* until September, it doesn’t mean that our kids should go without any faith instruction during the summer.

Our Vacation Bible School is one great, proximate event to keep kids connected with things spiritual.

There are also many religious resources online. A good one is from our textbook publisher, **Sadlier**. Check into the interesting things they have to offer families on facebook.com/SadlierReligion. Download some fun-family activities during your summer break.

Regular worship is essential for a healthy Christian life. Bringing your children to Mass regularly helps nurture their inner life. Early lessons make lasting impressions – child development experts tell us. Good parents recognize the importance of nurturing their children *physically* and *emotionally* during their formative years. But if we fail to nurture their *spiritual* self as well, then we are not attending to the whole child. While we can teach about faith in Sunday School, being in the presence of Christ and those who love him is what really awakens the spiritual self. Attend mass with your children during Summer vacation – especially when on vacation out of town.



We are less than a month away from our BEE at the TEE Golf Outing on Friday, June 12th. In order to make preparations, we ask that golfers and sponsors commit themselves now. You’ll find registration information on the opposite page.

Sponsorship is simple and easy. There are unlimited opportunities for sponsors at the Tee Box Level,

with only 18 limited sponsorships at a higher level. We hope to attract professional services like attorneys, realtors, and doctors to round out our golf sponsorships. We are intentionally avoiding people in the food industry who already support Oysterfest

The next few days are critical in confirming the number of golfers and soliciting more sponsors. We need your help. Join the event. “Like” it on facebook. Tell your friends about it. Ask your doctor, lawyer, dentist, realtor if they could be a sponsor. We’ve got postcards that you can send or take with you when you’re talking to potential sponsors or golfers. Remember that you can join us for a fabulous **Chef Fred** dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the ARK that evening, even if you haven’t golfed with us that afternoon.

A number of local businesses have contributed items or services that will be part of the dinner activities in the ARK. Also our 8/9 grade Religious Education classes are helping with a number of different tasks. Be with us at our first **BEE at the TEE** on Friday, June 12th.

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Number of Families	840
Returns to date	61
Average Gift (*14).....	\$413
Quota for the Archdiocese	\$106,011
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$50,000
Parish '15 Target.....	\$156,011
Received as of 5/11/15.....	\$23,533

• We’ve begun the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal in a strong way. Please contribute by using the CSA forms sent to you, or you can make a contribution electronically through stambrosechurch.net.

* We fully expect to again meet our Archdiocesan obligations. Remember that any overage to the CSA campaign reverts to our parish at 100%

All Things Considered

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We are still trying to recover from property damages caused by a couple of brutal winters. We will not be able to address cement deterioration that was accelerated with a heavy use of salt. Nor will we be able to tend to any asphalt issues in the parking lot.

We will, however, replace the dead and dying landscape items that were casualties of these hard winters and late spring freezes. We will be replacing the trees in the memorial walkway. We've nursed these **Crimson King Maples** now for more than ten years and they are not improving. This month, we will replace these Maples with **Ginko Biloba** (Princeton Sentry) trees. Ginkos are much more tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions, saline use, air pollution and heat. Like Ambrosians, this species adapts well to an urban environment!

When I was a young associate priest, a wise old pastor told me, "never pay for a tree because there is always someone in the parish who loves trees enough to donate them." So far that has been true. Replacing trees is more costly than planting them new. If you want to help us defray these costs, let me know.

And in this regard, we are still searching for a replacement for a specimen **Camperdown Elm** tree that was brutally demolished by a City snow plow during one of our epic snow falls two winters ago. This was the tree in the landscaped triangle that faced Jefferson Avenue at the truncated end of Wayburn. The Camperdown Elm is kind of a rare tree that is currently out of stock at nurseries anywhere in the midwest. Replacement costs of this tree are to be covered by the City's insurance – that is, if we can ever find a replacement. Maybe you know of one on a farm or on some private property whose owners might want to part with it? Having some truly unique plantings on our centennial campus is a gift to future Ambrosians.

TRP

Catholic Young Adult Soccer

Catholic Young Adult Soccer (CYAS) is a great summer league for those ages 18-35 to come together through fellowship and friendly competition through the sport of soccer. This is an opportunity for all young adults, even if you have never played before. Games are played Saturday mornings 5/30-8/08 (except 7/04) at Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights. For information, including registration, visit facebook.com/CatholicYoungAdultSoccer/, e-mail catholiyoungadultsoccer@gmail.com or follow on Twitter @CYASDetroit.

Spring Cleaning for a Good Purpose

On Ascension Day we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples and now through us. When we give to those living in poverty, God pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and in the process, gives hope to those we serve.

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

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

Single Mother's Scholarship Help

High school seniors who are Catholic daughters of single mothers and planning to attend college or university full-time in the 2015-2016 academic year are eligible to apply for the **Lilo Wendell Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Application forms are now available on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/lilo-wendell-scholarship. Completed application forms must be sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit postmarked no later than May 31, 2015.

The Site of Our Golf Outing ...

Located in the northern half of Detroit's verdant Chandler Park, the **Chandler Park Golf Course** has been delighting generations of golfers since opening in 1929. The subtle slopes and gentle terrain of this Williams, Gill & Associates designed course make it easy on the "dogs" and on the scorecard. This merciful, par 71 course measures 5,832 yards from the blue tees and features wide, sweeping, tree-lined fairways and forgiving greens, making it popular among those new to the game – and those who play like it. Aggressive golfers should be wary of the sand and grass traps flanking many of the fairways, which favor those with a solid irons game. The greens and fairways are watered, so the course stays green into the summer. The course was truncated when I-94 was built, so the front nine is shorter than the back. If you're playing only nine and want more of a challenge, play the back nine. The course is home to a putting and chipping area for pregame warm-ups, as well as a beautiful, full-service pro shop. 12801 Chandler Park Dr., chandlerparkgolfcourse.com (313)331-7755.

From: *Belle Isle to 8 Mile: An Insiders Guide to Detroit*, 2012,
by Andy, Emily and Rob Linn.

Religious Education Notes

Today's feast of the Ascension (remember when it was always celebrated on a Thursday?) offers us two accounts – one from Luke that we read in the first chapter of Acts of the Apostles, and the other from the “longer version” of the Gospel of Mark. Luke addresses his Acts of the Apostles to us who are “*Theophilus*” or brothers and sisters in the Lord. In the case of the reading from Mark, the addition to his original gospel (the first of the four) was probably written sometime in the second century. Most likely it was added in order to emphasize the importance of outreach/evangelization to everyone: both Jew and non-Jew alike.

Jesus' bodily Ascension into heaven is a matter of Catholic Christian doctrine. We believe that the Resurrection not only left his body intact, but that it was glorified and seen by his disciples many times over 40 days. The time after the Resurrection was a journey from misunderstanding and disbelief to understanding and belief – culminating at Pentecost when the fullness of knowing was made possible by the Holy Spirit.

Mark's account assures us that those who believe will “drive out demons” in Jesus' name; “speak new languages” and be unharmed even if they should “pick up serpents with their hands” or “drink any deadly thing.” It sounds as if just having faith makes you invincible ... and maybe, in some ways it does.

The Feast of the Ascension could be a reminder that if we have faith, it will see us through the worst of times. Our faith can dispel the demons within us that convince us we are not worthy or that tie us to habits that are deadly. With faith we can rise above the negative voice in our heads that tear us down – and speak a new, more positive mantra that helps us to be all we were created to be. Mark may have been trying to tell us that when others see how people of faith – disciples of Christ – live out the commandment to love (ourselves and others) they, too, will come to believe. And the Lord will remain with us until the end of the ages.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We ended our 2014-2015 program year today by celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit in a party on the plaza. Together with their catechists, our students prayed, sang, made Holy Spirit wind chimes and imbibed in popcorn and cotton candy. As always it is some kind of joyful and holy mess!

Thank you to our catechists, catechist aides and office volunteers without whom everything in our program would be impossible. I hope that families will remember these fine people in some way, even if it is during their family prayers during the week.

To Olivia Lang, Liz Langenburg, Priya Telang, Michelle Kramer, Beth Kurta, Daniel Kuhnlein, Nina White, Eileen Marshall, Marie High, Isabella Strickler, Laura Zajac, Denise Legghio, Jessica Kodanko, Michael Hern, Julia Turnbull, Simone Rhodes, Joan Bellamy, Hannah Zajac, Michael Landuyt, Michelle Martin, Sue Playwin, Lauri Read, Kurt Vatalaro, Michelle White, Katharine Kuhnlein, Luis, Melissa, and Bianca Garcia, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, Toni DeMarco, Barbara Whotte, Laura Bush-Terry, Brian Garvey, Bern Degnan, Julie Boelstler, Matt and Walker Utley, Emma Cozad, Terry Collins, Will and Billy Moin, Clarisa and Kevin Piecuch we give thanks for your time and talent in teaching our children.

To George Bush and Shannon McGlone we give thanks for the music you provided our students.

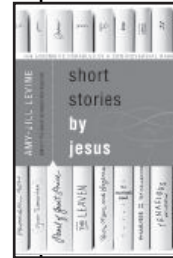
To Lori Koss, Alfie Flores, Frankie Chamberlain, Laurie Mitchell and Roberta Robson-McGlone I am grateful for all of the help in the office as I am thankful to our crossing guards, Jim Chopp and Paul Garceau. Don Kuhnlein was so generous in agreeing to substitute for us on Sunday mornings.

Families should look for registration forms for this Fall's Religious Education Program to arrive in their mail in July. Hopefully, everyone will register early to help us to prepare for next year. My wish is that everyone will have a safe and fun-filled summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Eileen Marshall will again be chairing the arts and crafts portion of this program that is scheduled for June 22-26 from 9:30 A.M. until noon each day. Eileen is hoping for contributions from you for the following: men's ties (she needs 40) and 1-liter pop bottles (she needs 100). If you can help, please bag and mark your donations and leave them in the Hampton vestibule of the church, or bring them into the parish office Monday through Friday during business hours. Thanks.

Betty Haley

Marcellina's Book Club



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

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

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

Marcellina's Book Club will meet today, Sunday morning, May 17th at 9:45 a.m. in the ARK.

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 18

St. John I, pope & martyr
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sr. M. Willard, OP
Bp. Dale Melczek, John & Mary Hastens

Wednesday, May 20

St. Bernadine of Siena, priest
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallenes, priest & Companions, martyrs
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Adeline Urbanski,
Gary Bueche, Bp. Donald Hanchon

Friday, May 22


St. Rita of Cascia, religious
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Rev. C.W. Heath
Rev. Edward Wojdyla

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24

The Solemnity of Pentecost
8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People


JESUS is LORD

Scriptures for the 7th week of Easter

Monday, May 18

- Acts 19: 1-8
- Ps 68: 2-5d, 6-7b
- Jn 16: 29-33

Tuesday, May 19

- Acts 20: 17-27
- Ps 68: 10-11, 20-21
- Jn 17: 1-11a

Wednesday, May 20

- Acts 20: 28-38
- Ps 68: 29-30, 33-36b
- Jn 17: 11b-19

Thursday, May 21

- Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11
- Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-11
- Jn 17: 20-26

Friday, May 22

- Acts 25: 13b-21
- Ps 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20b
- Jn 21: 15-19

Saturday, May 23

- Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31
- Ps 11: 4-5, 7
- Jn 21: 20-25

Sunday, May 24

- Acts 2: 1-11
- 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 or
Gal 5: 16-25
- Jn 20: 19-23 or
Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

The Solemnity of Pentecost

May 23rd and May 24th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Bob Krueger
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeri Krueger, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer
Altar Servers: Jack & Patrick Hern

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Norman Cure
Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Judy Jogan,
Judy & Al Ramberger, Liz & John Witherell
Altar Servers: McKenna, Erica, Corey, & Carrigan McGraw

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Roger Playwin
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Mary Ghesquiere, Michele Hodges,
Sue Playwin, Darryl Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden, Anthony Yaden
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Ella Chamberlain, Lizzie High, Liam O'Byrne

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$10,127.00
On Sunday, May 10, 2015
in envelopes we received\$7,709.00
in the loose collection \$753.00
in electronic donations\$1,200.00
in children's envelopes.....\$13.00
for a total of **\$9,675.00**

Under budget for the week\$452.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800
Number of envelopes used 171

If you hold envelopes, please use them whenever you come to mass. There is a problem when only 171 out of 800 envelopes are returned, like on this past weekend. It indicates that only 25% of our parishioners are in support of the parish.

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized:
Roma Affelt, Kay Balas, Elizabeth Howard, Maria Chinchilla, Mary Ellen Greenup, Bonnie McKenna, Karen Culver, Joseph MacEachern, Mary Myers, David Schumacker, Carter Billiu, Bishop Joe Imesch, Bob Ramsey, Fred Schroeder, Ann Sullivan Kay, Mary Pat Egan, Pat Blake, Dominic Centorbi, Ray Oberly, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bp. Joe Imesch, Kathleen Elbersen, Maureen Barron-Brioc, Ginger Weiksnar, Laura Bush Terry, Lennie O'Brien, Maryjane Cullen, Andrew Chavez, Angela Hansen, Barbara Mann, Elizabeth Robert, Bernadette Gutowski, Dan Fleming, Katherine Brennan Lee, Jeanne Noto and Irene & Brian Scopel.

Help Earthquake Victims in Nepal

Our Archdiocese of Detroit continues to collect funds for disaster relief in Nepal, following the re-occurring earthquakes that have left thousands dead and displaced tens of thousands more. The Archdiocese is encouraging people to be as generous as possible to the relief efforts underway. Funds collected will go to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working with partner Caritas Nepal. The organizations plan to support 10,000 families with emergency shelter, blankets, water treatment kits and hygiene kits.

CRS has an emergency aid station in nearby Bihar, India, and flew more emergency personnel to Kathmandu following the earthquake. CRS was founded by the Catholic Bishops of the United States and works with Church institutions around the world to provide disaster relief and assistance to the impoverished and disadvantaged anywhere in the spirit of Catholic Social teaching.

Online donations are being taken at the Archdiocese of Detroit website, aod.org/crs. Checks also may be sent directly to the Archdiocese. Please make them payable to "Archdiocese of Detroit" and indicate "CRS Relief" in the lower left memo line. Address them to: Archdiocese of Detroit, CRS Nepal Earthquake Relief (3rd floor), 12 State Street, Detroit, MI 48226.



THE ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL CHOIR

Seeking singers and instrumentalists!

OUR ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL CHOIR IS HOSTING "BRING A FRIEND TO CHOIR" MONTH IN JUNE. OUR CHOIR IS ALREADY INVITING THEIR FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE, BUT EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHOIR FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE JUNE SUNDAYS TO HELP LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAYERFUL SONG. TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY "ASCEND" TO THE CHOIR LOFT AT 10:15 AM ON ANY SUNDAY IN MAY OR JUNE.

WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU AS ONE OF OUR NEW "VOCAL" FRIENDS.

CONTACT MARILYN BIERY THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE AT STAMBROSE@COMCAST.NET OR MESSAGE HER ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION.

OR BETTER YET, COME UP TO THE CHOIR LOFT AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

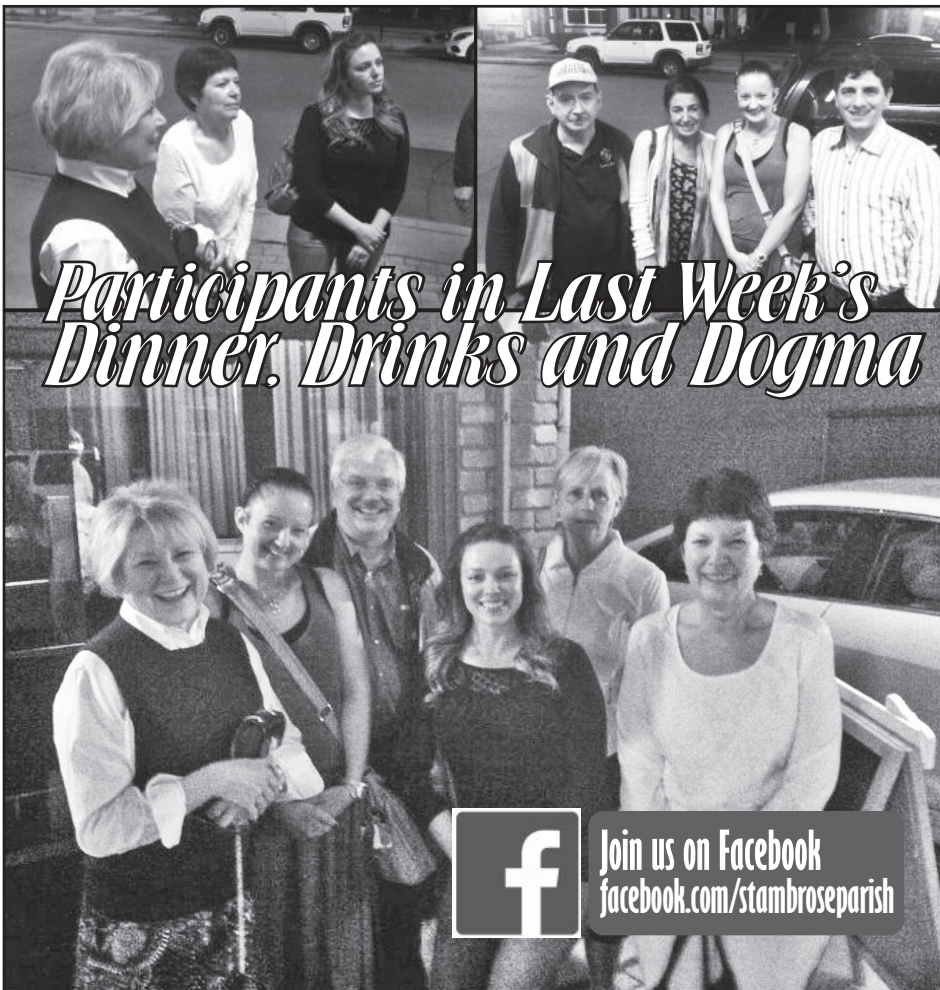
Novena to the Holy Spirit

A novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of our Lord himself when he sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

*This prayer should be recited daily
between now and Pentecost*

O Lord Jesus Christ who, before Ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your apostles and disciples, grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of your grace and your love. Grant me the **Spirit of Wisdom** that I may ignore the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth, the **Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the **Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with you, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the **Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the **Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the **Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of your true disciples, and animate me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.

*For daily Novena prayers go to
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