

# St. **A**mbrose Parish

*Our 99<sup>th</sup> Year!*  
MAY 31, 2015  
BEEHIVE



## Your Average American Catholic

*What does the typical American Catholic look like? Surveys conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA - [cara.georgetown.edu](http://cara.georgetown.edu)) tell us she is a 48-year-old, non-Hispanic white, married woman with a Catholic spouse. She is of the post-Vatican II generation (born between 1961 and 1981). Born in 1968, she is probably named Mary, since the fourth most popular girl's name for that year was Mary.*

*CARA has been studying the Catholic Church for more than 50 years. In the last five, we have completed multiple national surveys of self-identified Catholic adults and of pastors. From these we can statistically discern what the "typical" or "average" Catholic experiences in the United States in this second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The following is part one of two.*

### **'Mary' by the Numbers**

"Mary" has attended college, owns a home and lives in a western state. The annual household income for her family is more than \$65,000. She has a teenage son or daughter still living at home, and she works full time.

She has another adult child who no longer lives at home. Neither of these children is named Mary (this name fell out of the top 50 in 2002 and has been outside the top 100 since 2009). As a child, Mary did not go to Catholic schools as her parents did, and she did not enroll her children either. While she attended parish-based religious education, her children did not.

Currently, she attends Mass at least once a month and always on Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas. She keeps up with her parish community by reading the parish bulletin. Her household gives about \$10 at the offertory collection. Mary does not use much Catholic media other than the bulletin and is not very active in their parish outside of attending Mass. Her faith is important to her, but there are other things in her life that are equally important.

Surveys of pastors tell us Mary likely attends a parish established in the early 1920s that currently has room in the pews for about 450 people. Her parish has about 3,000 parishioners, of whom about 2,500 are registered (including Mary). She attends Mass on a typical Sunday with about 1,000 of them. They have four Masses to choose from – one in Spanish.

The parish used to have an elementary school, but this closed five years ago. Any interested students are now sent to a regional Catholic school shared and supported in collaboration with other nearby parishes. Her parish has a resident diocesan priest as pastor and a deacon. Most of the parish leadership is older than Mary—in their 50s, 60s and 70s. About 10 people are on the parish staff, and five of these individuals are in ministry positions.

Mary has heard that her diocese may go through a reorganization in the next decade. The bishop is doing his best to balance a difficult staffing equation. Soon the diocese's parishes will outnumber the total number of active diocesan priests, which will require some parishes to share pastors and staff or to merge.

Of course this singular "average" portrait obscures an enormous amount of diversity within Catholicism in the United States. Mary could just as easily be "Maria," her Hispanic counterpart among the 38 million "mainstream" Catholics who attend Mass at least once a month. Maria is slightly younger than Mary and has more children. She is less likely to be working and is living in a household that on average earns less than Mary's.

Maria is also likely to attend Spanish-language Masses. She is also more likely than Mary to attend Mass weekly. Mary and Maria could be fellow parishioners, as Catholicism has become the most racially, ethnically and linguistically diverse religion in the nation. In some parishes materials need to be translated into five or six languages.

Families like Mary's and Maria's represent about 45 percent of Catholics. Another 4 percent of Catholics are "the core" of the Catholic community. These are the individuals who do not just attend

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Mass weekly; they are part of the small community that makes Masses and other activities happen in parishes. They are avid Catholic media consumers and are involved in a variety of devotional practices. They say the rosary and attend to every detail of Lent and Advent. They are knowledgeable and active in their faith in almost every way. In many ways, they come closest to living the faith life that the church envisions for Catholics.

### Going to the Periphery

That still leaves the majority of self-identified Catholics out there on the periphery, some 51 percent, with much more distant stories. Among this majority there are distinct sub-groups as well. Some attend Mass at Christmas and Easter only. Some have not attended Mass in years, but nonetheless consider themselves as Catholic as anyone else who has been baptized Catholic.

Even further out in the orbit—away from the core Catholics and the mainstream Catholic life of Mary's and Maria's families—are the former Catholics. About two-thirds of those raised Catholic in the United States continue to self-identify into adulthood; a third do not. Most leave in their teens and early 20s. Yet even among these former Catholics, something remains.

Pew Research Center surveys of former Catholics indicate that about half of those who leave become Protestants. Only 12 percent of the people in the other half are atheists and 16 percent agnostics. Most, 71 percent, no longer have any religious affiliation. The only faith they still likely know is Catholicism.

Among this group, 35 percent say religion is still “somewhat” or “very” important in their lives, and 71 percent believe in God. They continue to talk to God; 42 percent say they pray a few times a month or more often. Three-quarters pray with some frequency. In other words, there is still a weak gravity that keeps them within reach of the Catholic Church. The most common reasons cited for leaving the church are that they just gradually drifted away (71 percent), followed by weakened beliefs in their religion's teachings (59 percent). Some do come back as “reverts.” About one in 10 Catholics today say there was a point in their life when they left for a time.

Among those on the outer rings of the periphery who still self-identify as Catholic but who have not attended Mass in years, there is still much about their faith that is alive – just outside the walls of any parish. When praying, they more often speak of a conversation with God, rather than of reciting or discerning something. While they are unlikely to have a home altar, they may have a crucifix hanging above a door or around their neck. They see a donation to storm victims as an important practice of their faith. Grace before family meals at Christmas and Easter is something meaningful to them, not just a tradition.

During Lent, they may seek out a fish dinner on Fridays. They follow the pope in the news. They envision a closer relationship with their parish as they age. They chalk up some of the reason for their lack of participation in parish life to their busy schedule, career and family obligations. There will be time for church (and confession) later. They also hope for an afterlife. They have their doubts, but their faith comforts them and they see a place in heaven for themselves. They do not think God will send them to hell for not going to Mass when they are Catholic in so many other ways.

The fact remains that the sacramental practice of the Catholic faith is still rooted in the parish—try asking a priest to marry you at the beach. But 21<sup>st</sup>-century Catholics are a mobile bunch, none more than the millennials (born in 1982 or later), who often foresee a life of many careers and many cities before ever settling down.

*Reprinted from the May 18, 2015 issue of America Magazine – by Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University and the director of CARA Catholic Polls. Next week will conclude this two part series. To read the article in its entirety go to [americamagazine.org/issue/your-average-american-catholic](http://americamagazine.org/issue/your-average-american-catholic).*



**Bee <sup>at the</sup> 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 ([chandlerparkgolfcourse.com](http://chandlerparkgolfcourse.com)).

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

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

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

# All Things Considered

This is our St. Vincent de-Paul's Bundle Weekend. Donate something you don't use – or a whole box of somethings. You would be amazed at how well others can put your clutter to good use. To save you a trip to a donation center, a pod will be located in our church parking lot where your items will be collected. It will be staffed on Saturday from 2:30 to 4:00 and on Sunday from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. We can also arrange a pick up if you are not able to bring them to the pod. Call our office at 822-2814 and we'll pass that request to one of the SVdP members.



Our community built Playscape will turn 19 years old this week. Over those years, it's been a loved and used resource for the kids in the parish, neighborhood and Academy. It was a wise investment of our time and effort. There are some of us who can still remember the massive effort of close to a thousand volunteers who took a bleak piece of asphalt and turned it into a hand-crafted Playscape in the span of three days.

Unlike prefab metal playgrounds that are put in once and then need no other personal contact, our Playscape needs tender, loving care. That's what our Playscape Birthday

Party is meant to do. This Saturday, under the direction of **George Bush**, we're counting on lots of volunteers to show up to tend to the chores of cleaning-up, painting-up and fixing up the Playscape. The call goes forth for skilled carpenters and gardeners along with people with a willingness to do whatever needs doing.

Of course, if you just show up on Saturday we'll put you to work. But it would be good if you checked in at the sign-up station today after mass. You'll find that at the table outside the Hampton vestibule of the church building.



Check out **Betty Haley's** column on page five with a focus on the upcoming Vacation Bible School. Of course, we'd need you to spread the word to all the kids between the ages of Kindergarten and grade 6. Our VBS is a "Christian" endeavor, so kids of all different denominations should feel connected.

I want you to also look at the request that is being made for supplies and foodstuffs for the week-long Bible School. It has been the tradition of our Parish – inherited from our brother parish, St. Martin of Tours – that VBS is provided at no cost to any kid who wants to come. As far as I can tell, no other church in the area offers a free Vacation Bible School. We're keeping it that way and ask that if you can, you help defray costs by providing the stuff that will be used during the program.

This year's Bible School takes a scientific theme based on St. John's

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<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Box Scores</b>

Number of Families .....	840
Returns to date .....	177
Average Gift ('14).....	\$413
Quota for the Archdiocese .....	\$106,011
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$50,000
Parish '15 Target.....	\$156,011
Received as of 5/26/15.....	\$88,352

• **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](http://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%**

Gospel chapter 14: verses 6-7. In addition to solid Christian teaching, there are plans for some innovative "experiments" along with theme-related snacks, and some of the best Bible School music out there. It's all a production of the Redemptorist Order.



\$17,659 is the amount remaining if we are to reach our minimum mandatory target for this year's Catholic Services Appeal. That's a substantial amount, yet with the cooperation and a donation made by some of the more than 600 families we have

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## Playscape Birthday Party

### Saturday, June 6, 2015

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

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yet to hear from, it is within reach. If you are new to the CSA, please consider a \$100 entry-level donation, spread out over a ten month pledge. Lost your CSA letter, or never got one? There will be some in the pews this weekend. An easier way is to make your donation electronically via our website: [st-ambrosechurch.net](http://st-ambrosechurch.net).

I thank those who have already contributed to the Catholic Services Appeal and I encourage those who have yet to respond, to help the work of our local Catholic Church.

Remember that any CSA 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 at 100%. We'd apply such an overage to defray our property and liability insurances which cost us around \$1,000 a week. It would help if after all this work on the CSA, our parish garnered some funds for our operations.

We hope to wrap up the '15 CSA campaign by next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. On that day we have scheduled a "victory concert" wherein donors to the CSA are invited to our annual Opera Breakfast.

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OK, you have my "permission" to skip work on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> as long as you are coming to our BEE at the TEE Golf Outing. I'll even write your boss an "excuse."

This will be our first ever Golf Outing, so we need your help. Join the event. "Like" it on Facebook. Ask your golf-loving friends if they could be a sponsor. Invite them to "be at the tee" with you. If you are shy about asking, we've got postcards that you can send or take with you when you're talking to potential sponsors or golfers. Take and distribute a few this week.

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.

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Gospel Light's  
**SonSpark**  
**Labs**  
St. Ambrose Vacation Bible School  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>

## Low Cost Counseling

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) has opened a graduate practitioner clinic in Clinton Township with appointments now available for children, adolescents, adults, and seniors, as well as families and couples seeking counseling for depression, anxiety, substance abuse, grief and loss, relationship issues, behavior problems, and other personal challenges.

These confidential services are available to all on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. CCSEM's graduate practitioners are master's level advanced year students in social work, counseling, and psychology programs serving under the direct clinical supervision of a licensed master's level social worker and a licensed psychologist. To learn more, call (586) 416-2300 ext. 4000.

## Marriage and Family Life

Catholic marriage is a calling from God to a shared vocation of life and love. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life to assemble marriage preparation programs designed to help couples build a foundation for this sacred union. These programs provide valuable opportunities, away from the distractions of wedding preparations, for couples to prayerfully discuss their future life together. The office also offers support services and programs that enrich and nurture people in every stage of the family life cycle, beyond the newlywed stage. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [AOD.org](http://AOD.org).

## Dinner, Drinks & Dogma

St. Ambrose Parish along with Antonio's Restaurant in the Park is sponsoring a group venue for young adults 21 to 39 years old called: "Dinner, Drinks and Dogma". It's a chance to share our Catholic faith in a casual setting where the discussion can flow freely with "no holds barred". Gatherings are held monthly at Antonio's on the first Wednesday of the month. The format revolves around a 7 p.m. start when the group will gather in a private dining room for an interesting conversation about faith. Participants are welcome to arrive early or stay late for a dinner and/or drinks at Antonio's at their discretion. **Our next gathering is this Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Share the invite with friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. Spread the word via social networks. You don't have to be a parishioner or even Catholic to attend. Please note that the above age restrictions are very loosely enforced!



## Religious Education Notes

While we know that there is no complete and absolute description of God in any language, culture or religion (for God cannot be boxed) our belief of God as Trinity provides us with the best insight into the life of God. In the most basic sense, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity causes us to reflect on the God who is *relationship* both within the Divine circle of Father, Son, and Spirit and without – with us and all of creation. Our God calls us into the Divine relationship that was manifested in the humanity of Christ and shared with us in the Eucharist. Consider today's readings....

Archbishop of Chicago, Blasé Cupich, reflects on today's readings in this way: "The Trinity that we celebrate today is not an abstraction, an idea unrelated to our lives. On the contrary, the Trinity is exactly about human relating. Trinity is that word and mystery that sums up how God fully reveals himself as the Lord of our history: the faithful and loving God who walks with us as one of us, who walking with us as brothers and sisters invites us to see our lives as part of the unfolding story, the narrative of bringing about the redemption of all creation.

As a spiritual writer once put it, our belief in God as Trinity is not about making God an important factor in our lives but about how we are a factor in God's life."

**SONSPARKS LAB** We are busy getting ready for Vacation Bible School that is to be held the week of June 22-26, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m.-Noon at Merit Academy. All children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend at no cost. This year children from St. Philomena will be joining us as we discover God's Plan 4 U =Jesus! Registration forms are in the back of church. Please fill them out and return them to the parish office right away.

A couple of weeks ago we asked you to save 1 liter bottles and men's ties that will be used in our arts and crafts tent. We also need heart-shaped cookie cutters, plastic silverware, napkins, and baby wipes. Next week we will have a list of food supplies that I will receive from Patty Yaden, our snack chairperson. There will be a sign-up for supplies posted in the back of the church next week as well.

Thank you for supporting VBS in all the ways that you do, year after year. We have been blessed with a large number of volunteers each year – and we need them! If you can give part or all of your week in a volunteer capacity, please call me in the Religious Education Office at (313) 822-1248.

**A NOTE TO VOLUNTEERS** All adults who volunteer in any capacity with children or the elderly in the Archdiocese of Detroit must take a one-time workshop (3 hours in length) called Protecting God's Children. There is no cost to attend and there are a variety of days, times, and places for you to choose from. Simply go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) to register.

As a Protecting God's Children facilitator I can tell you that the one consistent comment I hear from participants every time I lead a workshop is "Everyone should take this!" I would encourage anyone – even if you are not considering a volunteer position at this time – to attend a session of Protecting God's Children. Feel free to call me if you would like to know more or if you need help in registering. It would be my pleasure!

Betty Haley

## Vincenian Reflection

As we reflect on this mystery, we realize how much God loves and cares for us each and every day. Believing in this allows us to be open to sharing that love with each other, especially our neighbors who live in poverty and need our love, and the hope and compassion we can share with them. Thank you for all you do to help us help others.

## E-Donations

St. Ambrose Parish is equipped on our website to make electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card. Christian Financial Credit Union brings our parishioners and friends the ability to make an electronic contribution to St. Ambrose on a regular or one-time basis.

Your checking account or credit card can be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly, or quarterly contributions on a specific schedule. We hope this financial service allows you an easy way to manage your stewardship response to St. Ambrose. A set electronic contribution also helps our parish maintain a steady revenue during months when many are traveling and away from the parish. Parishioners may go on vacation. Our parish does not.

Visit [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net) for more information on electronic giving, or call our office for personal assistance.

## The Beehive

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

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

### Sacramental Celebrations

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

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

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

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

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

### Directory

**Parish Office:** 15020 Hampton  
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230  
**Tel:** (313) 822-2814 **Fax:** (313) 822-9838  
**Email address:** [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net)  
**Religious Education:** (313) 822-1248  
**Ark Scheduling:** (313) 822-2814  
**School Archives:** 313-237-5846  
**Parish Website:** [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net)

# Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

**Monday, June 1**

*St. Justin, martyr*

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, June 2**

*SS. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Ray Oberly

The John Burke family

Intention of the Celebrant

**Wednesday, June 3**

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs*

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Thursday, June 4**

8:30 a.m. - Ray & Rosanna Tessmer

Lottie & Marsha Barwinski

The John DeCamillis Family

**Friday, June 5**

*St. Boniface, bishop & martyr*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Alexander Peabody

Michael and Rose Sable

**Saturday, June 6**

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

**Sunday, June 7**

*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

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

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



## Scriptures for the 9<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, June 1**

- Tb 1: 3; 2: 1b-8
- Ps 112: 1b-2, 3b-6
- Mk 12: 1-12

**Tuesday, June 2**

- Tb 2: 9-14
- Ps 112: 1-2, 7-9
- Mk 12: 13-17

**Wednesday, June 3**

- Tb 3: 1-11a, 16-17a
- Ps 25: 2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
- Mk 12: 18-27

**Thursday, June 4**

- Tb 6: 10-11; 7: 1bcde, 9-17; 8: 4-9a
- Ps 128: 1-5
- Mk 12: 28-34

**Friday, June 5**

- Tb 11: 5-17
- Ps 146: 1b-2, 6c-10
- Mk 12: 35-37

**Saturday, June 6**

- Tb 12: 1, 5-15, 20
- (Ps) Tb 13: 2, 6efgh, 7-8
- Mk 12: 38-44

**Sunday, June 7**

- Ex 24: 3-8
- Heb 9: 11-15
- Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

# The Body & Blood of Christ

June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Pat Ticknor  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peter Hern, Ron Hoffman, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague  
**Altar Servers:** Frankie Pangborn, Sumner Verlinden

**8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Bob Gatzke  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Judy Jogan,  
 Judy & Al Ramberger, Liz & John Witherell  
**Altar Servers:** Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

**11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Kurt Vatalaro  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Beverly Bennert, Lupe Davila, Michele Hodges,  
 Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden, Anthony Yaden  
**Altar Servers:** Ana & Lara Hoffman, Grace Whitaker

## Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

**On Sunday, May 24, 2015**

in envelopes we received ..... \$6,965.00  
 in the loose collection ..... \$568.00  
 in electronic donations ..... \$1,200.00  
 in children's envelopes ..... \$10.00  
 for a total of ..... **\$8,743.00**

**Under budget for the week ..... \$1,384.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800

Number of envelopes used ..... 150

*If you hold envelopes, please use them whenever you come to mass.*

*While on vacation, please consider making your weekly offering electronically.*

*Go to [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net)*

## 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, Irene & Bryan Scopel, 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, and Jeanne Noto.

## Marriage Encounter

Spring! That wonderful time of year when all seems to be fresh and new again. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. Give your marriage a gift of deeper love with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

If that sounds good for you, make your reservation now. Weekends are scheduled as In-Parish or Get-Away.

### UPCOMING 2015 DATES:

June 26-28

St Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores

August 14-16

Our Lady of Victory, Northville

September 25-27

Holiday Inn Express, Troy

October 23-25

Holiday Inn Express, Troy

December 4-6

Holiday Inn Express, Troy

Apply online at [wwme-detroit.org](http://wwme-detroit.org) or phone Pat & Kelly Duda at 888-322-9963.

## Retrouvaille

Many married couples are going through the motions, secretly struggling for answers to their difficult issues. The upcoming Retrouvaille Programs begin in June. Metro Detroit has multiple programs, each beginning with a weekend on the following dates: June 13<sup>th</sup> (Spanish), June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Spanish), and October 24<sup>th</sup>.



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!

## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel Jesus commands, “Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children “all that I have commanded you.”

## Mass Times When Traveling

Your membership in the Catholic Church gives you privileges to worship with any Catholic Community world wide. While on your vacation or traveling, websites like [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) and [thecatholic-directory.com](http://thecatholic-directory.com) make it easy to find a mass wherever you are.



## Catholic Services Appeal: Commitment Weekend Breakfast

Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Services Appeal takes place on Sunday, June 7th following the 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. masses. At that time, we will be celebrating all those who have made a commitment to the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal – and hopefully, the achievement of our goal by that time.

This Commitment Weekend also gives us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a community. On Sunday morning, June 7<sup>th</sup>, following both masses, we will host a special breakfast in the ARK. At that time, David DiChiera and a group of performers from the Michigan Opera Theatre will be on hand to regale us with a selection of operatic highlights.

Our patron, St. Ambrose, was bishop of Milan, Italy back in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. He was a lawyer who, in addition to his abilities in preaching and teaching, was also an avid songwriter. He is considered one of the patron saints of musicians. Since the time of Ambrose, there continues a long musical tradition in the city of Milan which includes the famous LaScala Opera. So in addition to being the patron of our parish, lawyers, musicians and beekeepers, St. Ambrose is also considered to be the patron of opera singers!

Come join us for this uplifting musical breakfast celebrating St. Ambrose. There is no charge, but reservations are requested so that we can make adequate arrangements. RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Email [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net) or call (313) 822-2814.