

St. **A**mbrose Parish

Our 99th Year!
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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) 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, they 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 21st century.

The following is part two of two.

Diverse and Diverging

At CARA we speak of a "Tale of Two Churches." If you are in the Northeast or Midwest, you probably feel the church is in decline, with parishes closing and fewer people in the pews each year. If you reside in the South or West, there always seem to be new parishioners around you. There are differences as well among rural, suburban and urban parishes. It is in the suburbs of the South and West where Catholicism likely seems most alive or even growing too fast, where finding parking spaces is becoming an issue. In rural parishes, Catholics probably do not expect to find a priest in the parish outside of Mass. In urban areas there are far too many spaces in the pews to choose from.

In the South and West, there are hundreds of vacant lots that could be the new parishes of the 21st century. Yet it is questionable if they will ever be built. The church is a feudal institution. Bishops are responsible for their diocese, and pastors for their parish. Not many bishops have spare priests to share

with dioceses in need that are looking to build new parishes. What remains is a mismatch between the Catholic population and its real-world institutions.

Regardless of where one lives, every Catholic finds something, at least one thing, that they love about their faith, or they will probably leave it. For some it is a social justice issue; for others it is about protecting life; for others it is providing service and ministry. They all also to some degree find things they disagree with the church about. Just look at life issues – and it soon becomes evident that less than 10% of Catholics would fill out a "ballot" in agreement with Catholic teaching and give answers entirely consistent with the Church. There are few truly "good Catholics" by absolute doctrinal standards. By a more pastoral standard, there is an abundance. Apart from attending Mass, Catholics are most likely to say helping the poor and needy is most important to their sense of what it means to be Catholic.

How can so many Catholics openly disagree with the church about one thing or another? For one, they often do not consider their relationship with God to be as problematic as their relationship with their pastor. When asked what best reflects their image of God, a majority of Catholics are most likely to agree that *"God is a positive influence in the world that loves unconditionally, helping us in spite of our failings."* They are 10 times more likely to agree with this image than that *"God is judgmental of humans, but rarely acts on earth, reserving final judgment for the afterlife."*

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Some of what appears to be disagreement may also reflect misunderstanding. Fewer than two-thirds of Catholics, for example, believe that the bread and wine used for Communion really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. How can so many disagree with this central teaching of the faith? Surprisingly, it is because many are unaware that this is what the Church teaches! Only 46 percent of Catholics are aware of what the Church teaches about the real presence and agree with that teaching. An additional 17 percent agree, but do not know this is what the Church teaches. A third do not agree with the teaching but are unaware of the teaching. Finally, only 4 percent of Catholics know what the Church teaches about the real presence and do not believe it.

Indeed, one of the most challenging problems for the Church is religious education. The number of children and teens enrolled in parish-based religious education in U.S. parishes declined by 24 percent since 2000. A majority of members of the pre-Vatican II generation (born before 1943) and the Vatican II generation (born between 1943 and 1960) attended a Catholic primary school (51 percent). But only 37 percent of the post-Vatican II generation (born 1961 to 1981) and 23 percent of the millennial generation (born in 1982 or later) Catholics did the same when they were growing up. Currently, fewer than one in 10 Catholic parents has a child enrolled in a Catholic school and about one in five has a child in parish-based religious education. Most Catholic young people today are receiving no formal religious education. The as yet unnamed generation following the millennials (born 2004 and later?) may be the “Wikipedia generation”—informed about their faith mostly from online resources unrelated to the Church and used when needed.

So perhaps we can expect more confusion about the real presence among “Mary’s” and “Maria’s” children. In any case, there will certainly be more children and more Catholics. That is the surprise ending to this story. CARA expects the Catholic population of the United States will approach 95 million by 2050. Despite the falling retention rates, natural increase (more births than deaths), the reverts and immigration will keep the Catholic population growing while many other Christian traditions see their numbers fall in the decades ahead.

One cannot predict the outcomes of Papal conclaves or what will happen at the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops on the Family this fall. But it is certain that the Pope of 2050 will preside over a significantly larger Catholic population in the United States than exists now.

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. This is the conclusion of a two-part series. To read the article in its entirety go to americamagazine.org/issue/your-average-american-catholic.

River Cruise For Life

Choose Life! Watch what happens! The Pregnancy Aid Society (an organization already strongly supported by our parish) invites you to enjoy a Detroit River fund-raiser, fun-cruise aboard the Diamond Belle Riverboat on Saturday night, June 27th. The cruise will include dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks and desserts all generously donated by The Hudson Café, The Jagged Fork and Fairway Packing. Tickets are \$50 per person. Boarding time is promptly at 6:45 p.m. at the Stroh’s River Place with parking at 201 Joseph Campau. To purchase tickets go to goo.gl/Tdh4NX.



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

It’s coming up this week. Make plans now to join in the inaugural St. Ambrose Parish golf outing this Friday, June 12th. We’re planning a great day of golf and socializing at Chandler Park Golf Course (chandlerparkgolfcourse.com).

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

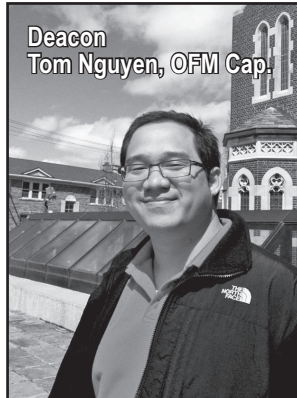
Register *now* online at www.planmygolfevent.com/26900-StAmbroseBeeAtTheTee/. Registration, sponsorship and volunteer forms are available in the back of church. Questions? Email st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com.

Sponsorships are still available in many different price ranges. Consider signing up your business as a supporter 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. Do it now!

All Things Considered

On Saturday, I concelebrated the Diaconal Ordination of **Thomas Nguyen** in Milwaukee.

Deacon Tom is one of two “transitional” deacons who are studying for the priesthood for the Midwest American province of the Capuchin Franciscan Order. That province includes ministry in social service, schools, chaplaincies, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California along with Nicaragua and Panama.



Deacon Tom Nguyen, OFM Cap.

Deacon Tom’s ordination is significant to St. Ambrose because he is being assigned here to do a year-long internship. It has been more than 40 years since our parish has had a *transitional* Deacon intern – that is, someone who is on his way to ordination as a priest, and not someone who will remain *permanently* a deacon. The last person to be a transitional deacon intern here was **Fr. Mike Savickas** back in the early 1970’s.

Deacon Tom is a native of Texas, where his parents live just outside of Houston. Deacon Tom, a product of the Franciscan seminary system, professed his perpetual vows as a Capuchin in 2012. He just finished his theological training as well as a Masters Degree in music in Chicago. While assigned here, he will share his time with ministry at the Solanus Casey Center located next to St. Bonaventure Monastery.

Deacon Tom will be taking a short vacation and then will involve himself in the Capuchin Provincial meeting scheduled to take place this month in Wisconsin. We expect to see him here at St. Ambrose in July. Of all the many varied places and parishes that the Ca-

puchins could have chosen for Deacon Tom’s internship, they choose St. Ambrose! That is quite a compliment to this community. One reason, I suspect is because this parish provides a multiplicity of experiences, in a situation that bridges both city and suburb.

Deacon Tom’s assignment here will be a way that we can influence in a direct way the formation of a future priest. By the same token, we will be influenced by the energy, grace and talents of a young man obviously in love with the Lord – enough to dedicate his entire life to ministering to his Church.



This year’s Vacation Bible School takes up a scientific theme. Entitled, “**SonSpark Labs,**” it creates fun and engages discovery in a make-believe “laboratory” where children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. Most important, they’ll discover that God’s plan for everyone is Jesus! We’re looking forward to sharing this exciting event with children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope that many youngsters will join us at SonSpark Labs.

Vacation Bible School is an outreach of our parish meant to bring youngsters of different faith backgrounds together to learn more about Christ. So, register your kids, and think about extending this invitation to other kids in your neighborhood.



We come to the closing of the Catholic Services Appeal this weekend within \$1,905 of reaching the minimum mandatory target. Note the words “minimum” and “mandatory.”

“Mandatory” means that we don’t have much of a choice in the matter. Any CSA shortfall is billed back to the parish as part of our debt.

“Minimum” says that there is a quota, or threshold, set by our Archdiocese which is considered to be an appropriate share of operational expenses. But if we exceed that mini-

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Number of Families	840
Returns to date	219
Average Gift ('14).....	\$413
Quota for the Archdiocese	\$106,011
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$50,000
Parish '15 Target.....	\$156,011
Received as of 6/1/15.....	\$104,106
<p>• 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.</p> <p>* We fully expect to again meet our Archdiocesan obligations. Remember that any overage to the CSA campaign reverts to our parish at 100%</p>	

mum, those funds return to our parish, exempt from the 7% assessment that is normally charged against all donations. The only other time this exemption is given is for the Christmas collection. It would be great to go over the CSA target so as to garner some needed funds for our parish operations.

If you are new to the CSA, please consider a \$100 entry-level donation, spread out over a ten-month pledge. Lost your CSA forms, or never got one? There will be some at the Opera Breakfast this weekend. An easier way is to make your donation electronically via our website: stambrosechurch.net.

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



We’re introducing a new column to this bulletin today. It’s working title is “**Pipe Dreams**” – a title shamelessly appropriated from a syndicated radio program of the American Guild of Organists, or the AGO.

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All Things Considered

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In an article in last week's Sunday paper, The Detroit Free Press paid a lot of attention to a new *Cassavant* pipe organ that is being built for Hope College in Holland, Michigan. I think that the people of St. Ambrose need to boast that we already have a vintage *Cassavant* pipe organ – one crafted for us in the golden era in the history of our parish.

We need to get acquainted with this legacy. For that reason, I've invited our music minister, **Dr. Marilyn Biery**, to engage in writing an occasional column about our *Cassavant* and to conduct open-loft demonstrations.

As luck would have it, the AGO radio program Pipe Dreams this week will include a performance by Dr. Biery. It was recorded when she was at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Marilyn was the associate director of music at that Cathedral from 1996-2010.

Pipe Dreams airs in the Detroit area on WRCJ, 90.9 FM on Sunday afternoons from 2 until 4. Dr. Biery's pieces will air in the first hour of the program, this Sunday, June 7th.

Pipe Dreams is avidly followed, not only by a national, but an international audience. You, of course, can avail yourself to a *live performance* by Dr. Biery on any given Sunday here in your own parish church.

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Other musical talents join us this weekend. As part of our CSA Opera Breakfast – gifted to us by **Paul Lavins** – soloists from the Michigan Opera Theatre will regale us with songs from a treasury of composers.

Once again, Soprano, **Angela Theis**, a Grosse Pointe native, will be with us. And back for a return engagement will also be **Raymond Diaz**. Tenor **Sasha Noori** will not only offer us his talents at the Opera Breakfast, he will also sing "*Panis Angelicus*" (Bread of Angels) at both our Sunday's liturgies. How appropriate for today's Feast of *Corpus Christi*!

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Pipe Dreams

"In my eyes and ears the organ will forever be the King of Instruments." W.A. Mozart

Our St. Ambrose pipe organ was custom crafted in the early 1940s by *Casavant Frères* – Organ Builders in Saint-Hyacinthe, QC, Canada. *Cassavant* is one of the most well-known and respected organ builders in the world. The company was founded in 1879. Each of their organ builds are numbered, and our instrument is their **Opus 1693**. *Casavant* has now built nearly **4000** instruments. You can visit their website: casavant.ca/ for information as to their history as well as for pictures of their current and past installations.

A quality pipe organ, like the instrument at St. Ambrose, will last indefinitely with proper care and maintenance. While the upkeep of our instrument has been maintained over the years, soon it will be time to turn more serious attention to our organ so as to insure that it continues to lead the liturgies at St. Ambrose into the next hundred years with beauty, elegance and vitality.

Pope Benedict (an accomplished keyboard musician himself) at the dedication and blessing of a new pipe organ in Regensburg, Germany in 2006, said this: *"The pipe organ has always been considered, and rightly so, the king of musical instruments, because it takes up all the sounds of creation...and gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation. By transcending the merely human sphere, as all music of quality does, it evokes the Divine. The organ's great range of timbre – from piano through to a thundering fortissimo – makes it an instrument superior to all others. It is capable of echoing and expressing all the experiences of human life. The manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God."*

Marilyn Biery



Gospel Light's
SonSpark
Labs

St. Ambrose Vacation Bible School
June 22nd through June 26th

Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are in the back of church and in the parish office. VBS is designed for kids who are in Kindergarten through Grade 6. It's not only for the children of our parish, it's also for those in our neighborhood too. Best of all – Vacation Bible School is free to all!

One way we can provide this free, fun activity is by defraying some of the costs through donations. In addition to paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware, small bottled water, hand wipes and sanitizer – there are some specific items needed to create the snacks that reflect each day's theme. Here are some of our needs: 5 tubs of cream cheese frosting; 5 bags of candy corn; 5 double packs of French Palmier cookies from Costco; 2 bags of small-sized apples; 5 boxes of Honey Graham crackers; 5 boxes of the 20 count fruit roll-ups (sheets not strips); 6 tubes of strawberry cream cheese; 14 boxes of Rice Crispy treats; 5 tubs of chocolate frosting; 4 bags of plain M&M's; 10 packs of English Muffins; 5 lbs of fresh strawberries; 6 tubs of regular cream cheese and 3 packages of wooden skewers. Check out the food donation sign-up sheet in the back of church in order to avoid duplications. For information, call (313) 822-1248. Thanks.

The Buzz

Happy June! Today on the Church's calendar is the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi). It rounds out the three-Sunday celebration of . . . the birthday of the Church (Pentecost), our reflection of the image and likeness of God (Holy Trinity), and the abiding communion of the living Christ with us as Church, celebrated truly and sacramentally in today's observance. This is both an honored and challenging time to be a fully active member of the Catholic Communion. Let's recommit ourselves to mutual support in this most wonderful way of life.

It might also be a particularly good day to remind and encourage everyone about several items concerning the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion at Mass. First, unless prevented from doing so by serious health reasons, do it the way Jesus directed – 'take and eat . . . take and drink'. If you dare say "Amen" to joining Him in His new covenant, receive reverently under **both** species. So much of today's scripture passages are all about blood! Don't miss the very deep commitment we enter by our words and full actions.

Second, following official Vatican etiquette directions, make a slight bow and answer "Amen" to the invitation of the minister before receiving Communion. (Also officially, intinction [dipping] of the consecrated host into the Precious Blood by the communicant is not permitted!)

Third and most importantly, let's remember WHY Jesus gave us this sacrament. I have the urgent suspicion that Christ cares a lot less about our wasting energy struggling over whether bread and wine is transubstantiated into His body and blood . . . than whether we are transubstantiated into living His life by how we treat one another when we leave the church after mass.



Getting back to Pentecost for just a moment . . . this is my first chance to publicly thank the wonderful ministers of the Word two weekends ago who helped us experience the first reading from Acts of the Apostles in a variety of different languages: **Kim Truza** and **Simone Rhodes** proclaimed verses in Spanish, **Nena Gannon** in Portuguese, **Emily Sherwood** in Polish, **Elizabeth Puleo-Tague** and **Marie DeLuca** in Italian, **Lucy Hern** and **Colette Gilewicz** in French, **Xiao Yu Grech** and **Nathan Troscinski** in Mandarin Chinese. The Holy Spirit spoke to us all in a very special way through, with, and in them. Thanks again!



Now, on to summer. . . Hopefully you had a chance to join in the fun and very important work of our Playscape Birthday Party (Saturday), getting it ready for the joyous use of our parish and neighborhood children throughout the coming season. It will also be the center of activity for this year's Vacation Bible School beginning on the first full day of summer – Monday, June 22nd. More help is always needed to make this a success – sometimes in ways you don't even have to be present. See more information about this elsewhere in today's bulletin, then give **Betty Haley** a call here tomorrow.

The theme of this year's VBS, SonSpark Labs, along with summertime and nature all around us, make me think of the science of ecology. The timing of all this is perfect since I just read that the new papal encyclical on the environment is expected out next week Tuesday, June 16th. The title I saw is "Laudato Sii" (Praised Be) which comes from St. Francis' Canticle of Creatures.

And finally for now, I hope you will take advantage of approaching summer and BEE AT THE TEE (at least for dinner, even if you don't golf) this Friday at the 1st St. Ambrose Golf Outing.

Chuck Dropiewski

Vincentian Reflection

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let's remember to pray for those who are hungry or struggling to make-ends-meet. For those of you who were able to share gifts of gently used clothing and household goods and brought them to the truck last weekend . . . thank you for CO-MISSION-ING with the St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Ambrose.

Your gifts will make life easier and bring some happiness to those in need in our neighborhood. We hope and pray you will continue to find ways to offer gifts that will help us meet our mission to help those in need. Is there is a family you know who needs assistance?

Please call the St. Vincent de Paul at the parish office so we can together help those in need.

The Beehive

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

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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.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, June 8

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, June 9

St. Ephrem, deacon & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Rev. Patrick O'Sullivan
Stanley Piltzner and Family

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, June 11

St. Barnabas, apostle

8:30 a.m. - The Joseph Ferry Family
The George Gille Family, Jim Rivera

Friday, June 12

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 a.m. - Ray & Rosanna Tessmer
John & Betty Koscielniak & Family

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

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



Scriptures for the 10th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 8

- 2 Cor 1: 1-7
- Ps 34: 2-9
- Mt 5: 1-12

Tuesday, June 9

- 2 Cor 1: 18-22
- Ps 119: 129-133, 135
- Mt 5: 13-16

Wednesday, June 10

- 2 Cor 3: 4-11
- Ps 5: 5-9
- Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday, June 11

- Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3
- Ps 98: 1-6
- Mt: 5: 20-26

Friday, June 12

- Hos 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-9
- Eph 3: 8-12, 14-19
- Jn 19: 31-37

Saturday, June 13

- 2 Cor 5: 14-21
- Ps 1-3: 1-4, 9-12
- Mt 5: 33-37

Sunday, June 14

- Ez 17: 22-24
- 2 Cor 5: 6-10
- Mt 26-34

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13th and June 14th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Mary Urbanski
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Borkowski, Karen McShane, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer
Altar Servers: Sean Hall, Anna & Susie Jarboe

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Karlos Haynes
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Bernadette Pieczynski, Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Joseph & Nicholas Kurta, Delaney Jackson

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Pat Sperti
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Billiu, Doris Fleming, Mary Ghesquiere, Sue & Roger Playwin, Darryl Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner
Altar Servers: Emilio & Diego Garcia, Hannah Piccolo

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, May 31, 2015

in envelopes we received \$8,739.00
in the loose collection \$825.00
in electronic donations \$1,200.00
in children's envelopes \$9.00
for a total of **\$10,773.00**
Over budget for the week \$646.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800
Number of envelopes used 161

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

Our Sick

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

Roma Affelt, Kay Balas, Maureen Barron-Brioc, Carter Billiu, Pat Blake Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Maryjane Cullen Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elberson, Dan Fleming, Mary Ellen Greenup, Bernadette Gutowski, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, Bp. Joe Imesch, Ann Sullivan Kay, Katherine Brennan Lee, Barbara Mann, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Joseph MacEachern, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Lennie O'Brien, Ray Oberly, Elizabeth Robert, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Irene & Bryan Scopel, Fred Schroeder, and Ginger Weiksar.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

NightFever-Detroit

Back by popular demand, Nightfever: Detroit is coming back. Old St. Mary's will host Nightfever: Detroit again on June 20th at 7:30 pm. This is an evangelization effort inviting and welcoming people to a church where they will be asked to light a candle and say a prayer. Our first effort resulted in over 100 volunteers and almost 400 people coming into the church to light a candle and say prayer. Fifty people went to confession, as well.

We are looking for volunteers and street evangelizers, greeters, intercessors, and priest confessors.

Go to nightfeverdetroit2015.eventbrite.com/ for information on volunteer positions and to register. All volunteers will receive a limited edition Nightfever: Detroit t-shirt. You must register via Eventbrite.com to participate.

The schedule is: Mass at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and set-up is at 6:30 p.m.; NightFever is 7:30 p.m.





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, “ASCEND” TO THE CHOIR LOFT AT 10:15 AM ON ANY SUNDAY THIS 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!

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 for more information on electronic giving, or call our office for personal assistance.



Catholic Services Appeal: Commitment Weekend Breakfast

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

Commitment Weekend also gives us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as Catholics – extending ourselves to our larger Archdiocese. CSA funds outreach programs go far beyond our parish.

This Sunday morning, following both masses, we will host a breakfast in the ARK. At that time, Raymond Diaz, Sasha Noori and Angela Theis from the Michigan Opera Theatre will be on hand to regale us with a selection of operatic highlights.

St. Ambrose, was the bishop of Milan, Italy back in the 4th century. He was a lawyer who, who in addition to his abilities in preaching and teaching, was also an avid songwriter. Since his age, 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 and sweet-talking beekeepers, St. Ambrose is also considered to be the patron of opera singers!

If you have not already made a donation to this year’s CSA, join us in the ARK after Mass this Sunday and give what you can toward our Archdiocesan operations. Join us this Sunday morning for an uplifting musical breakfast celebrating our patron, St. Ambrose and our Catholic mission.