

St. Ambrose Parish

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BEEHIVE



Pope Francis' environmental encyclical signals a call for the world community to reflect and discuss how lifestyle choices impact nature and neighbor, but above all represents a call to action, U.S. bishops said.

In Chicago, Archbishop Blase Cupich called the publication of "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home" "a watershed moment for the Church, for humanity, and for the planet."

"Pope Francis has put a human face on the issue of ecology and caring for creation," Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain said.

"This is really a document that's going to be with us for a long time," said Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Cantu, chair of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the encyclical's ecological discussions cross into conversations there about the root causes of migration.

"It's quite integral into what we've been talking about with regard to violence, with regard to the sustainability of economies, with jobs," he said. Upon the encyclical's release, Cantu and two border bishops, José Guadalupe Torres Campos of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and Mark Seitz of El Paso, Texas, issued a letter thanking Francis for the document.

"Your teaching in *Laudato Si* challenges us to work for a border transformed by the power of faith and with bold works of charity and justice, a place of natural beauty that

stands as a compelling sign of God's Kingdom," they and the Hope Border Institute said in the joint letter.

While much attention was given to Francis' comment that he hoped the encyclical would influence world climate negotiators gathering in Paris in December, Cantu said he saw the document as challenging all people, not just governments or corporations, to reflect on how they live. Specifically, an examination of a central focus of Francis' papacy: the throwaway culture, where lifestyles race in pursuit of the faster and better.

"It's not a terribly humane way to live because those who are left behind are those who have the least possibility of defending themselves against an environment that is no longer friendly to sustainability, to areas where clean water is not to be found, or where the land is not able to sustain crops that will feed the population," he said.

More than anything, Cantu said he saw *Laudato Si'* as Francis' attempt to shift the ecology frame from a scientific or political one to a question of morality.

The Church is not interested in settling scientific questions or replacing politics, said Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski. "But she does, however, wish to contribute to the conversation and offer a road map based on a correct anthropology or understanding of human dignity that includes the poor and excludes no one." He said the document builds on past Church teaching and shows the Church as "a friend of science and a friend of humanity."

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Examining Our Lifestyles

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Less friendly to science has been his state of Florida — viewed as one of the most vulnerable areas to climate impact, particularly sea level rise — where government officials were ordered not to use the terms “climate change” or global warming.”

Across the country, other bishops weighed in through statements and media events. Dioceses holding press conferences included Stockton, Calif.; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Chicago. The Minnesota Catholic Conference held an event in St. Paul that included its director and Bishop Donald Kettler of St. Cloud, Minn.

At the National Press Club in Washington, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., and Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl addressed media in an event co-sponsored by the U.S. bishops’ conference and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Kurtz, president of the bishops’ conference, outlined three tasks the encyclical called Catholics to address: advocate at all levels for the common good; take seriously their role in forming young people and adults; and in using resources, seek “to do things in ways that honor the earth.”

Wuerl described *Laudato Si’* as “an urgent challenge to protect our common home.” In a conversation with [National Catholic Reporter](#) prior to the encyclical’s release, he said it may take months or even years to unpack the pope’s full message, similar to how Church teaching has previously impacted culture. “But it’s going to impact,” he said.

The Washington cardinal said answering the question of how to respect and utilize creation in a way to ensure it remains for future generations is a critical part of the discussion. “This has to be sustainable, whatever development is taking place. It has to be sustainable; it has to be respectful of creation,” he said.

“It’s a time for the Church to be bold, to speak about major issues, and to achieve a new level of relevance in people’s lives,” Cupich said at a Chicago press conference. “We may not know all the science has to learn about climate change, but we do know enough to realize that it’s time to act.”

Cupich said the archdiocese is working to retrofit older buildings and curb water use. He also suggested that families foster interest and concern for the environment in younger children and encourage older children to play an active role to help curb human impact on the environment.

“Our faith dictates that we have to care about and for humankind, and we can’t do that without caring for the earth, our common home. In short, we see the assault on the environment as a fundamental matter of right and wrong,” the Chicago archbishop said.

In California, Stockton Bishop Stephen Blaire, a former domestic justice chair, related *Laudato Si’* to the realities of his drought-devastated diocese, which includes portions of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, whose snowpack is a vital water source in the state, and the agriculturally crucial San Joaquin Valley.

“Each of these regions is facing unprecedented ecological challenges with drought, risk of wildfire, and dangerously poor air quality. We know that it is especially the poorest and most vulnerable of residents who are suffering from these realities,” Blaire said.

Through its Environmental Justice Project, which began in 2006, the Stockton diocese has worked on issues related to climate change, air quality, land use, solar energy and water conservation, with particular focus on how each impacts the poor.

Blaire continued: “Pope Francis’ pastoral message on an integral and sustainable development which cares for our environment and the human family is a moral issue that rings true for us. Caring for God’s creation will help people in need right now, and it will leave a better world for our children and grandchildren.”

To the west in San Francisco, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone noted how issues of economic gaps between rich and poor and “the underlying spiritual hunger felt by so many today” are all interconnected. “Solutions must be found by involving men and women of many perspectives and disciplines,” he said.

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput in his weekly column noted the encyclical “includes an unusual level of scientific analysis and policy recommendations,” with climate change and economic development playing key roles in the content. “This will invite discussion,” he wrote.

Chaput likened the purpose of *Laudato Si’* to the post-World War I works of literature from two Christian authors, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. He specifically highlighted a passage from [The Lord of the Rings](#):

“[It] is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succor of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those that live after may have clean earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule.”

“Times have changed since Tolkien wrote those words, but the wounds of humanity and the world it stewards have only grown more urgent. In reading and judging *Laudato Si*, we might keep that fact in mind,” he wrote.

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All Things Considered

In 2004, the July 18th issue of this bulletin said good-bye to **Joan Dembek**, our office manager who retired after nine years, to take up residence in climate-friendly Florida. Joan had been with us during the great building years of our parish – the Playscape, the doubling the size of the Academy, the renovation of the Church, and the building of the ARK.

We thought that after those ambitious projects, life here at St. Ambrose would — well, slow down and settle in to some sort of a reasonable pace. What we did not realize, however, was that with these new multi-million dollar facilities in place, the operation was not finished – it was just getting started.

It would be something like life for a newlywed couple. Once the halcyon days after the ceremony and parties were over, there would then be a need to implement a plan for some structured, organized, and realistic living. So it wasn't enough just to build; we would have to devise plans for operating and an adherence to strict structures for paying for our expansion. A whole new method of parish management for St. Ambrose would have to be implemented. Enter into that sobering 2004 picture of St. Ambrose – **Terri Harthen**.

Terri brought to us financial skills honed in past jobs as a medical biller and bank teller. She brought people skills developed as a customer relations representative for Detroit Edison. As a wife and mother, she carried into this job the great good sense that comes with that territory.

Immediately prior to coming to St. Ambrose, Terri worked at the Vocations Department of the Archdiocese. She therefore had honed her

skills in dealing with “clergy types.” That went a long way in helping me as my personal assistant. For all that entailed, I am ever grateful.

So much of what Terri did for me and our parish was to put structure on what at times must have seemed chaotic. She was the person who was there to clean-up after a lot of *creatively* successful projects that were *financial* failures.

She was also there to promote and organize the *successful* projects too. Here the OYSTERFEST would be a great example. She took charge of that event for the past eleven years. Under her watch, the Oysterfest grew to be a premier event for the whole city. It holds its own against other events of its kind – events with major corporate backing and full-time staffs. We reach the 25th Oysterfest this year, and almost half of those years came to us through the planning abilities of Terri.

Terri hired on to help manage the parish. She ended up not only doing that, but also managing the ARK, which admittedly is a very different type of operation for a Catholic Church. In this regard, she had infinite patience while the ARK was seeking its identity and operational model. She helped us plow through dozens of pilot projects wherein we tried to introduce the ARK to the community (and parish) as a viable alternative to commercial catering facilities in the area.

One ARK project that really took off during Terri's tenure here was our Lenten Fish Dinners. Ten years ago, “Parish Fish Fries” were considered a low-brow thing of the past. With Terri's help we not only reinvented the model, we made it an effective way of building community.

Last week, when I asked Terri about what may have been her most memorable moment over the past decade, she described to me the day that

she was driving to work while praying for some resolution to a problem. When she arrived at the office, she was greeted with a call from **Clint Eastwood's** staff looking for a location for the movie Grand Torino. She spent that day showing Eastwood's people around the property. At the end of the day, she reflected: If God could deliver Clint Eastwood to her office – then God could do anything!

That leads me to express my gratitude to Terri as being a strong example of a woman of faith. It was somehow always reassuring to me to know that the head of our operations was also someone who

put their trust in the Lord's providence over and above her and our own abilities.

Both Terri and her husband **Ken** are Board Members of the Christian Family Movement. As such, their faith has been the bedrock of their lives. During one particularly difficult pastoral crisis in '06, Terri left me one of those pink “While You Were Out” telephone message slips. She wrote it as if it was from **God**. Under the return phone number, it simply said: “You know where to reach me.” The message section read: “Let me be your safe place to fall. And you know that I am with you. Always.”

I can't think of a better message to send back to her as she enters her retirement. **I've asked Terri, who has been with us for eleven years now, to join us for Sunday morning hospitality after both masses this Sunday, July 12th so that you too can give her your thanks and blessings.**

Lois Sokolowski, our new office manager, will also be there for you to meet as she begins her mission here at St. Ambrose. As we enter into our Centennial and move toward a debt-free operation, it will be her job to help us in our next phase of parish life.





Name

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

- I would simply like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I desire to prepare for my Baptism into Christianity.
- I've been Baptized as a Christian and now desire to join in Catholic Communion.
- I'm non-Catholic, but married to a Catholic, and now wish to join the Catholic Church.
- I'm Catholic and I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and/or Communion.
- I'm Baptized Catholic and would like to learn more about my faith and how to practice it.
- I want to propose someone for Catholic Church membership and offer to serve as their sponsor.
- I would be willing to help with an R.C.I.A. program.
- I have other needs, requests, and questions. Please contact me.

Return this to the Parish Rectory or place it in the Collection basket.



The Holy Father's Complete U.S. Itinerary

Tuesday, September 22

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

Wednesday, September 23 (Washington, DC)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, September 24 (Washington, DC, New York City)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Session of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City

and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, September 25 (New York City)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations

and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

Saturday, September 26 (New York City, Philadelphia)

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Sunday, September 27 (Philadelphia)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors

of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome

Religious Education Notes

In today's first and third readings we gain some insight into the purpose of mission; while in the second reading, Paul reminds us of the primary content of mission. We already know that when action is motivated by deep conviction it is most effective. The important thing to remember when we give our attention to that which has the most chance of becoming a good for others, we are doing the will of God.

Amos was a simple farmer who lived in the hill country of Judah (about 5 miles from the small village of Bethlehem during the 8th century B.C. He experienced a call from God to preach to the people in the northern kingdom of Israel who were at the pinnacle of prosperity. In other words, he was a poor peasant from a different neighborhood who had the chutzpah to travel to the wealthier neighbors in the north in order to tell them they were living immoral lives and were an offense to God. The northern kingdom of Israel was a society that had enormous contradictions. As one scholar describes it, the cities in the north were lavish, there was plenty of spending, the palaces were strongly defended, and a good part of the territory had become summer residences for the rich. All of this was in contrast to the poor who were victims of a corrupt system and often exploited and sold into slavery. What lay ahead for Amos was a very uneasy task.... He didn't have anything upon which to model his ministry.

Mark's account of the sending of the Twelve would become the model for mission. He sent his apostles out to spread the Good News and asked them to leave all the "stuff" at home. He wanted them to travel into new territory without carrying much baggage. Instead, he asked them to be without so that they would be able to be open to the culture and the mindset of those they came to serve. In modern times, we call this inculturation. It involves bringing new meaning – a new understanding – to people "where they are at". It would exemplify the methodology of Jesus to love and accept people as they are and then move them into a new place in light of the kingdom of God.

Paul tells us that we are all blessed and sent forth to mission in our own places (home, work, neighborhood) with the simple goal of glorifying God. To Paul, the most important aspect of our faith should be at the core of all of our effort: that Christ has in effect redeemed all people and that fact is both gift and blessing. Realizing this blessing calls us to love all people and all of creation in a way that can be seen and perceived by those around us through our actions and our attitudes. It can sometimes be an uneasy task.

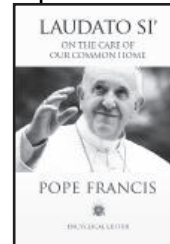
LAST NOTES REGARDING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Our Vacation Bible School gets a little smaller every year. While VBS was virtually unchallenged for many years, today we compete with sports programs and all-day programs offered by the Grosse Pointe Schools that were developed to meet the needs of working parents. Nevertheless, we had over 70 registrations this year even though our daily average of attendees was more like 53.

It continues to be a wonderful thing that our VBS is free for the children who attend. Keeping it this way allows poor children to attend without distinction. I am also proud of the fact that we are sending the leftover tee-shirts to Mexico where many boys and girls lack even basic clothing items. Our Registration Coordinator, Lupe Davila, has two sisters-in-law who live in Mexico and will see that our tee-shirts are distributed to the poorest children. One of them is Sister Monserrat Davila, a principal in a Catholic school in Mexico City. The other is Ana Luz Davila who lives in Pinos Zacatecaz.

The BEAUTIFUL landscape of creation that hangs over the altar was the creation of artist couple Stephenie and Grant Ruttinger. They tell me that it was accomplished in large part through the efforts of fellow artist, Bernadette Ellison. I can only say that it inspires me (and probably most of you) deeply. Thank you, Stephenie, Bernadette and Grant!

Betty Haley

Marcellina's Book Club



We are recommending Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si', On the Care for Our Common Home* for your summer reading. In this encyclical, Pope Francis follows and expands on

Catholic teaching on mankind's responsibility to care for God's creation, and protect and care for the most vulnerable. This letter builds on the teachings of previous popes including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Saint John Paul II.

It is available in print form as well as in multiple online editions such as at vatican.va.

Later this year, we will host a Sunday morning series examining this encyclical in greater detail.

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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, July 13
St. Henry

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekawitha, virgin

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mitchell Urbanski
Robert Diehl, Sr. Helene Barry

Wednesday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, July 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Todd White,
Marie Rack, Jim & Maureen Niemiec

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Andrew Harrison
Iwan Iwaschina, John Paul Iwaschina

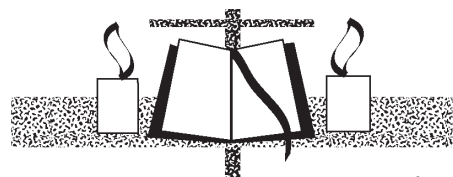
Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Scriptures for the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 13

- Ex 1: 8-14, 22
- 124: 1-8
- Mt 10: 34-11: 1

Tuesday, July 14

- Ex 2: 1-15a
- Ps 69: 3, 14, 3--31, 33-34
- Mt 11: 20-24

Wednesday, July 15

- Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12
- Ps 103: 1b-4, 6-7
- Mt 11: 25-27

Thursday, July 16

- Ex 3: 13-20
- Ps 105: 1, 5, 8-9, 24-27
- Mt 11: 28-30

Friday, July 17

- Ex 11: 10-12: 14
- Ps 136: 1, 23-24, 10-15
- Mt 12: 14-21

Saturday, July 18

- Ex 12: 37-42
- Ps 136: 1, 23-24, 10-15
- Mt 10: 24-33

Sunday, July 19

- Jer 23: 1-6
- Eph 2: 13-18
- Mk 6: 30-34

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18th and July 19th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Elizabeth Puleo-Tague
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Borkowski, Della Cimini, Peter Hern,
Altar Servers: Anna & Susie Jarboe

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Karlos Haynes
Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson,
Judy & Bob Jogan, Joellyn Valgoi, Liz & John Witherell
Altar Servers: Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Roger Playwin
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Billiu, Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming,
Sue Playwin, 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 \$10,100.00

On Sunday, July 5, 2015

in envelopes we received \$5,414.00
in the loose collection \$427.00
in electronic donations \$1,200.00
in children's envelopes \$8.00
for a total of **\$7,049.00**

Under budget for the week \$3,051.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800
Number of envelopes used 137

While we go on vacation, our parish does not support the parishes where you worship this summer; but don't forget your home parish. To give 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, Matthew Elias, Susan Bucec and Janice Dropiewski Mason.

Grounds Keeping

Clem Chargot Sr., a long-time friend of the parish, and one of the "C's" in Three C's Landscaping, is offering us his services in order to get the appearance of the church property in reasonable shape following a very hard winter. He is asking for ten volunteers to help him.

We can't afford regular landscape services, so this is a meaningful gift from Clem. The days he is proposing for the landscaping work would be this Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th. We'll provide lunch. Clem guarantees that gardeners will have a good time, and before they know it, the church grounds will be looking great. If you can commit to one or both days, leave your contact information at our office (313) 822-2814, or email us at stambrose@comcast.net.

Solanus Novena

Starting July 23rd, the Father Solanus Guild will be commemorating the 58th Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Solanus Casey a with daily Mass and 9-day Novena for his beatification.

Weekday Masses at Noon with Novena prayers will take place at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit; Saturday, July 25th, Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday, July 26th, Mass 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 1:30 p.m. Call (313) 579-2100, ext 140 for prayer leaflets. SolanusCasey.org



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Pipe Dreams

The Renaissance Pipe Organ Company of Ann Arbor, with organ technicians David Hufford and Kurt Heyer, removed some failing parts from our Casavant organ last month in order to repair cracked and disintegrating leather. The "Melodia Rank" (also called a "stop") sounds like a flute and is located in the Choir division, at the organist's right, and played from the lowest keyboard. Its flexible leather pouches have valves attached to them that move up and down when the organist plays a note, allowing the air to enter the pipe. The Melodia (controlled by a pouch board and its old leather) cannot function anymore, resulting in dead notes, thus rendering the Rank unusable. I cannot use this stop because of this, and also because any working notes cannot stay in tune with the rest of the organ. Hufford will re-leather the board and return it in a few weeks in order to have our Melodia singing into the nave with delicate grace again.

The pictures below show David Hufford holding the pouch board after he removed it from the organ. The close-up shows the same board, and you can see that the leather pouches are darkened from age as well as uneven in size due to shrinkage and crumbling. The pictures of the chest show the inside of the organ after the pouch board was removed. The new leathers are shown in the last picture, still at the shop but nearly ready to be reinstalled into the St. Ambrose organ. This work was funded by a bequest in memory of John Guinn.

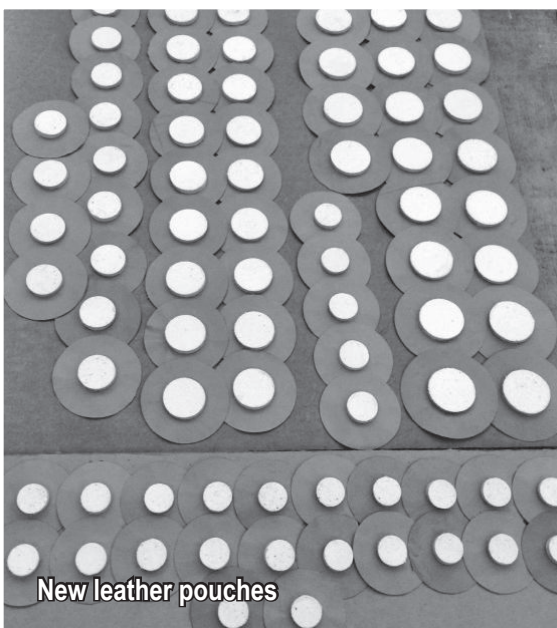
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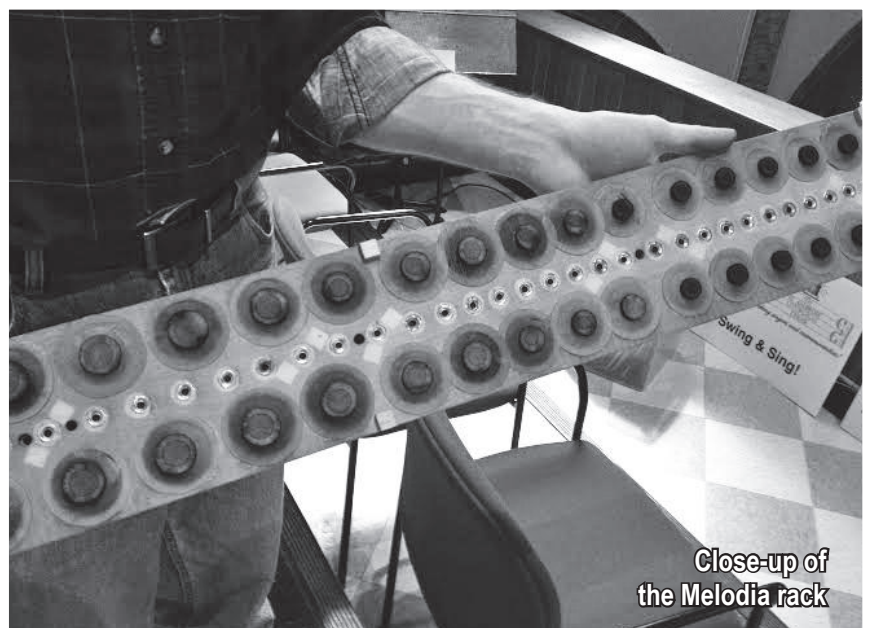
Choir Chest



David Hufford with the Melodia rank



New leather pouches



Close-up of the Melodia rank