



## Faithful Sons and Daughters of Pope Benedict XIV

Benedict XVI step out of the shadow of his beloved predecessor and carry on World Youth Days? And could an elderly new pope really connect with 1 million young people hoping to have another John Paul II moment?

### From Cologne to Sydney

In Cologne in August 2005, Pope Benedict XVI exclaimed to the throngs of young Christians: *“Here in Cologne we discover the joy of belonging to a family as vast as the world, including heaven and earth, the past, the present, the future. The Church can be criticized, because it contains both grain and weeds,”* he told them, but *“it is actually consoling to realize that there are weeds in the Church. In this way, despite all our defects, we can still hope to be counted among the disciples of Jesus, who came to call sinners.”*

Benedict chose his words carefully, not desiring the immediate effect of applause, but long-term reflection. He invited young Catholics to learn God’s ways, not by constructing “a private God” for themselves, disconnected from the Church, but by developing “sensitivity to the needs of others” that “must be seen in our willingness to share.”

Instead of patronizing or pandering, Benedict offered solid teaching in Cologne. Benedict showed the world that “Professor Ratzinger” had become the shepherd of a very large flock. He passed his first World Youth Day test with flying colors.

### Sent by the Spirit

Three years later, and thousands of miles away from Germany and Rome, Benedict taught more unforgettable lessons at World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. The Saturday evening prayer vigil at Sydney’s Randwick Racecourse provided a setting for Benedict to give a beautiful lesson on the Holy Spirit, whom he called the “forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity.” Benedict said. “Let your faith mature through your studies, work, sport, music and art. Let it be sustained by prayer and nurtured by the sacraments.”

Life consists of much more than “accumulation” and “success,” the pope continued. *“To be truly alive is to be transformed from within, open to the energy of God’s love. In accepting the power of the Holy Spirit you too can transform your families, communities and nations. Set free the gifts! Let wisdom, courage, awe and reverence be the marks of your greatness!”*

The next morning, in his homily at the Australian concluding liturgy, Benedict took up the same theme that he had addressed in the homily of his papal inauguration three years earlier. He spoke about a spreading spiritual desert that is afflicting humanity – an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of despair. He also described a new generation of Christians *“that is being called to help build a world in which God’s gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished – not rejected, feared as a threat and destroyed. A new age in which love is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty.”*

In Sydney, the young people of the “John Paul II Generation” and of the “Benedict XVI Generation” received power from on high as the Holy Spirit was poured out so lavishly upon them. Benedict sent them forth to be the Spirit’s joyful witness to the ends of the earth.

Throughout his more than 26-year pontificate, Blessed John Paul II enjoyed popularity among young Catholics. He told his “dear young friends” that they were at the vanguard of history as architects and builders of a new civilization of love. Generations of young people listened so attentively to John Paul II that it was no surprise when millions of youth stormed Rome in April of 2005 and mourned his death so deeply. Likewise, it was little wonder that John Paul II’s beatification ceremony in Rome this past May felt like a World Youth Day.

In August 2005, just months after John Paul II’s death, hundreds of thousands of young people from more than 160 countries streamed into Cologne, Germany, for the 20<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day. Preceding the event, many wondered what a World Youth Day would be like without the founder and father of the mega gathering.

I remember the buzz: Did Ratzinger have the charisma of Wojtyla to win over today’s young people? Could Pope

## Firm in Faith in Spain

When a million plus young people converged upon Madrid last week for World Youth Day, 2011, they celebrated their faith in the presence of two popes: one watching and smiling from the window of our Father's house in heaven, and a second who arrived from Rome to act as both a pilgrim and host of Spain's second World Youth Day. (The first fledgling international youth gathering was held in 1989 in Santiago de Compostella.)

Almost immediately upon his arrival in Madrid, Pope Benedict made it clear that he would not "dumb down" the message that he had been sending to Catholic youth. In his address at the El Escorial Monastery, he directly faced the fact that modern society exhibited a certain "amnesia" about God. Referring both to Spain, to much of Europe and the Western world, Pope Benedict said: "...today we see a certain eclipse of God taking place, a kind of amnesia which, albeit not an outright rejection of Christianity, is nonetheless a denial of the treasure of our faith, a denial that could lead to the loss of our deepest identity."

This was the agenda that Pope Benedict announced in his letter calling for World Youth Day XXVI in Spain. "Now is a time when Europe greatly needs to rediscover its Christian roots...." He was calling Catholic Europe back to its spiritual identity.

In Cologne in 2005 and in Sydney in 2008, Benedict proved to be more complex and engaging of youth than many expected; probably because of his willingness to confront the emptiness of contemporary culture face on. At the all-night Eucharistic Vigil in Cuatro Vientos, he clearly named the problem and told those young people gathered that they should not settle for less. "Dear young people, do not be satisfied with anything less than Truth and Love, do not be content with anything less than Christ. Nowadays, although the dominant culture of relativism all around us has given up on the search for truth, even if it is the highest aspiration of the human spirit, we need to speak with courage and humility of the universal significance of Christ as the Savior of humanity and the source of hope for our lives." These are not comforting words, but words that are to be taken and reflected upon as a life's challenge.

This was consistent with the message he had been sending for the previous two World Youth Day gatherings. And if this message was missed, at that same vigil... wracked with a terrible thunderstorm... his shortened remarks still managed to stress: "As the Successor of Peter, let me urge you to strengthen this faith which has been handed down to us from the time of the Apostles. Make Christ, the Son of God, the center of your life. But let me also remind you that following Jesus in faith means walking at his side in the communion of the Church. We cannot follow Jesus on our own. Anyone who would be tempted to do so 'on his own', or to approach the life of faith with the kind of individualism so prevalent today, will risk never truly encountering Jesus, or will end up following a counterfeit Jesus."

As the thunderstorm subsided, the crowd was riveted by his clear teaching and captivated by his gentle presence with them in the middle of the storm. The vast assembly was left to contemplate the Pope's words in the discomfort of an all-night vigil, sleeping on an airstrip, and sharing space with more than a million other believers.

The next day, at the closing mass, Benedict delivered a short homily that was meant to keep his "students" thinking and asking them to accept the challenge of the faith. Its message echoed the Kennedy inaugural speech of 1961 when he challenged Americans

to "Let the word go forth from this time and place..." Benedict's version: "May no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world."

No teacher leaves his pupils without the method of accomplishing their task. In this way, Benedict instructed the Catholic youth of the world to stand firm in faith. "Having faith means drawing support from the faith of your brothers and sisters, even as your own faith serves as a support for the faith of others. I ask you, dear friends, to love the Church which brought you to birth in the faith, which helped you to grow in the knowledge of Christ and which led you to discover the beauty of his love. Growing in friendship with Christ necessarily means recognizing the importance of joyful participation in the life of your parishes, communities and movements, as well as the celebration of Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the cultivation of personal prayer and meditations on God's word." (Homily at closing mass)

In Cologne in 2005 and in Sydney in 2008, Benedict proved to be more complex and charismatic than many expected. It was not a matter of "stepping out of the shadows" of John Paul II. Benedict showed to the world that he was never in the late Pope's shadow at all. In Madrid, his audiences were riveted by his clear, firm teaching and captivated by his gentle presence. Quiet, and deep, Benedict is making his own distinct contribution to our Church.

World Youth Days do not belong to one Pope, or even one generation, but are now an ordinary part of the life of our Church. The John Paul II Generation – young and old alike – is now proud to be faithful sons and daughters of Pope Benedict.

By Fr. Thomas Rosica, national director of World Youth Day in Toronto, first appearing in Columbia magazine, August, 2011. Updated by Fr. Tim Pelc.

## Religious Education Reminders

By the time you read this, I will have completed calling the 88 families who have not yet registered for religious education to remind them to do so. As tedious as the calling is, I am always so happy to talk to our families. This is a great parish!

So, along with reminding you to register your children as soon as possible for the Sunday program, I also want to ask again for some of you to step forward to teach. You can team up with someone else and work together, alternate weeks, or assist someone else if you are reluctant to go it alone. We have wonderful catechists who, with me, will be happy to mentor you should you volunteer. We need catechists for grades 4, 5, and 7. Please give me a call if you hear God calling (and me begging!).

**Catechist Meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Ark

**Religious Education Kick-Off:** Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Ark

**Confirmation Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross**

Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 8 pm

**Sunday Classes Begin!**

Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am-11:00 am at the Academy building

**Called to Serve**

Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30 in the Convent (1200 Alter Rd.)

**Parent-Candidate Meeting for Eucharist**

Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Ark

Betty Haley

# All Things Considered

As Michigan's August gloriously moves all-too-fast on to its conclusion, the practical preparations for our Sunday School program increase in intensity and detail. On the opposite page you'll find the important dates for the September portion of the program. There is a kick-off for all classes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month, with formal sessions beginning the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The beauty of our St. Ambrose Religious Education program is that it includes adults who have some experience and expertise, and it also blends that with the drive and energy of young people. I'm convinced that the way to reach the young people of our parish is not by doing things for them; it's by challenging them to do things for Christ.

We've seen some remarkable talent emerge in our pre-collegiate kids, especially when it comes to programs like Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and After School Bible Club. I'm asking the "older" and the "younger" of our parish to accompany each other in the challenge of bring-

ing the faith to waiting ears and hearts. Look at the needs of our Religious Education program and decide how you can help – no matter your age or experience.

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OYSTERFEST is just about a month away – Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to be exact. Preparations have been going on throughout most of the summer and we now have a pretty complete listing of those principal players who will be there, including the Edgar Wallace Jr. Trio, who will be back making cool, jazz sounds.

And signature dishes are coming from some of the area's notable restaurants like Andiamo Trattoria, Bella Café, Blue Bay Fish & Seafood, Blue Pointe Restaurant, Burger Pointe, Buscemi's, Cadieux Café, Detroit Yacht Club, Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille, Fishbones, Jacoby's, Harry's of Grosse Pointe, Janet's Lunch, Chef Ken Lefevre, Mulier's Market, National Coney Island, Park Grill, Pepperoni Grille, Side Street Diner, Sierra Station, Sindbad's, Sprout House, Sunrise Sunset, Super Suppers and Waves Chill and Grill. Chef Fred Whaley of the ARK at St. Ambrose will also be serving up special treats. Dish, Fou d'amour, Johnny B's Cookies, the Kroger Bakery, along with the bakers from St. Ambrose, are providing desserts.

Quench your thirst with some locally brewed specialties from Atwater Brewery and Traffic Jam as well as a variety of brews from Rustic Cabin. Wine drinkers can sample selections from Alger Deli, the Hammer Company, Merchant's Fine Wine,

Mulier's Market, Village Wine Shop and Woods Fine Wine and Spirits. There will be plenty of soft drinks, Absopure bottled water, and fresh brewed Cadillac Coffee.

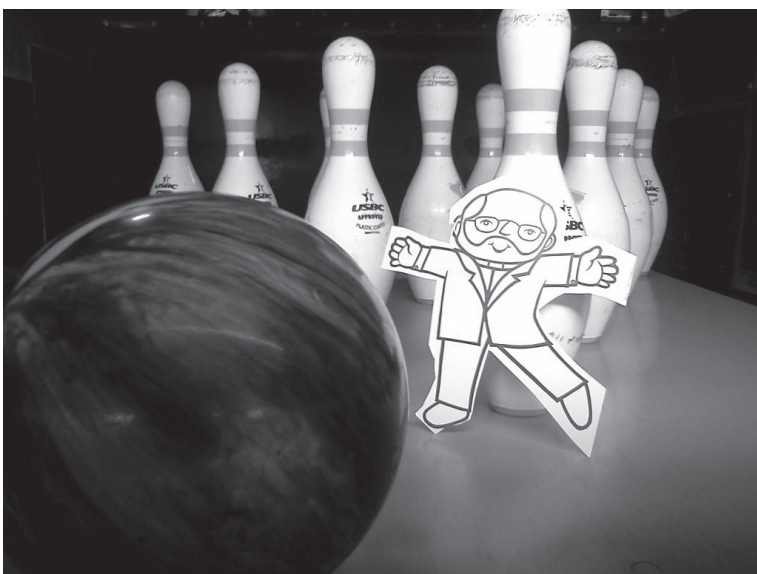
Over the past twenty Oysterfests, we've seen just about every kind of weather – from blistering heat, to blinding rain and sleet. In other words, pretty normal stuff for Michigan in late September. Whatever the weather, we'll all endure and have a great time!

I encourage you to sell the Oysterfest Raffle Tickets we mailed to you. And if you can, try to sell some to your coworkers, family and friends. If you need additional packets of tickets, we have them at the office and at church after mass.

It's still not too late to get your favorite restaurant on the line-up. Contact us for an Oysterfest vendor packet. And if you are dining at any of the already listed restaurants, please let them know that you appreciate their support of our parish.

We need volunteers the day of the event. Experience tells us that volunteer shifts are best organized at three different times: the first shift during the late morning and afternoon of the event, the second shift at the event itself, and a third crew at the end of the event to handle the take-down. We especially need some fresh faces at the end of the evening in order to relieve the burden of many of our volunteers who, by that time, have been there for eight to ten hours. Volunteer sign-up sheets for all shifts are available beginning this weekend. And just to be clear, volunteering does not avail an adult to free admission – it is, after all – a fund raising event for the parish. If you already know your availability, look for the sheets in the gathering space at the back of church. We appreciate any and all help for what has become a signature event for the parish and a party for the whole city.

Oysterfest 2011 is sponsored in part by PNC Bank, Christian Financial Credit Union, Shorepointe Dermatology, Lesnau Printing and Three C's Landscaping.



Flat Father got directly involved in an evening of bowling with Jack and Grace Vethacke in Harbor Springs, MI

# More Travels with Flat Father



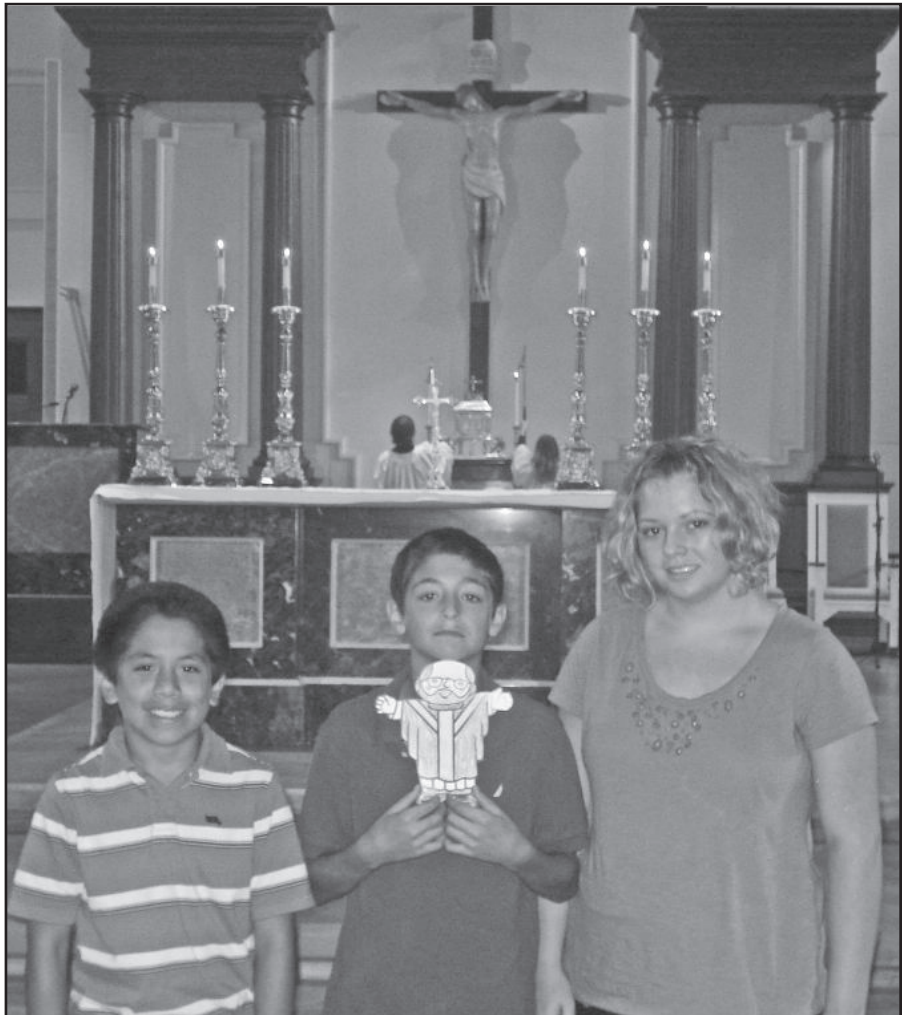
George Bush, while visiting his son Dave, stopped at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles, with Flat Father.



Flat Father headed to Mackinac Island with Jack and Grace Vethacke for a day of riding bikes, touring the Fort and eating fudge.



"Deadliest Catch" - Crabbing with the Mocerri family on Hunting Island, South Carolina



Michael, Chase and Katelyn with Flat Father after attending mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island, South Carolina.

## The Buzz

Hard to believe it'll be September this Thursday – already two-thirds of the way through the calendar year! I hope your summer is still filling you with the warmth of God's love and enjoyment of the gifts of creation.



One of the challenging quotes coming from the recent World Youth Day in Madrid continues to be appropriate for all of us: "Do not be content with anything less than Christ." This weekend's liturgy offers us Psalm 63 as a way to acknowledge this if we truly buy into such a faith: "O God ... for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water."

But who really knows God? Have you met Christ, and do you have a close enough personal relationship with Him that you would get in His car if He pulled over and invited you in off the street? Our training from childhood is to be much more cautious than that.

A delightfully pointed commentary about today's first reading from Jeremiah (20:7-9) uses that very imagery. The writer says that Jeremiah "got into Yahweh's car", and that once they rode off, he felt he couldn't get out. The prospect was "akin to retiring from the Mafia." The temptation for Jeremiah ran between deep depression and totally giving up.

But both Paul and Jesus in our epistle and gospel readings remind us that we have to move beyond human wisdom when it comes to living our faith ... to living like God does. When the Lord pulls up to you at the curb, will you hop in? We all need to pray a lot about our answer.



Alright, so we're not supposed to go with strangers. Good advice. But when it comes to God, (you can probably see where this is going) how do we make sure we're not strangers?! Prayer, of course, is a prime answer ... and lots of it.

We also have expressions about forming relationships with others such as 'getting to know one another' or 'learning more about each other'. Those human experiences and dynamics are at the heart of the best forms of religious education. It's not primarily about knowing *something*; it is primarily about knowing *Someone*. People who have met and know the Lord help those who haven't, aren't sure, are searching, or don't know how to respond ... to recognize Him, to know Him, to go with Him to do the will of God on the road of life.



If you're in the car with Christ, consider helping others, especially our young ones, to know Him too by helping in our parish Religious Education Program. There are a number of ways to help. Call **Betty Haley** at 822-1248 to see which way is the best fit for you. Class times are still about three weeks away, so there's still time for you to hop on board and get up to speed.



Perhaps you or someone you know has heard the Lord's call to join Him in the Catholic community of Faith. If you want to learn more about this call and what a response might entail – without cost or obligation, in a relaxed and easygoing adult setting – then the RCIA process may be just for you. Use the form on page 6 of this bulletin, or call me anytime at 822-1248. It's a ride worth taking!

Chuck Dropiewski

## CYO Tigers Outing

Help the Catholic Youth Organization fill Comerica Park with Catholics during its "Day at Comerica Park" Detroit Tigers game outing. The CYO will benefit from ticket sales through its office for the Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> game between the Detroit Tigers and the Minnesota Twins. Game time is at 1:05 p.m.

Tickets start at \$14 with a \$6 handling fee per order. For more details, e-mail to [scott.rourke@detroitigers.com](mailto:scott.rourke@detroitigers.com) or call the CYO at (313) 963-7172.

## Marcellina's Book Club



The Silver Chalice recounts the story of Basil, a young silversmith, who is commissioned by the apostle Luke to fashion a holder for the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper. The Silver Chalice is the

best-selling fiction title by Thomas Costain in 1953 in the United States. It was made into a film starring Paul Newman and remains one of the top selling religious novels of the last half century.

The Silver Chalice is a Marcellina's summer re-read – a book that you may have read a long time ago and is worth returning to, or a classic that you missed the first time around.

Our book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 of the deceased's passing.

### Directory

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# Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

**Monday, August 29**

*The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist*

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Tuesday, August 30**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Donna Monas  
Dave Kiley

**Wednesday, August 31**

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Thursday, September 1**

8:30 a.m. - Joseph & Maureen McCann

**Friday, September 2**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sylvia Landuyt

**Saturday, September 3**

*St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor*

11:00 a.m. - Wedding - Alexis D'Angelo & Patrick Garcia

1:30 p.m. - Wedding - Elaine Marquis & Kyle Green

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

**Sunday, September 4**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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



## Scriptures for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

**Monday, August 29**

- 1 Thes 4: 13-18
- Ps 96: 1, 3-5, 11-13
- Mk 6: 17-29

**Tuesday, August 30**

- 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11
- Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14
- Lk 4: 31-37

**Wednesday, August 31**

- Col 1: 1-8
- Ps 52: 10-11
- Lk 4: 38-44

**Thursday, September 1**

- Col 1: 9-14
- Ps 98: 2-6
- Lk 5: 1-11

**Friday, September 2**

- Col 1: 15-20
- Ps 100: 1-5
- Lk 5: 33-39

**Saturday, September 3**

- Col 1: 21-23
- Ps 54: 3-4, 6, 8
- Lk 6: 1-5

**Sunday, September 4**

- Ez 33: 7-9
- Rom 13: 8-10
- Mt 18: 15-20

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 p.m. Saturday – Celebrant:** Fr. Naessens **Lector:** Fred Lenard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ron Hoffman, Mary & Ray Oberly

**Altar Servers:** Lucas & Keely Benz

**8:30 a.m. Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Michael Trudel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen Drummond, Liz & Steve Linne, Bernadette Pieczynski, Judy & Al Ramberger, Chris Walsh

**Altar Servers:** Nicholas Kramer, Frankie Pangborn

**11:15 a.m. - Sunday – Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Carter Billiu

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doris Fleming, Bernadette Gutowski, Mary Howard, Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Cindy & Peter Warner

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Barrett, Sylvia Hodges, Daniel Kuhnlein

## Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of.....\$9,645.00  
**On Sunday, August 21, 2011**

in envelopes we received .....\$7,755.00  
in the loose collection .....\$ 352.17  
in electronic donations .....\$1,060.00  
in children's envelopes .....\$ 9.00  
for a total of.....**\$9,176.17**  
Under budget for the week by ....\$468.83  
**Year-to-date under budget by.....\$11,225.95**  
Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800  
Number of envelopes used..... 162  
ARC Building loan remittance ..... \$6,995

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered, requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel, Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

## RCIA: 2011 -2012

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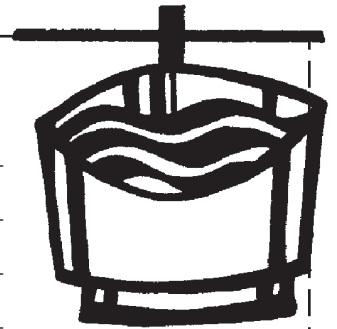
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- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I would like to prepare for Baptism.
- I would like to join the Catholic Church/Community.
- I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- I would like to return to the Church and to a more active practice of my faith.
- I would like to learn more about becoming a sponsor for a new Catholic.
- I would be willing to help with administrative, creative, etc. details of this year's R.C.I.A. program
- Call me for my other needs, requests, questions, etc.

*Return this to the Parish Rectory or in the Sunday Collection basket.*



## Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Roma Afelt, Rose White, Grace Weise, Daniel Bonior, Terry Pfaendtner, Kay Schwarz, Rip Prem, Anthony Hicks, Kay Balas, Mary Wherry, Yvonne Smith, Daniel O'Callaghan, Sophie Haas, Kerry Wilhite, Steve Lagae, Elizabeth Howard, Audrey McLean, Faith Smith, Mark Haas, Joan Carroll, Amanda Westfall, Mary Jacobson, Charles Ebner, Dorothy Allen, Charlene Hyslop, John Perras, Elizabeth Oberly, Mary Howard, Audrey Decker, Barbara Mucha, Barbara Gase, Maria Chinchilla, Jim Carroll, Bob VanTiem, Liz Conlan, Edward Andrzejczak, Bonnie McKenna, David Jackson, Cindy Drost, Lee Beard, James Sweeney, Ann Kay, Angela Pace, Paul Geshel, Al McCormick, Karen Caudil, Pam Stanley, Lynn Kiley, Joseph MacEachern, Grace Huvaere, Bernice Phillips, Miguel Davila and Bishop Patrick Cooney.

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Number of Families .....800 Returns to date .....174 Average Gift (*10).....\$365 Quota for the Archdiocese.....\$86,883 Property & liability insurance...\$46,000 Adjusted Parish Target .....\$132,883 Pledged as of 8/24/11.....\$62,868		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All funds collected above the Archdiocesan mandatory target figure will be applied to our parish property and liability premiums, FY 2011-2012. <b>Our current CSA overage will fund our insurance payments for 0 weeks.</b></li> <li>You may contribute using the CSA forms sent to you or you can make a contribution electronically through the parish website (stambrosechurch.net). We thank all who have and will participate in this year's Catholic Services Appeal.</li> </ul>		

# St. Ambrose Twenty-first Annual OYSTERFEST

## Monday, September 26, 2011

Join the celebration where over 40 local and national restaurants... along with international beverage and food purveyors ... will be serving up a culinary storm ... all the while the Edgar Wallace Trio will be making cool, jazz sounds.

Oysterfest happens from 5 to 9 p.m. under the giant tent at 15215 Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

Tickets for the Oysterfest Raffle are now on sale. The first and second prizes for this year's raffle will be a 40" Flat Screen High Definition TV; An Apple iPad Tablet with WI-FI 3G. The third prize will be a Kindle Wireless Reader.

Advance admission tickets to the Oysterfest will be on sale by Labor Day. Email [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net).

Mark your calendar and save the date: Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. That's the last Monday in September!