

Bring A Sacrifice

If you are like most Catholics, you probably come to Mass with one or more of these motives:

- To pray about your worries
- To thank God for your blessings
- To connect with your friends in faith
- To fulfill an obligation
- To express your identity as a Catholic
- To hear an insightful Homily
- To experience good music
- To be led in prayer
- To draw closer to God by receiving Holy Communion
- To feel strengthened for the week ahead

All of these are good reasons to participate at Sunday Mass. However, the Church invites you to do something more. You are not there just to watch the priest. You are there to act like a priest. Through Baptism and Confirmation, Christ has made you part of a Church whose members are priests for his God and Father (see Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5: 9-10; 1 Peter 2: 5, 9). “The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1546).

Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the faithful have been participating in the Mass more fully, consciously, and actively.

They do this externally – through the responses they make, the postures they assume, the songs they sing and the Communion they share. And they participate internally – listening to the prayers and Scriptures, and conversing with God. However, not many see themselves as the priestly people or realize what that means they should do.

The ministerial priest at Mass presides over those who share in the baptismal priesthood. Together we all shoulder two priestly responsibilities. We give thanks and we make an offering. Especially at the Eucharistic Prayer, “the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 78).

Many Catholics find the Eucharistic Prayer hard to follow, yet the Church expects the “whole congregation” to make it their own. That includes you. But how?



Your first priestly responsibility is confessing God’s deeds. The word eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Throughout the celebration and especially in the Eucharistic Prayer, we give thanks for all that God has done. The priest specifically invites you, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” That is the perfect time for you to recall the particular reasons you are giving thanks, today. While making this great prayer of thanksgiving, the priest associates himself with you and everyone else so that all join with Christ in this act.

Your second priestly responsibility is to join in the sacrifice of Jesus. On the Cross he offered himself to the Father. At each Mass you are present again to this one sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Together with the priest you offer Christ to the Father, and together with Christ, you offer yourself.

When you come to the Eucharist, you are bringing a sacrifice – the sacrifice of your very self. You are not only giving thanks, not only making petitions. You are offering

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to God all that you are. You are putting your life in God's hands. Some people find this easy. It does not feel like a sacrifice any more than parents feel they are sacrificing when they take care of their children, or spouses when they cooperate with each other. Some people, though, find it hard to do what God wants. No matter how it feels, offering yourself is a sacrifice.

Just showing up at church means you have sacrificed the comfort of your home, the lure of other distractions, and the taunts of nonbelievers. Present with other worshippers, you will enjoy their company, or – in some difficult cases – you will tolerate their company. People offer themselves “by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sister who participate with them in the same celebration.” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 95).

You have probably brought something to put into the collection. We priests remind you how we rely on those gifts for the support of the parish, its staff and its ministries. Your gift does play that practical role. But it has a Eucharistic meaning, too. It is part of the sacrifice that you bring to this celebration, a symbol of your desire to offer God your very self.

The bread and the wine brought forward in procession are symbols of the gathered community. They represent the work of farmers, bakers, and vintners, truckers and salespeople, engineers, and craftspeople – many of whose skills are represented among the priesthood of the baptized. We each find ourselves in the story of the bread and wine – many grains and grapes gathered into one, ground and crushed by the sorrows we carry, baked and fermented by the warmth of patient love, broken and shared by all.

During Mass, when the priest receives the gifts from the faithful, he praises God for the bread and wine “we offer.” Even before these elements become the Body and Blood of Christ, they are signs of what we offer – gifts already received from God, and the gift of ourselves.

To add value to our sacrifice, we unite it with the one Jesus made on the Cross. If you want to appear pleasing to someone else, you may ask a mutual friend to put in a good word. If someone brings a gift to you, it tells you something about the giver. Usually, it tells you something pleasant, but sometimes – if the gift seems inappropriate or the giver is unknown to you – you may not know how to read the offering. When we offer something at church, we want God to know that we are sincere. So we hitch our sacrifice to the Cross.

At Mass we become mysteriously present to the entire Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. “Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer

sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself” (Hebrews 7:27). Jesus does not die again and again with each celebration of the Mass. But we participate in his dying again and again when we are there. His offering pleased God, so we unite ours with Christ's.

After the priest praises God for the bread and wine, and before he washes his hands, he says this prayer: “With humble spirit and contrite heart / may our sacrifice in your sight this day / be pleasing to you, Lord God.” He is praying that God will be pleased with the sacrifice that each of us is bringing.

Then he asks you to pray “that my sacrifice and yours / may be acceptable to God / the almighty Father.” You respond with the same intention: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice...” We all work at this together. We have no worries about the Father accepting the sacrifice of Christ. But we want our sacrifices accepted as well: the sacrifice of our service, our trust, and our charity – whatever you bring as a priest among the faithful to set on the altar today.

The union of these sacrifices is expressed on those occasions when incense is used during the Preparation of the Gifts. The priest incenses the gifts upon the altar. The smoke ascends to God as a sign of our prayers, and the aroma aims to make the gifts more acceptable. Then the deacon or a server incenses the priest. He will be offering himself to God together with these gifts so he wants to be pleasing to God as well. The thurifer then comes to and bows to you. The censer swings in your direction to surround you in fragrant smoke. You are part of the priestly people, offering yourself as a gift to God. We use incense for the same reason you wear fragrance when going out. Before the Eucharistic Prayer begins, the smoke surrounds the gifts, the priest, the people, and you, to make everything and everyone more acceptable to God.

The thurifer bows to you before and after swinging the censer – but the rubrics of the Mass never asks you to bow back. Many people do because it looks polite. But there may be a deeper meaning here: You are the offering. The thurifer serves you by making you a more pleasing fragrance in the house of God.

That central piece of furniture in the sanctuary is called “altar” and “table.” You have come to gather with other believers at the table of Communion. But first you gather with them at the altar of sacrifice.

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All Things Considered

We've been plodding away on the project for the redevelopment of our convent property. This past week, **Roger Playwin** and **Paul Bohn** joined me as we met with representatives of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Department, the Homeless Action Network of Detroit ("HAND"), Detroit Veterans Administration, and CSH (a nonprofit organization focusing on supportive housing solutions) to discuss "brick and mortar" funding for the convent project.

While there is enthusiasm for our proposal to re-purpose our property for homeless women veterans, the specificity of this demographic could be a problem. One of the concerns raised by the Detroit VA and HAND is the targeted focus of the Project on female homeless veterans – a population which they indicated is not well defined in the available data, and therefore, has not received priority for "brick and mortar" funding.

In addition to that, the current emphasis at the state and federal levels still appears to be on permanent housing rather than transitional housing, except for the "chronically homeless" population.

While we have not heard the final word from these veterans' groups, what we did hear last week was discouraging news, since we thought we had reasonable encouragement to proceed. We have spent over a year chasing down those who, we were told, could make things happen.

Our architectural estimates for a complete rehab of the property – to bring it up to standards to house a quality program there – would run around 4-5 million dollars. This does not seem like a lot of money for the Veterans Administration. It actually may be too small a program to catch their interest.

Operational funds, on the other hand, are easier to obtain. But before we get there, the issue is getting the building converted for use.

We'll now be looking at other redevelopment groups. In particular we will be approaching the Southeast Community Foundation as well as Affordable Housing Developers to determine their interest in the redevelopment. Private and foundation development funds are another possibility. We hope to have some of these contacts completed in the next month. If you have any ideas, let us know.

While the veterans project has become a favorite of ours, we are not adverse to usage of the building for another group. Our convent building is a tremendously versatile piece of real estate. It's an investment of this parish that still has lots of years of service left in it. How to get this property back on line is the current, difficult task. This may be a good time to ask for prayers and some support troops.

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The Assumption of Mary

Saturday, August 15th
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your fruits, flowers, herbs and vegetables to be blessed at this mass. Leave extras to share.

Catholics in the United States maintain an unusually robust number of holydays in our liturgical year. We observe eight holydays, though two to three have been transferred to Sundays (depending on where you live). By contrast, Canadian Catholics observe only two holydays – Christmas and January 1st.

The Assumption, one of our American Catholic holydays is coming up this Saturday. It's based on our belief that the Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. It is always celebrated on August 15th, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, there is no obligation to go to mass.

This Saturday, when there are no other obligations like school and work, it would be a great idea for your family to attend mass together.

In popular piety, the tomb of Mary was found empty a day after her death. In her grave was found a myriad of fresh plants, flowers and herbs, thus connecting this feast day with the custom of blessing flowers, herbs and the fruits of the summer harvest on August 15th.

Ancient Christians were a lot closer to the natural order and understood better than we do the medicinal and gastronomical value of plants. These were seen as gifts from God that were beneficial and efficacious. The blessing of plants came to be associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, in part because of the biblical images applied to her such as vine, lavender, cypress and lily – partly from seeing her in terms of a beautiful flower because of her virtue – and most of all because of Isaiah 11:1 and his reference to the "shoot springing from the side of Jesse," which would bear the blessed fruit of Jesus.

On Saturday, you're invited to bring your flowers, fruits, herbs and vegetables to mass with you for a blessing. And if you have an abundance, leave them as an offering – a blessing in which others can share.

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Feast Day Festival

Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church will celebrate Middle Eastern culture and community on the Feast of the Assumption (The celebration honors the **Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, which is why they call this the Feast Day Festival) which takes place on Saturday, August 15th from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. and on Sunday, August 16th from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

In addition to Arabic cuisine, there will be games for children, a backgammon tournament, a hookah lounge area, and lessons in traditional Arabic line dance, "debke." Live music with Usama Baalbaki, Nasser Deeb and DJ Ehab, a backgammon tournament and tours of the basilica-style church will be offered.

Our Lady of Redemption is located at 29293 Lorraine Ave., north of 12 Mile Road and east of Van Dyke.

Soup Kitchen Kids

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's 'Rosa Parks Children' need school supplies for the upcoming school year. Please deliver supplies to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Conner location, 4390 Conner Street, Detroit, Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM. Donate items by August 26th. If you are unable to make it to the soup kitchen, you may pass your supplies on to Deacon Tom. Thank you in advance.

Vincentian Reflection

In today's Gospel the love that Jesus reveals is self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving. It is in solidarity with those who live in poverty, and struggle to make life come together in some positive way for their families.

During the summer months many who live in poverty, especially the elderly and the sick, often are not able to find relief from the heat. The St. Vincent de Paul group here at St. Ambrose brings respite and hope to them. For many, it's only then that they experience what having confidence in God is all about.

Pipe Dreams

Organ and piano technique differ in significant ways. **First:** Organists play with their hands and feet, using a pedalboard that controls two-and-a-half octaves of notes from the G above Middle C - descending to low C. Both heel and toe are used, and organists wear certain shoes specifically for playing the pedals because it is ideal to have a streamlined toe and a one-inch heel. It's important to keep the pedals clean by not wearing street shoes, especially on inclement days. Dirt, snow and mud will affect the surface of the pedals, making them difficult to slide on, and can enter the mechanism and can clog the contacts. If you are in our organ loft you will notice a small carpet by the bench, where the organist wipes off their shoes before getting on to play.

Second: Organists need to pivot in order to reach all the pedals, so their sitting posture must have a flexible balance, much like driving a stick-shift.

Third: The volume of each note is not affected by the pressure on the key. Each attack of the key must be precisely the same, and the organist must learn not to play the keys with more or less force to change the dynamic the way you do with a piano.

Fourth. A very even *legato* can be produced on the organ by beginning the attack of a key and overlapping slightly with the previous key, a technique that cannot be used on the piano, a percussive instrument.

Marilyn Biery

22nd Benefit on the Bay

Support the Capuchin Soup Kitchen by attending the 22nd Annual Benefit on the Bay, on Friday, August 21st, at 5:30 PM, at MacRay Harbor on Lake St. Clair. Music is by John Dickson & the "C-Notes," "The Key Suspects," and special musical guests, the "Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir!" One hundred percent of the event's profit benefits the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, dancing, beer, wine, and desserts. There will be both a live auction and a silent one, the latter featuring over 100 items. For advance tickets call: (313) 579-2100 ext. 153. CSKDetroit.org

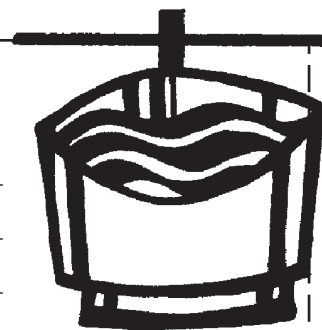
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- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I would like to prepare for Baptism.
- I would like to join the Catholic Church/Community.
- I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating my Confirmation and 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 the 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.

Religious Education Notes

I just attended a conference on the “Seasons of Our Life” facilitated by Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser (author of The Holy Longing). At one point in the day, Fr. Ron discussed what it meant to be “spiritually mature”. He said that spiritual maturity is reached at the point at which a person becomes more concerned about what he or she can do for others and less about anything pertaining to self. This kind of spiritual maturity is what Jesus demonstrated through his suffering and death – the complete giving over of himself to the Father for us.

Fr. Ron suggested that we might best understand what it means to be a spiritually mature person by reflecting on certain weather descriptions. Think of a weather report that describes a day that is “mostly cloudy” with some sun appearing as opposed to a day that is “mostly sunny” with some clouds later in the day. A spiritually mature person is someone who – like the latter description – is mostly “other-centered” with occasional bouts of selfishness. Someone who is “spiritually immature” would be someone who is demonstrably self-centered with some of their time spent on behalf of others (with no reward expected).

Today’s readings suggest that the type of Christian who behaves irresponsibly (particularly in regard to anger) “grieves the Holy Spirit of God”. If we are “to live in love” we need to avail ourselves of a certain food for the journey. For Elijah, it was the bread from heaven that gave him the strength to do the will of God in his time. For us, it should be regular participation in the Eucharist as it is Christ who presents himself as nourishment for our own life journey.

GETTING READY FOR FALL: Please send in your registrations for our Sunday School program as soon as possible. I am in the final stages of preparing for our catechetical year which includes staffing classrooms and filling teacher bins with the needed supplies. Our textbooks have already arrived – any additional orders I make at this point might not reach us in time for classes to begin.

I have to plan the number of catechists needed based on last year’s number of students. Typically, our religious education program serves just about 300 children in 18 classrooms. We are always blessed to have a cadre of catechists who return year after year – and just as blessed to have new people step up to the plate (after hearing God’s whispers). So far, I know for sure I will need a 6th grade catechist and a 7th grade catechist. In addition, we will most certainly need classroom aides who may be adults or teens. It is always so nice for our children to see that catechists comprise folks from all ages and all walks of life. Please prayerfully consider joining our team of catechists, aides and office volunteers who bring the Good News to our parish children.

Our program begins with a “**Kick-Off.**” This year it is to be held on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 in the ARK. We are fortunate to have a local celebrity, **Sr. Janet Schaeffler O.P.**, with us on that day to give us ways to grow in our own spirituality and faith as families. Sr. Janet is a nationally-known speaker, the author of several books (check out Twenty-Third Publications), and a regular contributor to Catechist Magazine. This program year will mark our centennial as a parish, and so we are proud to be bringing you the very best.

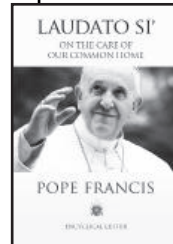
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: As I write this, letters are in the process of being sent out to candidates and their families regarding the fall schedule.

We begin the beginning of our journey toward Confirmation with a retreat to be held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center on Sunday, September 13th (the same day as the Kick-Off) from 2–8 p.m. The day includes dinner and Mass, so our teens will be fed both spiritually and physically. Parent permission forms and directions are included with the letter sent home.

Some candidates will be finishing their service at OYSTERFEST and/or at the St. Vincent de Paul PASTA FOR THE POOR dinner. I will be calling to remind those students who are signed up for these events.

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.

The Beehive

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

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord’s Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

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

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

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

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

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Scriptures for the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 10

- 2 Cor 9: 6-10
- Jn 6: 41-51

Tuesday, August 11

- Dt 31: 1-8
- Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12

- Dt 34: 1-12
- Mt 18: 15-20

Thursday, August 13

- Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17
- Mt 18: 21-19: 1

Friday, August 14

- Jos 24: 1-13
- Mt 19: 3-12

Saturday, August 15

- Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
- 1 Cor 15: 20-27
- Lk 1: 39-56

Sunday, August 16

- Prv 9: 1-6
- Eph 5: 15-20
- Jn 6: 51-58



Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence deacon

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, August 11

St. Clare, virgin

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mary Zawacki
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pawyel

Wednesday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 13

St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Maureen Sklut
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bartus

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - William Ferry Family
Joseph Bauer. Mike and Sandy Phelps

Saturday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 a.m. - Mass - For Our Earth
1:30 p.m. - Wedding - Ashley Glugla &
Benjamin Commerson

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

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15th and August 16th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc, Dn. Tom Lector: Pat Ticknor
Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Bernas, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer
Altar Servers: Jack & Patrick Hern

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede, Dn. Tom Lector: Bob Gatzke
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy & Bob Jogan,
Liz & Steve Linne, Judy & Al Ramberger
Altar Servers: Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc, Dn. Tom Lector: Pat Sperti
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming, Sue & Roger Playwin,
Patty Yaden, Anthony Yaden
Altar Servers: Brian, Conor, & Delaney Garvey

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$10,100.00
On Sunday, August 3, 2015

in envelopes we received \$7,009.00
in the loose collection \$470.00
in electronic donations \$1,200.00
in children's envelopes \$9.00
for a total of **\$8,688.00**

Under budget for the week \$1,412.00

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, Peyton Barron, 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, Janice Droiowski Mason, Scott Nedoff and Charmaine Kaptur.

Special Needs Hero

Know a caregiver, advocate, or volunteer who has done heroic work? Nominate them by August 10th for an award to be presented after the annual Archdiocesan Mass on September 20th for Persons with Special Needs. Download the nomination form at ccsem.org/event/special-needs-mass/. Call Joyce Hyttinen at (248) 537-3304 or email: hyttinenj@ccsem.org.



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 and thecatholic-directory.com make it easy to find a mass wherever you are.

While on Vacation

Your parish is equipped to make electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card on our website. Christian Financial Credit Union brings parishioners and friends the ability to make an electronic contribution to St. Ambrose on a regular or on a one-time basis. Your checking account or credit card may be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions on a schedule. We hope that this financial service allows you yet another way of managing your stewardship to St. Ambrose. Go to stambrosechurch.net for more information on electronic giving.

Our Dead

On Tuesday, July 28th a funeral liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Pelc assisted by Dn. Nguyen, for long-time parishioner, **Elaine Andrulis**, age 84.

Born in Milwaukee, Elaine came to Detroit where she met and married Anton. She assisted him in the management and accounting of investment properties they owned. Elaine and Anton raised two children and were active in St. John Berchman Parish as well as at St. Ambrose where they regularly attended Saturday evening mass.

Elaine was predeceased in death by her husband, and is survived by her children, Kathleen and Stanley (Anne). She has two grandchildren.

At age of 86, on August 1st, **Rosemarie [Birosak] Samarjian**, died. A funeral mass was celebrated for her by Fr. Pelc, assisted by Dn. Nguyen, on Thursday, August 6th.

A native Detroit, Rosemarie worked from 1956 until 1961 as a member of the U.S. Information Agency in Rome, New Delhi, and Belgrade.

When she returned to Detroit, she took a job as a secretary at Wayne State University where she met and married her husband, Charles. Together they ran “Books Limited” on the Wayne State University campus.

Rosemarie loved reading and was honored by the Dominican Literacy Center for 25 years of service. Rosemarie was also a woman of charity in projects like “Meals On Wheels.”

With a never-ending sense of optimism, Rosemarie befriended and supported a number of individuals in our neighborhood who otherwise might have been overlooked. As a member of our daily mass community for decades, Rosemarie will be honestly missed.

She is predeceased by husband Charles along with siblings Ann Martin, John Birosak, and Sophie Angelscue. A sister, Elizabeth Kurk and six nieces and nephews survive her.

MORE Landscaping Activity around St. Ambrose

