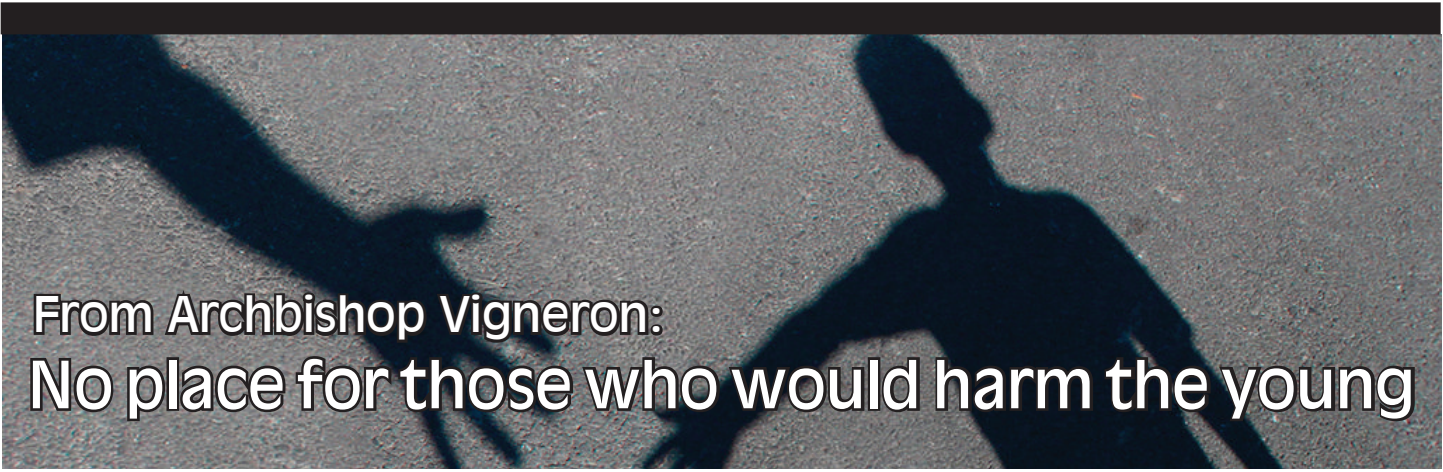


St. Ambrose Parish

AUGUST 26, 2018
BEEHIVE



From Archbishop Vigneron: No place for those who would harm the young

My prayers are with the victims of abuse at the hands of clergy worldwide, particularly those represented in the grand jury report in Pennsylvania. The allegations contained in that report, as well as recent allegations of sinful behavior involving former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick – regardless of when and where they happened – are daunting tests of faith for you in the Church, her leadership and our ongoing efforts towards abuse prevention and response.

To begin, be assured that I am one with you in lamenting all of the hurt and pain caused by these moral failures – failures by those who have committed sins against chastity and failures by those who ought to have used their authority to prevent these acts, responded so as to help heal the wounds inflicted, and ensured that the perpetrators lost their positions of authority. I have met with victim-survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation, and have heard firsthand of the grave harm they have suffered. I continue to pray for them, with confidence that because of the death and rising of Christ, no evil is beyond his healing power. I acknowledge, too, how disheartening it is for us once again to come face-to-face with moral failures in the priesthood, especially among us bishops.

I realize how discouraging it is that we have not decisively overcome these sins after all these years. These sins are marks of shame upon the Church and a great weight impeding the progress we strive so zealously to make in advancing the Lord's Kingdom. In order to find a graced-ray of guiding light in the gloom, I have returned to the 23 April 2002 address of St. John Paul II to the cardinals of the United States during the height of the abuse crisis. Now, as much as then, these words of this great pope and pastor ring true, and so I share them here: It must be absolutely clear to the Catholic faithful, and to the wider community, that Bishops and superiors are concerned, above all else, with the spiritual good of souls. People need to know that there is no place in the priesthood and religious life

for those who would harm the young. Shortly after the Holy Father affirmed this principle, the Catholic bishops in the United States joined together to create and implement The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, a set of norms designed to ensure the safety of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Today, our Archdiocese of Detroit requires safe environment training programs for clergy, employees, volunteers and children. When allegations of wrongdoing surface, we report them to local police, fully cooperate with their investigations and, in the case of substantiated reports, publicize the names of those accused. In addition, we encourage those who have been abused to come forward, and stress there are no deadlines or restrictions on bringing a complaint to us. Be it five, fifteen, or 50 years later, our diocese accepts and responds to all reports. This summer's news reports affirm why we – as bishops, priests, Church representatives and lay people – must be ever vigilant to protect children from abuse and must re-double our efforts of outreach and healing to those most harmed by sexual abuse.

I remain fully committed to this goal. We can never become complacent with what has been accomplished. Similarly, in the light of reports about former Cardinal McCarrick's sins against chastity, I affirm that priests who try to live a double life by "cheating on the Church" through impure relations with others need to repent or to give up their pastoral office. I am committed to helping all our bishops, priests and deacons cultivate those habits which reinforce their commitments to lives of holiness, and holding them accountable for maintaining the virtue of chastity.

Likewise, I acknowledge that I, too, am accountable for living up to my commitment to celibacy. To that end, it is essential that I adhere to my habits of prayer and asceticism, especially regular Confession and spiritual direction. In stand-

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ing before Christ's judgment, I humbly give an accounting for myself, acknowledging my weaknesses and asking for pardon and healing. Were I to lapse in my chastity, I should be corrected not only by those in authority over me, but by any brother or sister who had knowledge of my fall. My response to those who break their vows of chastity is to resort to the medicine of the Gospel: a call to repentance and renewal, using all the supernatural and natural remedies at our disposal for repairing moral failure. As your bishop, I recommit to preserve and advance the life of celibate chastity in the life of our priests, for their sake and for the good of the whole Christian community. If you cannot trust us, we cannot serve you.

In the course of his remarks in 2002, St. John Paul also called upon us bishops to be clear in teaching the whole of the good news of Christ on matters of sexual morality. He pointed out that this is an essential condition for renewal: They [the faithful] must know that bishops and priests are totally committed to the fullness of Catholic truth on matters of sexual morality, a truth as essential to the renewal of the priesthood and the episcopate as it is to the renewal of marriage and family life.

Here, in this address to you, I renew my resolve to be the sort of good shepherd I hear St. John Paul calling for me to be. I owe that not only to you and to the Church, but to Christ himself. The message handed on to us from the apostles about the norms for chaste living is of one piece, an integrated whole. To cover over, not to mention dissenting from, one part of Christ's vision for chaste living is to weaken every other dimension of that sexual purity Christ demands of his followers. The new Adam is one in all his parts. Weak teaching about the demands of the Christian life makes it easier for us to lapse into vice, and thus pushes us toward personal and communal shipwreck. While policies and best practices are necessary, we will never be able to create, as T.S. Eliot once put it, "systems so perfect that no one will need to be good." Nothing can replace the need for each of us to strive for personal holiness in our sexuality. I know this, and am resolved to do my part by my teaching and leading as Christ expects. This seems to be an appropriate place for me to affirm to you, as part of my accounting of my stewardship of the leadership of our local Church, my endorsement of what Cardinal DiNardo, as the President of our Bishops' Conference, wrote on 1 August: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will pursue the many questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick's conduct to the full extent of its authority; and where that authority finds its limits, the Conference will advocate with those who do have the authority. One way or the other, we are determined to find the truth in this matter. We must give an accounting for the failures that have occurred. While policies and best practices are never substitutes for moral integrity and virtue, they are nonetheless necessary. They do much to protect the vulnerable and to create clarity about what needs to happen when things go wrong. We

bishops must look honestly at how this situation unfolded, and I want you to know that I am committed to joining my brother bishops in seeing this work through.

Even with our renewed prayers and support for our dedicated priests and deacons, I note a temptation to despair among some over whether things can change. However, we know that reform can only happen when hope lives. We must move forward with the conviction that God will not abandon his Church. He wants her purified, cleansed of these sins and brought to new life. St. John Paul II concluded his 2002 discourse with these words of encouragement: We must be confident that this time of trial will bring a purification of the entire Catholic community, a purification that is urgently needed if the Church is to preach more effectively the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all its liberating force. Now you must ensure that where sin increased, grace will all the more abound. So much pain, so much sorrow must lead to a holier priesthood, a holier episcopate, and a holier Church. By the power of the risen Christ, this hour of darkness is a moment to anticipate the dawn. We are called to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to turn what could deflect us from the work of the new evangelization into an opportunity to proclaim the Lordship of Christ over all sin – yes, even these sins of which we are so painfully aware in these days.

Please pray for me, that I may be a good pastor and that God's power will be made perfect in the weaknesses and shortcomings I bring to my ministry. Know also that I pray each day for you, that you might find peace and light in these difficult times.

The Most Reverend Allen Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

School of Evangelization Retreat

*"It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring Him to others!
You must have the courage to speak about Christ,
to bear witness to your faith through a lifestyle inspired by the Gospel.
The harvest is great for evangelization and so many workers are needed.
Christ trusts you and counts on your collaboration." –Pope St. John Paul II*

Our Vicariate is hosting a special all-day retreat on Saturday September 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Our Religious Education Director, Kelly Woolums, is part of the planning committee for this event and strongly recommends this program to anyone who is interested in learning more about deepening one's connection to the Holy Spirit and sharing the Good News with others.

The School of Evangelization Retreat will be led by the priests and seminarians of the Companions of the Cross. Workshop topics include the following:

- The New Evangelization and Why it Matters
- The Kerygma and Sharing the Gospel
- Spirituality and the Heart of the Evangelist
- Sharing Your Personal Testimony
- The Power of the Holy Spirit
- How to Use Your Gifts in Prayer Ministry.

If you are interested in attending the retreat, reserve a spot by contacting the religious education office at reled.stambrose@comcast.net or (313) 822-1248.

All Things Considered

I have been accustomed to writing about “sons of the parish” becoming priests, but this will be the first time I write about “a father of the parish” becoming a priest.

I refer to the father of **Sebastien Foka**. Sebastien came to Detroit from France and worked as a tennis pro at Wayne State. Since that time, he received a nursing degree. Sebastien has been a highly successful catechist in our program. He married **Cortney LaMew** here in 2011. His family came here from France for the wedding.

That was my introduction to **Rigobert Foka**, Sebastien’s dad. Rigobert served as a full-time parish minister in the parish of *Saint Esprit à Choisy* in the south of France in a capacity similar to the one that Chuck Dropiewski has here.

Rigobert’s wife, **Martine**, died some eight years ago. At the urging of his pastor, he then began studies for the priesthood. On Sunday, June 24th of this year, Rigobert was ordained in the Cathedral of *Notre-Dame de Cr tiel* for service in that Diocese. Thus Sebastien’s father became a Father.

Fr. Foka has traveled here to the U.S. to visit Sebastien, Cortney and his grandchildren, **Catherine** and **Rigobert**. Since his English language skills are limited, I’ve invited him to con-celebrate the 11:15 mass with me this Sunday. We’ll share the gift of his vocation in a reception following that mass. I hope you can join us for breakfast and an opportunity to celebrate with Fr. Foka and his family.

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Ever since Jesus instructed his disciples to preach the Gospel to the whole world and to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, missionary endeavors have taken the Catholic faith to the most remote corners of the globe. Sometimes the message catches

like wildfire. Other times it struggles for generations. Part of our responsibility as “church” is to do whatever we can to make those missionary endeavors possible.

Once a year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith asks us to host an honest-to-goodness missionary. This connects us personally with someone in foreign missions, bringing us a more real understanding of the challenges of preaching the Gospel.

Next weekend, we will host **Fr. Kevin Saministrado**. He will be asking for your financial support for the Missionhurst Fathers. Fr. Kevin is a native Filipino assigned to parishes in Latin America and the Caribbean. He will preach at all the masses and a second collection will be taken with proceeds going to Missionhurst. Check out their ministries at missionhurst.org.

As in past years, I am asking our parishioners to step up to the various tasks of providing hospitality for our visiting missionary. As I will be out

of town that weekend, it would be great if Fr. Kevin had hospitality and meals with friendly parishioners rather than spending his time alone. If you would like to be one of those friendly faces who makes our visitor welcome, please let **Chuck Dropiewski** know.

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A number of the preliminaries have been done for OYSTERFEST. We’ve got the tent and permission to use the lot from Beaumont. Oysters have been ordered. The Kercheval Trolley has been lined up. The beer and wine is being solicited. The T-shirt is in production. Raffle tickets are out, and the liquor permit has been submitted to Lansing.

Now we need to secure the participation of our restaurants. That’s always the “wild card” of the event and the part that takes the most one-on-one time. If you’ve got some time to spare in restaurant/food truck outreach, give our new office manager, Peggy, a call.

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A fun way of displaying your support for St. Ambrose Oysterfest – and your appreciation of the grain or the grape – is to become a Beer Belly or a Wino Sponsor. This personal sponsorship gives you one ticket to the Oysterfest redeemable in the express entrance lane – a T shirt – a commemorative beer glass or wine goblet – plus a token for your first fill.

All of this comes packaged in the appropriate “brown paper bag” with a Beer Belly or Wino Badge that you can proudly wear during the event.

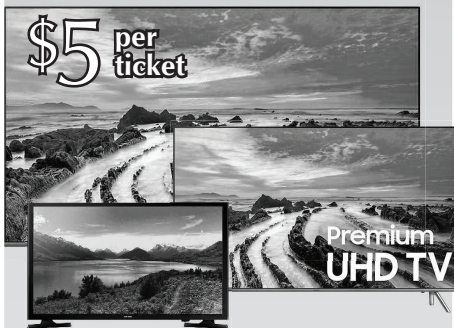
Beer Belly and Wino personal sponsorships are available at \$100 and make a nice gift for someone you are bringing to the event, or for yourself! Place your order by logging onto stambrosechurch.net; then go to the giving tab. You can also call the rectory at 313-822-2814, or fill out the form that you’ll find at the back of church. State your preference for a beer glass or wine goblet as well as the size of T-shirt (small through 2XL).

Purchase your Beer Belly or Wino sponsorship online: stambrosechurch.net or at our parish office.

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1	8	Box Scores

Number of Families	900
Returns to date	261
Average Gift ('17).....	\$440
Quota for the Archdiocese	\$87,418
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$52,000
Parish '18 Target.....	\$139,418
Received as of 8/19/2018.....	\$ 122,139

• With our share of the burden of operating the Catholic Church in Southeastern Michigan now satisfied, we are in a position to do our own parish some good. Everything donated to the CSA from this point onward will be applied to our property/liability insurance at 100%. No Archdiocesan 7% tax will be assessed. So far we are able to fund our premiums for 34 weeks.



1st Prize:

**Samsung 65" Class 4K
Ultra HD LED-LCD Smart TV**

2nd Prize:

**Samsung 50" Class 4K
Ultra HD LED-LCD Smart TV**

**3rd Prize: Samsung 32"
Class 1080p HD LED-LCD TV**

Drawing at the
Twenty-Eighth Annual
St. Ambrose
OYSTERFEST
on Monday,
Sept. 24, 2018 at 9:00pm
15200 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park

Raffle sponsored by:
Health Management Systems of America

Faith Formation Station

*"Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining stars to you;
Deep peace of the gentle night to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you;
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you; Deep peace to you."*

– Gaelic Blessing

During the summer my family and I love to go camping and have campfires. This week we will be out of town in northern Michigan. I am so excited to get out into nature, especially because the area we will be staying in is a designated Night Sky wilderness. When it gets dark in the middle of nowhere we cherish those moments when we tip our head back to take in the dazzling display of lights overhead. Silence is comfortable. The warmth of the fire wraps us in the moment and holds us together and still – a miracle. There is something majestic about a starry night. It calls forth a moment of awe, amazement, and a small breathlessness at the sight.

Could this be what is asked for us as followers of Christ: to tip our head back and take in all that we see and experience; to be bathed in the warmth of a moment of true presence to God's handiwork; to be in comfortable silence with the majesty of creation even in the depths and uncertainty and darkness?

These are the moments that matter. I want my children to feel wrapped in warmth, comforted by the presence of family. I want my children to disconnect from the distractions of our busy lives and appreciate the wonder of our natural world. I want them to know that they are loved beyond measure. And as much as we love them, our love pales in the starry light of God's love for them.

As the long days of summer come to an end, I wish for you and your family moments packed full of awe and amazement. I wish for you small, breathless moments as God's majesty is revealed. Step away from problems, distractions, and worry – in the backyard, at a local park, out in the woods in the middle of nowhere – just for a moment and take in the wonders of our world together. These summer moments are containers for grace. – Adapted from "Star Light, Star Bright" by Cathy Donovan

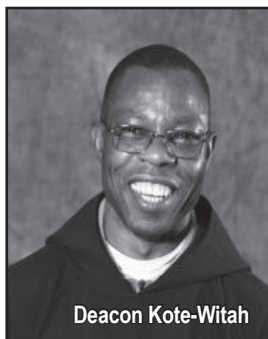
PROGRAM REMINDERS:

- Registrations for the 2018-2019 Rel. Ed. Year were mailed out in June. Extra copies can be picked up in the parish office or found on the parish website. Please fill in and return the forms by the September 1st deadline. Having registrations together in a timely manner allows us to best prepare the class lists and materials for the first day of class. We are in need of a Kindergarten catechist and classroom assistants. If you are interested in volunteering with our program, please call the Religious Ed. Office (313) 822-1248. We will gladly support and train you in this special ministry.
- A program calendar and classroom assignments will be mailed out to all registered families next week.
- Religious Education Beginning of the Year Family Liturgy is September 16th 8:30 a.m. followed by a Meet & Greet in the ARK.
- Classes begin for Grades K-8 September 23rd 9:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at Merit. The 9th grade Confirmation students have a retreat that day and begin classes September 30th 9:45a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Merit.

Kelly Woolums

Openings at St. Germaine School

Give your children the gift of a Catholic education. Classes begin Tuesday, September 4th. St. Germaine in St. Clair Shores has openings in preschool (ages 3 and 4) through Grade 7; it's not too late to register. Call them at (586) 771-0890, or visit www.stgermaine.org, or stop in to see their school, meet the staff and learn about their school program. St. Germaine's is located at 28250 Rockwood (Little Mack & Martin) in St. Clair Shores.



Deacon Kote-Witah

Journey of Hope

I am your new Deacon intern – Anthony Kote-Witah. I am a Capuchin and a member of the Ogoni Nationality in the southeast of Niger Delta region in Nigeria. As a human rights activist I joined my people to advocate against human rights abuses and environmental devastation caused by Shell Oil and the Nigerian government. And so, I was forced into exile as a refugee. That turned out to be my location of solitude. I spent several years journeying and ministering among sixteen Christian denominations in the camp in the Republic of Benin.

But now, through the grace of God, I am a U.S. Citizen. The journey led me first to discern my vocation through another religious community and finally as a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Order, Province of St. Joseph here in the Midwest. My distinctive story helped my journey of hope. Prayers, activities of solidarity with my Ogoni people, my present Capuchin community and so many others have truthfully strengthened me in my ministry.

With all this in mind, it is fitting to take a moment to offer my most earnest thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and my Blessed Mama Mary who invited me into the ministry of her Son. Join me in this prayer to Our Blessed Mother Mary:

Our most Holy Mother of solitude,
At the angelic salutation, you ponder all in your heart.
Your gaze reflects an extraordinary and tangible thread of perfect trust.
You hug the fervor of faith that interweaves love together.
Your interior empathy blasts and glows into heavenly flames.
On this same celestial pilgrimage journey,
we (I) likewise say yes to our heavenly invitation in deep appreciation.

My deep appreciation goes to my parents, siblings and family. My appreciation also goes to all who accompanied me along this journey of faith right from my Baptism. My appreciation also goes to my late uncle, Fr. Paul Oyor, Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Ogoni advocate and my Capuchin community, and all my supporters. Truly, all your love and prayers have helped me come this far through the sail board of faith, hope and love. Therefore I appreciated and trusted the journey because Jesus, my divine Guide is in control.

The focus of my appreciation is on the arising of the awesomeness of my Abba [God the Father]. How so? It is clear that everything would be possible with my Abba. I have confidence in God because my sail board is taking me on a godly tour to experience, embrace and obtain the potential dignity and favor of my mission. I am asking that my brothers and sisters of St. Ambrose Parish accompany me on my journey, and I thank you ahead of time for your caring support – as Christ's community is where my anchor holds.

And together we can share God's love and his kingdom of freedom across our boarders among God's people. This ministry of faith, love and hope by his divine grace and appreciation, will one day take us to a tender heavenly shore. My prayer for us is: May Jesus, be Jesus for (me) you! If Jesus is savior, healer, comforter, protector, provider, friend etc., let it be so for (me) you.

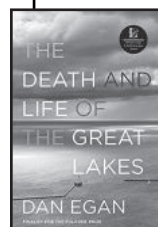
Br. Anthony Kote-Witah, OFM Cap.

Vincentian Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

This month, through your gifts and support, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Ambrose was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting 30 families, providing food, help with utility, rent and other bills and transportation. God bless you!

Marcellina's Book Club



The Great Lakes hold 20% of the world's surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work and recreation for millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading.

In *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*, author Dan Egan paints a portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes – blending the epic story of the lakes and the ways we can restore and preserve them.

We are in the process of connecting with the author to see if he can pay our book club a visit at a date to be announced. Pick up a copy of the book and get a head-start in reading this important work which was one of this year's twenty Notable Book Honorees by the State Library of Michigan.

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the
St. Ambrose Catholic Community
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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, August 27

St. Monica

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, August 28

St. Augustine, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Attilio & Zaira Maio

Wednesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 30

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Edmund Card. Szoka

Friday, August 31

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mary & Bernie Segner

Saturday, September 1

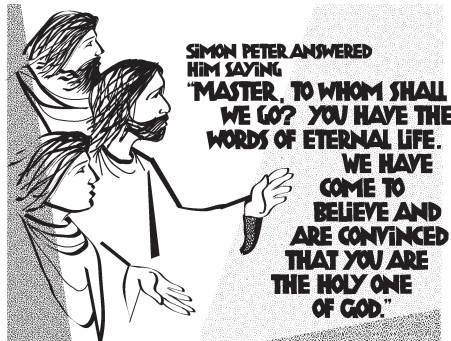
4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, September 2

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - For All People

11:15 a.m. - For All People



Scriptures for the 21st Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, August 27

- 2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12
- Ps 96: 1-5
- Mt 23: 13-22

Tuesday, August 28

- 2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17
- Ps 10-13
- Mt 23: 23-26

Wednesday, August 29

- 2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18
- Ps 128: 1-2, 4-5
- Mk 6: 17-29

Thursday, August 30

- 1 Cor 1: 1-9
- Ps 145: 2-7
- Mt 24: 42-51

Friday, August 31

- 1 Cor 1: 17-25
- Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11
- Mt 25: 1-13

Saturday, September 1

- 1 Cor 1: 26-31
- Ps 33: 12-13, 18-21
- Mt 25: 14-30

Sunday, September 2

- Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8
- Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27
- Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1st and September 2nd

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Saministrado Lector: Pat Ticknor

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Cox- & Adam Borkowski, Matthew Strong

Altar Servers: Daniel & Eleanor Bernas

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Saministrado Lector: Norman Cure

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Bob Jogan, Steve Linne, Joellyn Valgoi

Altar Servers: Nicholas, Margaret, & Meredith Kramer

11:15 a.m. - Celebrant: Fr. Saministrado Lector: Kurt Vatalaro

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Doris Fleming, Pat & Michael Mocer, Sue & Roger Playwin, Cristina Swiatkowski

Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Shea Vatalaro

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish

requires a *minimum* of..... \$10,100.00

On Sunday, August 19, 2018

in envelopes we received \$6,824.00

in the loose collection \$644.00

in electronic donations \$1,390.00

for a total of..... **\$8,858.00**

Under budget for the week..... **\$1,242.00**

Number of envelopes mailed 900

Number of envelopes used..... 136

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Darby O'Toole, Frank Gregory, Josephine DeCastris, Alex Billiu and Albina Checki.

While on Vacation

Our parish is equipped to make electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card on our website. Christian Financial Credit Union brings you 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. Go to stambrosechurch.net for more information on electronic giving.

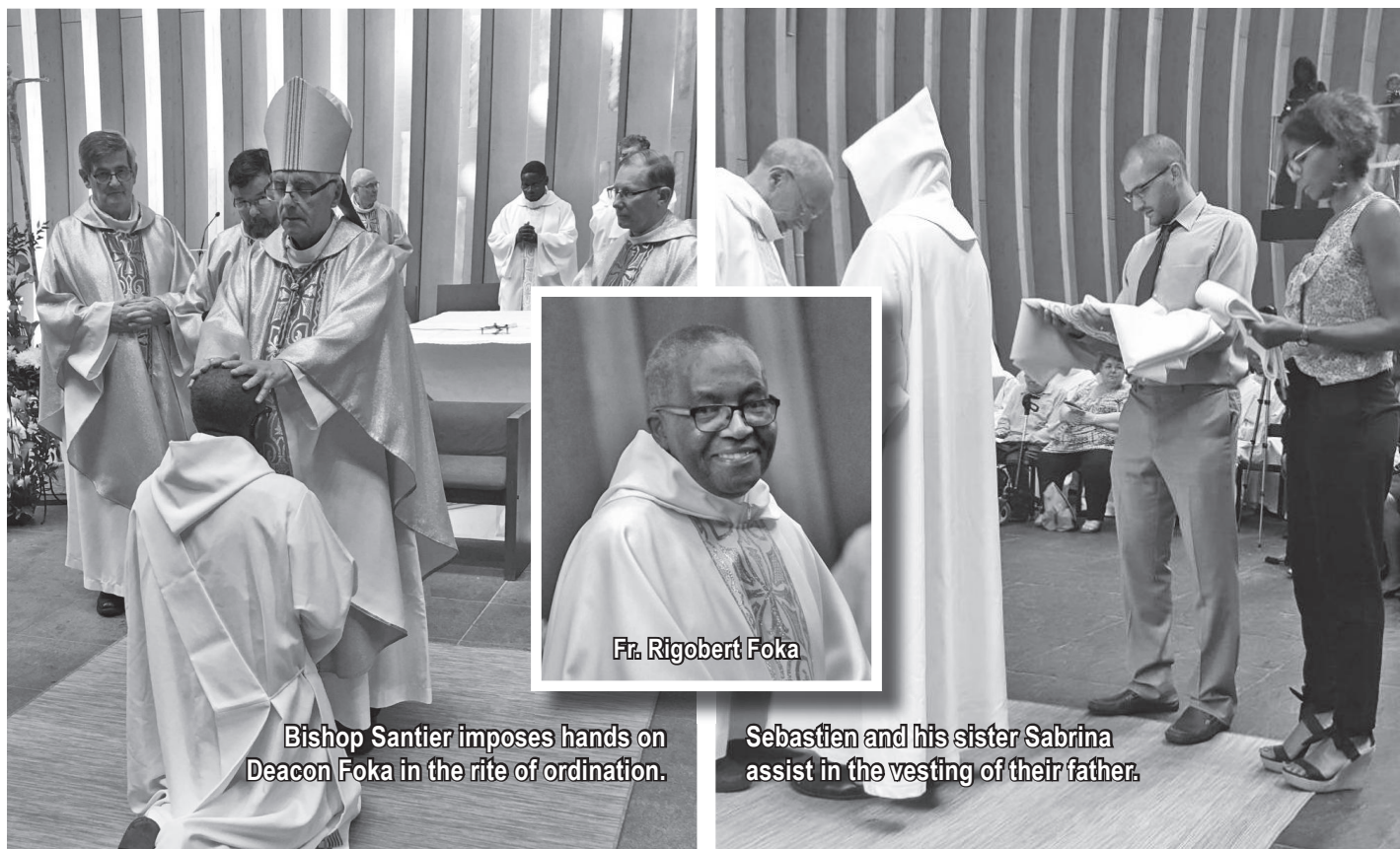
Marian Pilgrimage

On Saturday, September 8th, the feast day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you are welcome to join in a Prayer Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Orchard Lake & Hamtramck's Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. Highlights during the day include participation in a special Marian Feast Day Mass & Guided Tours.

Deluxe motorcoach scheduled departures from Oakland Mall in Troy, Levagood Park in Dearborn, as well as from Orchard 14 Lot in Farmington Hills. Cost per person is \$50; which includes a full course meal. To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or prayerpilgrimages.com.



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Bishop Santier imposes hands on Deacon Foka in the rite of ordination.

Sebastien and his sister Sabrina assist in the vesting of their father.

**The Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Rigobert Foka
in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Créteil, Créteil, France.
Bishop Michel Santier presiding. Sunday, June 24, 2018**

