



## Forming Future Fathers

Many years ago, I heard one of my young sons speak rudely to his mother, and something about his tone and attitude struck me as oddly familiar. It sounded a bit like a sharp, testy retort that might come from my lips after a stressful day at work. Even as I corrected my son for his behavior, I thought: “Did he get that from me?” If so, I resolved, I’d better start setting a better example.

The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree, the saying goes. When it comes to raising children, you are that tree, especially for your sons. For better or for worse, your example — as a man, as a husband, as a father — will influence what kind of man, husband and father your boys will become.

All fathers know this from experience. Almost unconsciously, we usually model our parenting style after our own parents. There are times I say or do something that makes me think, “Wow, I’m becoming my dad.” I’ve inherited his easy humor and sense of duty, but I’ve also taken on his occasional sarcasm and tendency toward workaholicism. Inevitably, the blueprint we create as fathers is formative for our sons.

Here are five ways that you, by your example, can help your sons to become good fathers.

**Be a father who loves their mother.** Good parenting begins with a good marriage. Show your children what a true Catholic gentleman is by how you treat your wife. Address her with love and respect, and defend her when she is treated disrespectfully by others, especially if the slights come from your children. If your sons learn to love and respect their mother, they will love and respect their own wives — and that will make them better fathers.

**Be a father who prays.** Real men pray, early and often. You are a spiritual leader of your family. Pray with your children while they are young, so that they know how to pray on their own as they mature. Along with regular Mass and confession, practice grace at meals, read Scripture daily and pray the family rosary. Your sons will bring these prayerful habits to their own families.

**Be a responsible father.** As a husband and father, be attentive to your many duties. Demonstrate for your sons a strong work ethic and practice integrity in all things. St. Joseph is your model here, a man who understood his sacred vocation as a provider and protector of his family.

**Be a father who is present to his family.** Providing for your family can take you away from them more than you would like. Always remember that your work should serve your family, not the other way around. Make time for your wife and children, even just to listen to them and “waste time” with them.

**Be a father who knows he’s not perfect.** The best role model you can present is that of a man who is struggling to become a saint. Your sons need to know that the habits and virtues you teach them are not easy to attain. You sometimes fall short, and so will they — which is why we turn to prayer and the sacraments for grace and strength. Be man enough to admit this and to apologize when you lose patience, speak uncharitably or slip into laziness or self-centeredness.

Today, when my married sons visit us with their families, I often marvel that they turned out so well, in spite of my own failings. But I also like to think their good character was formed at least in part by my efforts to practice virtue as a husband and father, and I take pride in the fathers they’ve become.

*From the June 2019 issue of [Columbia Magazine](#). By Gerald Korson, veteran Catholic journalist from Indiana, who has 11 children (including four sons) and 12 grandchildren.*

## CYO Summer Camp

Families who cannot afford expensive summer camps for their children should be looking at this great camp along the shores of a great lake. The Catholic Youth Organization for the Archdiocese of Detroit (cyocamps.org) offers a traditional summer camp opportunity for kids and families with an infusion of the Catholic faith along the shores of magnificent Lake Huron.

This summer's theme is 'Be His Light,' and through programs and events, campers will learn how to be a light in the world for Jesus Christ and how faith impacts their lives, their relationship with God, and each other. CYO camps are centered on character development and virtues, which are naturally supported by the atmosphere of camp.

The adult counselors and leaders are good role models who help teach the campers cooperation, communication and teamwork as part of the daily life at camp.

The CYO camps start June 30 and run through Aug. 3. Campers can attend mini-four-day, three-night programs, week-long programs or one of the specialty camps that runs for seven days and six nights. Camp is open to kids ages 7-16.

During the first four weeks, the CYO camps will have coed and boys-only programs. The remainder of the summer will be all-girls programming. The CYO camps are the only Catholic camps that offer all-girl programs.

The Catholic Youth Organization also aims to make the programs affordable for all campers. There are early registration, multi-session and multi-sibling discounts, as well as scholarships for campers.

The CYO Boys Camp is located in Carsonville, Michigan and just a few miles up the road North of Port Sanilac is the CYO Girls Camp. Both properties are on the beautiful sandy shores of Lake Huron.

For more information on the Catholic Youth Organization camps, including registration information, go to [cyocamps.org](http://cyocamps.org).

## Motor City Makeover

**There are big changes ahead for Detroit and the area immediately surrounding St. Ambrose Parish. Author and parishioner John Gallagher will be with us to bring us up to speed on three important development projects that will change the face of this part of town. This session will be held on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:45 until 11 a.m. in the ARK**

### Jefferson /Chalmers : A Strategic Neighborhood

A new development with a grocery store and affordable housing is expected to anchor a revamped Jefferson Avenue in east Detroit. The project is a part of the Strategic Neighborhood Fund, a city of Detroit initiative seeking to reinvigorate areas in the city outside downtown and Midtown with the help of philanthropic dollars. Jefferson-Chalmers is one of seven neighborhoods the city is targeting to attract investment. Plans presented to residents seek to attract investment to return East Jefferson to the walkable, thriving retail corridor it once was.

### The Transfiguration of Mack Avenue

On Mack between Connor and Cadieux, approximately 41 percent of the lots are vacant. While the majority of those vacant lots are between Connor and Alter, there are still many empty on the south side of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. The Eastside Community Network has stepped up to try to stymie disinvestment and redevelop the area. To further reinvest, ECN hired VENTRA Group and Hamilton Anderson Associates to develop a strategy to improve Mack Avenue from Connor to Cadieux.

### Keeping our foot on the Gas

Detroit will get a Jeep factory, the Motor City's first new auto assembly plant in a generation, as part of a \$4.5 billion manufacturing expansion in south-east Michigan by Fiat Chrysler that will mean nearly 6,500 new jobs. FCA said it would convert the Mack Avenue Engine factory to an assembly plant for the next-generation Jeep Grand Cherokee and a new, large Jeep SUV.

## A Breakdown of the CSA Budget

The Catholic Services Appeal funds more than 100 ministries, programs and services in the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. No CSA gifts have ever been – or ever will be – used to settle claims of any nature against the Archdiocese, or support projects outside of the Archdiocese. The only exceptions are six specific missionary collections overseen by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Specifics are found at [aod.org/csa](http://aod.org/csa).

The budget for the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is \$17,881,028. This is how last year's CSA was distributed:

- 37.58%, or \$6,619,127, went to Sacred Heart Seminary, parishes, schools and national collections.
- 13.25%, or \$2,725,315, went to Seminarian Education and Priestly Vocations
- 11.41%, or \$2,009,924, went to Catholic Schools, Evangelization, Youth and Minority Ministries.
- 7.27%, or \$1,280,464, went to Communications, Social and Digital Media
- 10.74%, or \$1,891,995, went to Stewardship and Development Programs
- 4.28%, or \$754,347, went to the Metropolitan Marriage Tribunal



# All Things Considered

Last week's CSA/MOT Opera Breakfast brought out the "heavy hitters." First of all, there were the "heavy hitters" from St. Ambrose who contributed so generously to this year's campaign. So far this year, 186 households have made a donation to the CSA with gifts that average \$584.

And then, there were the "heavy hitters" from the Michigan Opera Theatre. Now in its ninth year, our Opera Breakfast has become one of the premier community outreach programs of the MOT. Evidence of that was seen in the upper management personnel who came to the ARK last Sunday. There was **Wayne Brown**, the CEO of MOT; **Arthur White**, the Director of External Affairs; and **Richard Leech**, who runs the Resident Artist Program. Special visitors included **Karen DiChiera**, the wife of the late **David DiChiera** along with their daughter, **Lisa**.

We are doing very well with the 2019 CSA. But it needs to be mentioned that this is one of the best times to donate to the parish. With the quota for the Archdiocese met, every penny you give comes back to St. Ambrose at 100%. That is, exempt from the usual 7% tax on regular donations. The only other time this happens is with the Christmas collection.

It's definitely not too late to make a contribution to the CSA this year. If you are cashing out some securities and want to donate them, this is the best time.

Maybe you haven't given to the CSA before – why not make an easy entrance level donation of \$100, spread out over ten months? CSA cards are in the pews. Whatever you can manage would be a great boost to our parish as we struggle to catch up on some past assessments before July.



Just minutes into last Sunday's Tony Awards broadcast, a familiar face, **Celia Keenan-Bolger**, picked up the first award of the night. Then in her excited acceptance speech, Celia of St. Martin's Parish fame, paid tribute to the diversity of Detroit and the neighborhood in which she and her siblings, **Andrew** and **Maggie**, grew up.

She earned the Tony for her portrayal of **Scout Finch** in To Kill a Mockingbird, the staged version of **Harper Lee's** 1960 novel of the same name. It was a book that Celia remembers her mother reading to her when she was a child.

To Kill a Mockingbird follows the **Finch** family in Maycomb, Alabama, in the 1930s when Scout's father, a widowed lawyer named **Atticus**, defends a black man during a period of racism and discrimination. The book is narrated retrospectively through the eyes of Scout as she looks back on one summer when she was 8 years old and recalls the events that unfolded. It's not all that difficult to see how the Detroit of Celia's youth and the Maycomb of Harper's youth would resonate with each other.

*"I have loved the theatre since I was 5 years old growing up in Detroit, Michigan," Celia said in her acceptance speech which was seen by 5.5 million viewers. "I grew up in a neighborhood where my grandparents had a cross burned on their front lawn because they were being welcoming to black families who were integrating the neighborhood. They raised my mother and my siblings alongside those families, and when my mother met my father, instead of moving to the suburbs, they raised me, my brother, and my sister in that same neighborhood."*

She is referring, of course to her grandparents **Bill** and **Lee Keenan**, who were strong leaders and great examples in social justice issues both in Jefferson/Chalmers and nationally. Celia's parents are **Rory** (who is a member of St. Ambrose and one of our

cantors) and his late wife **Susan**. Celia has light-heartedly referred to them as "hippies" but as a classmate of Rory, we know that we might have been "counter-cultural" more than "hippies" in the crazier sense of that term. Rory and Susan were part of a generation for whom social and racial justice were not just theories, but incumbent tasks.

St. Martin's Parish under the leadership of visionary pastors like **Fr. Ed Scheuerman** were

practical experiments on how that could actually work and justice would trump inequality and prejudice.

*Mater et Magistra, Pacem in Terris* of Pope John XXIII, and *Gaudium et Spes* of the Second Vatican Council were blueprints as to

how this could happen. Unfortunately that vision has become clouded – waiting for another generation to re-discover its potential.

Artists often create works that intersect with political activism and social justice causes. Throughout history, art has been used as an accessible tool for communication, raising awareness about social issues and affecting positive change. Harper Lee's work is a classic example of that. So is Celia's award-winning performance: art that brings an unresolved issue into renewed focus and urgency.



We're hosting a dinner for about 100 low income adults at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in the Cass Corridor. It will take place on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a little later in the year than we usually engage in this effort. But honestly, hunger knows no particular time of year. There is a sign up sheet for those who want to help. If you and/or your family can give some time, you would be greatly rewarded by a group of grateful seniors. Serving food, cleaning up and just being there is the order of the day. Shared transportation will be offered. Call (313) 822-2814.

## Cruise for Life

There's nothing quite like a trip down the Detroit River in the summer. See the city in a way that you never would by car.

Join Pregnancy Aid, Inc. at their annual Cruise for Life from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy dinner, desserts, candy bar, beer, wine, soda and a wonderful two-hour cruise down the Detroit River on the Diamond Jack— a 65 foot former Arnold Line Mackinac Island ferry, now outfitted as a sightseeing vessel. Parking for the Diamond Jack is at Stroh's River Place Parking, 201 Joseph Campau, in Detroit.

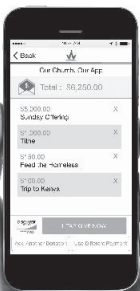
Food for the voyage is generously donated by the Jagged Fork and the Hudson Cafe. Entertainment will be by Tim O'Neil.

Tickets are \$60 each if purchased on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>. After June 10<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$70 each. To buy tickets call (313) 919-8124 or go to [pregnancy-aiddetroit.org](http://pregnancy-aiddetroit.org).

Pregnancy Aid helps any pregnant woman in need with free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, baby supplies, and emotional and educational support. Show your support by booking passage on Cruise For Life.

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## Buzz

I was impressed by the photo that led off Kelly's column in last week's BEE-HIVE of our young folks who helped share with an even younger generation this past year the Good News about Christ and His Body, the Church. This week I wanted to print a similar picture of the next generation (or two!) involved in another way of sharing the Word. The group below helped our lector, **Roger Playwin**, bring to life the first reading of last Sunday's 11:15 Pentecost Mass with a variety of "tongues".



From left to right, we were graced by **Xiao Yu [Shelly] Grech** (Mandarin Chinese), **George Bush** (Latin), **Gie Bush** (Tagalog), **Colette Gilewicz** (French), **Anna Johnson** (Italian), and **Greg Urbiel** (ancient Greek).

At the 8:30 Mass we had **Jaime Goodrich** (ancient Greek), **Rachel O'Byrne** (French), **Margaret Bussineau** (Spanish), **Shelly Grech** (Mandarin Chinese), and me (Latin) assisting our lector, **Norman Cure**.

And at 4:00 on Saturday, **Greg Urbiel** (ancient Greek), **Elizabeth Puleo-Tague** (Italian), and I (Latin) complemented the proclamation of chapter 2 from Acts of the Apostles led by **Cathy McPherson**, our lector.

It's a wonderful, once-a-year faith experience to hear and understand how the Holy Spirit undoes the confusion of the Old Testament Tower of Babel. It encourages us anew to tap into the power and unity of the Holy Spirit as we work for human solidarity, doing deeds of God's love for all in the battle against fear, prejudice, and hate wherever we encounter it.



Happy Father's Day! This past Monday we returned to the weekdays in Ordinary Time of the Church liturgical year: the 10<sup>th</sup> such week of the year, to be precise. There's nothing ordinary about a good father though. In these times, their extraordinary importance in the family and in society becomes clearer and clearer. So, sometime today and perhaps throughout the coming week, say a prayer or two of thanks for and blessings upon your dad – still with us or deceased – he's still important.



Last week's celebration of Pentecost, this week's Holy Trinity Sunday, and next week's solemnity of Corpus Christi are a concentrated focus for us on how we experience God . . . not theologizing, not defining . . . but experiencing! And, obviously, in different ways at different times! Father's Day is a time when Christian dads might examine and rededicate themselves to the variety of ways they reflect the fatherhood of God to their children. And children might examine and rededicate themselves to reflecting the varied relationship Jesus had with "Abba."

None of us is perfect at either role as parent or child. But being made in the image and likeness of God means things go better for us when we consistently strive to pattern our lives on the models God has shown us in the Trinity. So dads, try to love your children more like God does. Children, try to love your dads (and moms too!) more like Jesus does. Maybe the vision of human nature from Genesis would grow in our world if more parents and children really and deeply tried out this way of life.

Chuck Dropiewski





# KAYAK THE CANALS!

of St. Ambrose Parish  
A Summer Super Saturday event!

Not many parishes enjoy waterways like St. Ambrose. Join us for a guided 2-hour Kayak Canal tour this August!

Paddle out to the Detroit River, around Grayhaven Island, past the Fisher Mansion and by the waterfront residences of Jefferson Chalmers.

This tour is great for beginners and experienced kayakers alike.

The Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> or the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Launch is @ 12:00 pm  
\$45 per kayaker -

\$20.00 post excursion meal catered by award-winning Chef Reva Constantine of the Great Lakes Culinary Center.

4 p.m. Mass back at the parish

This private tour is professionally conducted by Detroit River Sports. Kayak and safety equipment provided.

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or 313-822-2814

2	0	CSA
1	9	Box Scores

Number of Families .....	900
Returns in 2018 .....	262
Returns to date .....	186
Average Gift ('18).....	\$463
Quota for the Archdiocese .....	\$85,267
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$52,000
Parish '19 Target.....	\$137,267
Received as of 6/3/2019.....	\$108,735

- The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Services Appeal is now underway. We experienced a strong opening with half of our quota already achieved!
- Remember that once our quota for the Archdiocese is met, all gifts to the CSA are exempt from the regular 7% Archdiocesan tax. It's a great time to help your parish. All overages go to paying our property and liability insurances.

## 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.

### Directory

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## Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

### Monday, June 17

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, June 18

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Susan Sutherland  
Ted Kotula

### Wednesday, June 19

8:30 a.m. - Morning prayer

### Thursday, June 20

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Bill Murphy

### Friday, June 21

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

### Saturday, June 22

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

### Sunday, June 23

#### *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

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

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

**LORD,  
BLESS ALL  
OUR FATHERS!**

## Scriptures for the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, June 17

- 2 Cor 6: 1-10
- Ps 98: 1-4
- Mt 5: 38-42

### Tuesday, June 18

- 2 Cor 8: 1-9
- Ps 146: 2, 5-9a
- Mt 5: 43-48

### Wednesday, June 19

- 2 Cor 9: 6-11
- Ps 112: 1b-4, 9
- Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, June 20

- 2 Cor 11: 1-11
- Ps 111: 1b-4, 7-8
- Mt 6: 7-15

### Friday, June 21

- 2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30
- Ps 34: 2-7
- Mt 6: 19-23

### Saturday, June 22

- 2 Cor 12: 1-10
- Ps 34: 8-13
- Mt 6: 24-34

### Sunday, June 23

- Gn 14: 18-20
- 1 Cor 11: 23-26
- Lk 9: 11b-17

## Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 p.m. - **Celebrant:** Bp. Gumbleton **Lector:** Cathy McPherson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Della Cimini, Matthew Strong

**Altar Servers:** Andrew, Joseph, & Bethany Strong

8:30 a.m. - **Sunday - Celebrant:** Fr. Bede **Lector:** Colleen Jogan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Joan Jackson,

Maggie Jackson, Steve Linne, Joellyn Valgoi

**Altar Servers:** Nicholas Kurta, Dailey Jogan

11:15 a.m. - **Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Leslie Leitch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Billiu, Michele Hodges, Joe Hugh,

Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden

**Altar Servers:** Malvina Lubanski, April Caballero

## Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish

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

### On Sunday, June 9, 2019

in envelopes we received ..... \$8,794.00

in the loose collection ..... \$872.00

in other donations..... \$1,390.00

for a total of..... **\$11,114.00**

Amazingly over budget for the week by ..... **\$1,014.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 900

Number of envelopes used..... 165

*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth..."  
(John 16:13)*

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

## Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Darby O'Toole, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Frank Gregory, Alex Billiu, Gladys Bogos, Wayne Wallrich, Lupe Davila and Fr. Phil Naessens.

## Our Dead

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Funeral Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of **Baron Ray Ferrell** who passed from this life on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the age of 48. Barron was the son of Grant and Stephenie Ruttinger. He is survived by his sister, Lydia Ferrell-Morin (Phil) and Norah Markijon (Mike) as well as his two nephews Zachary, and Grant, and his birth mother Harriett Ferrell.

A native of Detroit, Baron graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School and earned his BA in Fine Arts from Wayne State University. He served as the manager for Tresses Hair Salon for more than twenty years.

Baron was known for his infectious laugh, artistic talents, love of animals and an impressive Star Wars Leggo collection. He was family oriented which was exhibited in his organizing many gatherings, holidays and birthdays. He also leaves behind his dog Watson and two cats, Loki and Whisper. Honor his memory by showing kindness to God's creatures.

## Vincentian Reflection

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering.



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# CSA/MOT Opera Breakfast



Lisa and Karen DiChiera



Olivia Johnson, Harry Greenleaf and Angela Theis



Richard Leech



Paul Lavins and Wayne Brown