

St. Ambrose Parish

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
BEEHIVE

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. As we mark Labor Day this year, we are invited in a special way to reflect on the persistence of low wages and inequality in our workplaces.

In your own experience of work – in an office setting, serving others, as a student, or working in the home – how have you experienced work as a form of participation in God's creative action? How are persistent low wages a barrier to full participation in that creative action? What can you do to support workplaces built upon justice and dignity?

- In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that it is in our service to those among us who are poor and vulnerable that we will be made righteous (LK 14:12-14). Low wage jobs contribute to a high poverty rate in many of our communities. As we approach Labor Day, we reflect on our call to live and act in solidarity with many in our workforce who struggle to make ends meet.
- Catholic teaching tells us that not only are workers due a "just wage" with which they can provide for their families' needs; they also deserve opportunities for rest and dignity-affirming benefits such as quality health care and paid time off. In addition, work should be something that enhances one's human dignity (see Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church). This is a major focus in this year's Labor Day statement from the USCCB Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.
- The experience of many workers in low wage jobs tells us that we must give serious consideration to how we can address areas of inequality in our economic systems. We are called to prioritize the well-being of the human person over

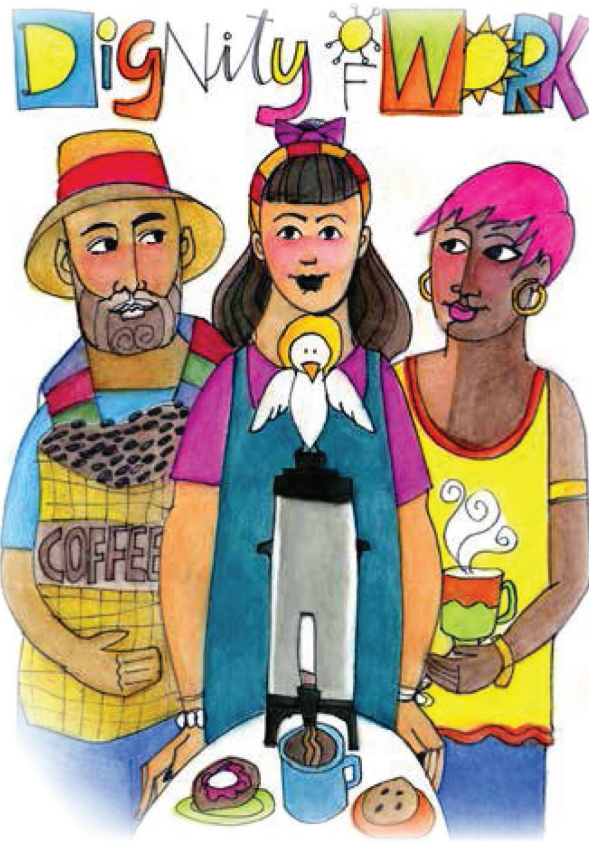


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the capital they produce (see St. John Paul II in *Laborem Exercens*, on "The Priority of Labor"). In our country today, corporate consolidation of wealth and power in monopoly organizations has led to lower wages for workers. Lower wages means many workers cannot sufficiently provide for their families or fully participate in the economy and society (see St. John Paul II in *Centessimus Annus*, no. 48).

- This year marks the 100th anniversary of the "Bishops' Program for Social Reconstruction," a document released in 1919 that provided several recommendations for rebuilding America's politics, society, and economic system. In this document our Bishops concluded that "the full possibilities of increased production will not be realized so long as the majority of workers remain mere wage earners." How can we empower workers whose dignity and rights are not fully recognized? One way to do this is by supporting those organizations and businesses that promote employee ownership. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds several cooperatives and other employee-owned projects that help low-wage workers to achieve fair wages, stable employment, job training opportunities, and better benefits.
- Catholic teaching holds that central to promoting the dignity of work and rights of workers is building solidarity with and among workers. The Church has long looked towards the important role played by labor unions in the effort to protect the needs and rights of workers in situations of inequality and injustice
- This Labor Day, reflect on the dignity of work and rights of workers by visiting usccb.org/jphd to read the annual Labor Day statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Excerpted from USCCB Labor Day materials, usccb.org/jphd

Mission Appeal

This weekend, we are hosting at all our Masses a missionary to speak about his work in bringing the message of Christ to the poor and marginalized people of God in the Minna Diocese of Nigeria.

Father Vincent Germace comes from that part of Nigeria, which saw the kidnapping of over 200 Catholic school girls by the Boko Haram terrorist group. The Diocese of Minna provides ministry to both Christians and Muslims through their schools which serve both populations.

Primary health care clinics and other social justice programs are also a part of the Minna's Diocesan ministries.

Organized by the Propagation of the Faith Office in the United States, this annual summer missionary appeal allows us to help a portion of the Catholic Church that otherwise would have been hidden from our eyes. It also provides a way that priests giving service in difficult assignments overseas can come to this country for a respite and a month to recharge.

The Minna Diocese depends on your generosity in spreading the faith and improving the lives of those it ministers to. Please pray and support the works of missionaries around the world.

Offertory Program

Over the next few weeks, we will be hearing about the upcoming Increased Offertory Program at St. Ambrose. This effort will allow us to better move forward with our community's mission and vision. As a family of faith, we have already changed so many lives in our community!

The Increased Offertory Program will make possible our ongoing work as a parish. We are planning a Commitment Weekend on September 21st and 22nd. I encourage all of you to spend time in prayer and discussion with your families, reflecting on all that we still hope to accomplish in our second century

All Things Considered

The financial support structures of St. Ambrose Parish have been challenging for a long time. In our aggressive effort to pay our building loan back to the Archdiocese (six million including interest) we delayed routine maintenance and deferred some assessments due to the Archdiocese. Couple these things with a decline in envelope revenue and you have a snapshot of where St. Ambrose Parish stands today.

OVERVIEW

For FY 18-19, total parish operating receipts amounted to \$1,308,010, an increase of \$49,153 or 3.9% over last year's receipts of \$1,258,857. This was found in increases in the Christmas collection, fund raising income (Oysterfest), stipends and rental revenue. On the other hand, parish operating expenses in FY 18-19 amounted to \$1,411,165, up by \$97,349 or 7.4% over the previous year which had expenses of \$1,313,816. The increase in operating expenses was due largely to increases in maintenance items that had been delayed in prior years, as well as to some administrative items and worship costs.

In addition, unforeseen and therefore unbudgeted capital expenses on equipment (the Church and rectory air conditioning repairs and the Ark dishwasher replacement) of \$49,234, put the parish in the hole by \$152,389 last fiscal year. This created cash flow issues for the parish. Accordingly, it was unable to pay its outstanding obligation of \$137,308 to the Archdiocese of Detroit arising from a 7% tax on net parish operating income in excess of the first \$25,000 (excluding Christmas collections, CSA and CLT, and minus fund raising and rental expenses) plus 15% share of rental revenue to the Archdiocesan School Office and billings for priest pension and medical insurance.

Parish envelope revenue has plateaued, but operating expenses continue to rise with inflation and the needs of the parish. As of June 30, 2019, the parish had \$105,877 in its savings account in the Archdiocese LDP, of which \$93,190 is restricted for a specific purpose such as ARK needs, thereby leaving just \$12,687 in unencumbered and available funds. These, plus \$9,739 in cash in its account with Christian Financial Credit Union, for a total of \$22,606, is inadequate to cover any operating losses for FY 19-20 plus the outstanding indebtedness to the Archdiocese.

With our CSA and Christmas overages, the Archdiocese of Detroit, increases our tax accordingly. Since paying off our building loan, the AoD now charges us 15% on the school rent rather than 7%.

OPERATING RECEIPTS

1. Offertory Collections

For FY 18-19, the parish received \$492,789 in offertory collections (envelope, loose, children, and holydays). That averaged \$9,477 weekly in offertory collections. The total offertory collections were under budget by \$76,211 or 13%, the equivalent of \$1,466 less weekly.

2. Christmas Collections

The 2018 Christmas collection came in at \$151,889 which was \$31,889 or 26.6% better than the budget of \$120,000. However, it was \$7,557 or 5% less than the \$159,446 received in the 2017 Christmas collection.

3. Fund Raising Income

Good news/Bad news. Gross fund raising income for FY 18-19 came in at

\$135,802, which was \$8,152 or 6% more than the \$127,650 raised the previous year. This came as an increase in CSA refund and miscellaneous fund raising revenues such as Lenten dinners and Oysterfest. However, after deducting for expenses, this year's net fund raising income of \$55,157 was actually \$3,326 or 5.7% less than the \$58,483 taken in during FY 17-18.

A by-fiscal-year comparative breakdown of the sources of gross fund raising income is shown below:

	<u>FY 2017-2018</u>	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>
• CSA Excess Quota	\$ 34,984	\$ 41,166
• Changing Lives Together Campaign	3,861	630
• Festival and raffles	<u>80,805</u>	<u>94,006</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$127,650</u>	<u>\$135,802</u>

4. Rental Income

Gross rental receipts for FY 18-19 were \$433,131, which was \$44,104 or 11.3% more than actual receipts of \$389,027 the prior year. The increase in FY 18-19 was due largely to rental revenue from National Heritage for June 2018 that was recorded in July 2018 rather than June 2018. Special events leasing of the ARK also contributed to this increase.

The parish continues to actively market its convent building to potential lessees or buyers, if any. Hopefully, the parish will be able to do so in the future to enable it to pay off its outstanding obligations to the Archdiocese as well as its vendors, and also to create a reserve fund for future needs and/or emergencies. In the meantime, the parish continues to insure and maintain the building and provide grounds keeping and snow removal at an annual cost of approximately \$30,000.

OPERATING EXPENSES

A comparison of actual expenses by major cost center versus the budget for FY 18-19 is shown below:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
ADMINISTRATION	373,288	334,025	39,263
WORSHIP	152,181	121,853	30,328
CHRISTIAN SERVICE	351	3,500	(3,149)
PLANT OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	513,716	339,721	173,995
OTHER			
EXPENSES	143,682	300,100	(156,418)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	70,381	92,644	(22,263)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>49,234</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>(30,766)</u>
TOTALS	<u>1,302,833</u>	<u>1,271,843</u>	<u>30,990</u>

Explanations of variances in operating expenses are as follows:

1. Administration – Actual costs were over budget by \$39,263 due to increases in staff salaries and benefits; increased publications and periodical costs; and parish sponsored Ark hospitality and socials (e.g. ordinations, confirmation, First Communion & Easter). However, in comparison to FY 17-18, administrative costs decreased by \$7,660 from the previous year.
2. Worship – This cost center came in over budget by \$30,328 or 25% due to an increase in payments for visiting/weekend clergy, and music (musicians) costs for weekends and holy days. This overage also reflects an increase in the cost of hymnbooks and song sheets. However, in comparison to the previous year, worship costs decreased by \$8,126 or 5%.

3. Christian Service – Thanks to our St. Vincent dePaul Conference, this cost center is under budget. The parish has not employed a Christian Service director since 2002.

4. Plant Operation and Maintenance – Actual cost was over budget by \$173,995 largely due to contracted services' costs for repairs and maintenance of buildings and mechanicals, snow removal, cement replacement as well as the higher cost of utilities. In comparison, plant expenses for the prior year were lower by \$30,911 or 6.4%.

5. Other Expenses – This represents payments made by the parish on the assessment imposed by the Archdiocese on the operating income of the parish. With the intent of paying off in full or most of what we owed, the parish budgeted \$120,000 for this purpose. However, due to its cash flow issues, the parish was able to pay only \$55,726, which left an unpaid balance of \$137,308.

6. Religious Education – Actual costs here are under budget by \$22,263 or 24% as a result of decreased spending on textbooks, instructional materials and mostly because a share in the cost of property insurance was not allocated to this unit. In comparison to FY 17-18, religious education costs decreased by \$7,891 or 10%.

7. Capital Expenditures – For FY 18-19, the parish needed about \$80,000 for repairs which included such items as church painting/plaster; rectory roof repairs; water damage from rectory office flooding, etc. Of that budgeted amount, the parish spent only \$49,234, not because repairs were completed, but because the parish did not have the funds to cover these building fixes. The previous year, the parish spent only \$13,503 for the same reason. These defrayed items will get passed on to this new budget year.



Name

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

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

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

First Friday Holy Hour

In honor of the first Friday in September, a holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on September 6th following the 8:30 morning mass. It will conclude at 10:00 a.m. This is an extension of the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To those who show him love and who make reparation for sins, our Lord made a great pledge through Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque: *"I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive Communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor; or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life."*

The purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person fulfills nine successive months of these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for him or her to be closer to God and better prepared for death.

Newman Connection

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions a student will make in his/her life. Some choose easily by going to the college that is closest to their home or perhaps an alma mater of their parents. Some find it more challenging and weigh all of the options.

Either way, The Catholic Newman Connection supports students throughout this process by connecting them to other Catholics at the campus ministry at their chosen college. It serves as their "parish" while away from their home parishes, uniting them in prayer, and helping them grow in their faith – thus creating a community of Catholic students nationwide.

Newman Centers are located at Catholic and non-Catholic universities throughout the world. They were named in honor of Cardinal John Henry Newman the 19th century's most important English-speaking Anglican/Roman Catholic theologian. If you or your son or daughter are in college now, go to newmanconnection.com. Get connected, unite in prayer, and grow in faith.



BEER BELLIES & WINOS

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 on to 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.

Faith Formation Station

"Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others." – Pope Francis

GRADE 5: ARINDA & RON MELE

The focus of fifth grade study is on God's gifts of life through the seven Sacraments. It includes study of the concepts necessary to understanding the sacraments and how they strengthen us in our faith and renew us as a community. The class also focused in on celebrating Saints each week and had in-depth study and practice on how to navigate our way through the Bible.

GRADE 6: LAURA BUSH-TERRY

My favorite class was the one just before Thanksgiving. November is a month full of thankful actions, words and thoughts that we went a step further to discuss in class "Gratitude". How we are grateful to God and his unconditional love for us, grateful for our family and friends who love and guide us, etc. We made "Grateful" banners and wrote what we are grateful for on each of the letters. We displayed them in our homes for the holiday, talked with our family about them and now have keepsakes to display on future holidays!

GRADE 6: JESSICA KODANKO

Grade six is the year to study the Old Testament. The students' exploration begins with the story of Abraham and Sarah and continues with the study of Exodus, the history of the kingdom of Israel, the prophets and the period before the coming of Jesus Christ.

GRADE 7: BRENDAN O'BYRNE

Our class has been continuing our walk of faith with Jesus. Part of our path has been reviewing our fundamentals: The 10 Commandments, Types of Miracles, Types of Sins, Beatitudes – their meaning and application in our lives, Prayers – the meaning of the different prayers, The Rosary – using this prayer as a meditation and understanding its significance, The Mass, and Holidays & Holy Days. Our class continues to enjoy one another and to be fascinated with the exploration of meaning of our faith – even to the crucifixion. They have shared that "learning this religious stuff is okay...and it can be kinda fun!"

GRADE 7: JOHN CLARK

The 7th grade class learns about the New Testament and the story of Jesus Christ. The subject matter spans the life of Jesus, his purpose and how we can choose His path. Beyond this year's material, I have two overarching and ongoing goals for my students. The first is for them to understand that they can have a personal relationship with God. The second is to develop a social support system amongst and within themselves. I regularly ask the students to recite for me the purpose of life so that I can rest assured they know: to be happy and to make others happy. My students are encouraged to get in the habit of speaking directly with God and to acknowledge his presence daily.

PROGRAM REMINDERS:

- September 1st is the deadline for registration. Late registrations will be processed as they are received; therefore, we cannot guarantee class assignments. Students cannot attend class without complete registration forms on file in the parish office. Walk-in registrations will not be taken on the first day of class. We cannot handle registrations over the phone. Parents have to sign AOD files, etc.
- September 15th 8:30 Opening Liturgy followed by meet & greet in the ARK.
- September 22nd 9:45-11:00 Class #1 at Merit Academy.

Kelly Woolums

2	0	CSA
1	9	Box Scores

Number of Families	900
Returns in 2018	262
Returns to date	215
Average Gift ('18).....	\$463
Quota for the Archdiocese	\$85,267
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$52,000
Parish '19 Target.....	\$137,267
Received as of 8/27/2019.....	\$122,200

- The 38th Annual Catholic Services Appeal is now wrapping up. Remember that now our quota for the Archdiocese is met, all gifts to the CSA are returned to the parish and 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

Pastor: Rev. Timothy R. Pelc

Pastoral Minister: Charles Dropiewski

Religious Education: Kelly Anne Woolums

Minister of Music: Dr. Norah Duncan IV

Office Manager: Peggy O'Connor

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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Religious Education: (313) 332-5633

Pastoral Ministry: (313) 332-5631

Ark Scheduling: (313) 822-2814

Parish Website: stambrosechurch.net

Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, September 2

Office closed - no services

Tuesday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Don Regel-

Wednesday, September 4

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Elizabeth Sossi

Friday, September 6

First Friday

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Victor Ptaszniak

Students, Teachers & Staff of Detroit

Cristo Rey High School

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Holy Hour

Saturday, September 7

1:30 - Wedding -

Ashley Melnik & Nick Batt

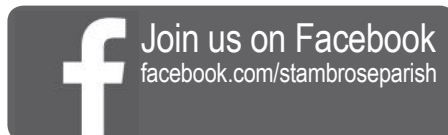
4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, September 8

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 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 2

- 1 Thes 4: 13-18
- Ps 96: 1, 3-5, 11-13
- Lk 4: 16-30

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

- Wis 9: 13-18b
- Phlm 9-10, 12-17
- Lk 14: 25-33

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7th and September 8th

4:00 p.m. - **Celebrant:** Bp. Gumbleton **Lector:** Bern Degnan

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy McPherson, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague, Mary Urbanski

Altar Servers: Julianna & Lucan Tague

8:30 a.m. - **Sunday - Celebrant:** Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Mark & Benjamin Corrion

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Cox-Borkowski, Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Bob Jogan, Steve Linne, Joellyn Valgoi

Altar Servers: Erica, Corey, & Carrigan McGraw

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Michele Hodges,

Pat & Michael Mocerri, Roger Playwin, Darryl Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden

Altar Server: Malvina Lubanski, Alyssa Flores

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of..... \$10,100.00

On Sunday, August 18, 2019

in envelopes we received \$5,606.00

in the loose collection \$641.00

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

for a total of..... **\$7,637.00**

Under budget for the week. **\$2,463.00**

Number of envelopes mailed 900

Number of envelopes used..... 122

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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, Dennis Steele, Jerry Hansen, Lou Rondini and Jackie Walkowski.

Our Dead

On August 21st, the funeral liturgy for **Andrew Maenza** (93) was celebrated here at St. Ambrose. His family were all Eastsiders. Having received help from the Capuchins during the depression, the Maenzas became life-long supporters of that ministry.

Andy served as a seaman on the USS Boxer and the USS Wolverine in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of WWII. He carried with him his love for boxing which was a skill that he honed at an early age through local boys' programs and the Church. Returning stateside, he worked for Twin Pines and Borden dairies.

Andy married his wife Genevieve in 1950 who died just two years later. He is survived by his daughters Phyllis and Carol; grandchildren Michael, Andrew and Danielle.

Raise Your Voice for the Voiceless

Are you concerned your elected officials are not addressing important issues like marriage, human life and dignity, economic justice, and religious liberty? As Catholics, we are called to promote the common good and make our voices heard. To do so, Michigan Catholic Conference offers an email system called the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), which allows you to receive updates on what's happening at our State Capitol and easily voice concerns to your lawmakers. Sign up today at www.micatholic.org/can/.



**1st Prize: Samsung 65" Class 4K
UHD QLED LCD TV**

**2st Prize: Samsung 55" Class 4K
UHD QLED LCD TV**

**3rd Prize: Samsung 43" Class HDR 4K
UHD QLED LCD TV**

Drawing at the Twenty-Ninth Annual
St. Ambrose OYSTERFEST
on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 8:30pm

Watch for tickets in the mail soon!

Grief Support Workshop

There are no stages to grief. We all experience loss in our own unique way. Healing is an intentional process, where we gather together as a community of faith to become disciples of hope. It is through prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship that we mourn. "Grieving with Great HOPE" is a weekend grief support workshop. All who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome. Presenters will include Fr. Jeff Scheeler, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Good Mourning Ministry is a resource to Catholic Parishes and to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Our vision is to be bearers of hope, to be a healing ministry by offering a transformative experience that is prayerful, practical and personal.

The next Grieving With Great Hope weekend is October 18th and October 19th at The Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield. The cost per person is \$20, which includes lunch. For registration information visit goodmourningministry.net.

Religious Ed Reminders

- Today is the deadline for registration.
- September 15th, 8:30 a.m.
Opening Liturgy followed by
meet & greet in the ARK.
- September 22nd 9:45-11:00 a.m.
Class #1 at Merit Academy.

To register for the 2019-20 program year, call Kelly Woolums at (313) 332-5633.

Catholic Night

Come join the Archdiocese for a relaxing night of faith, fun and fellowship at the ballpark! The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting a Catholic Night at Comerica Park and all are welcome.

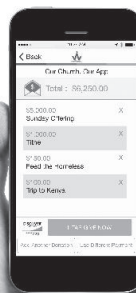
On Tuesday, September 10th, the Tigers will take on the Yankees at 6:45 p.m.

All parishes & parishioners in the Archdiocese and beyond are invited for a night of fun and fellowship.

Each ticket purchased includes a donation to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and also a limited-edition Detroit Tigers + Unleash the Gospel hat. Don't miss this great event, get your tickets today at utgdet.org/catholicnight

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