

St. Ambrose Parish

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BEEHIVE



Jefferson Chalmers Mainstreet Master Plan

After nearly a year of gathering insight and feedback from residents, “the real work begins” now that Jefferson East Inc. and East Jefferson Development Co.’s have revealed the Mainstreet Master Plan, which includes \$600 million in development projects over the next several years.

Since last year, Jefferson East Inc. and for-profit real estate developer East Jefferson Development Co. have engaged hundreds of residents in person and online to get feedback on the Mainstreet Master Plan, which encompasses 70 acres along Jefferson Avenue between Alter and Lenox, including the historic business district. “The development of the corridor is ultimately the community’s vision,” Scott said.

Several key things emerged during the community engagement process that helped inform the plan, including: improving retail, revitalizing the Vanity Ballroom, retaining longstanding businesses, bike lanes, pedestrian safety, infrastructure and utilities, green space, and corridor character and urban design. Here are the insights and takeaways from the reveal on July 30.

Community input and equity

Residents had the opportunity to help shape the vision and now they might have an opportunity to have a piece of the development pie through “Buy Back the Block” where instead of seeking outside investors first, equity will be offered to locals and community investors.

“...we want to give opportunities to the community to have direct ownership in development projects that happen in their community,” Scott said, adding that when outside investment comes into a community, the developers and investors benefit as money leaves the neighborhood but “does not get reinvested back in our neighborhood which leads to displacement of existing Detroiters,” he said.

Also part of next steps, community members can join focus groups spanning topics from public space to arts and culture to a youth group.

Develop new and improve longstanding retail

Restaurants such as Coriander Kitchen and Farm, Norma G’s, and Yellow Light Coffee & Donuts have set up shop in the neighborhood, and residents are hungry for more retail. Not only is there a demand for more food options such as a grocery store, coffee shops, and sit-down and fast-casual options, but also a book store, an arcade, bike shop, and high-quality resale or consignments shop. At the same time, residents said longstanding businesses such as the Riverfront Building Supply Hardware store should also be supported so they are not displaced.

Preserve Jefferson Chalmers’ historic character

There’s a strong desire to preserve the neighborhood’s unique charm and history, and to better leverage the community’s historic architecture and character to “make sure that

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when you come to Jefferson Chalmers it doesn't just feel like anywhere USA." Scott said. That entails preserving historical buildings such as the Vanity Ballroom, a community gem that residents want to see restored and reimaged. Development of the Vanity is a part of Phase 2 projects, which are set to begin this year and continue until 2021.

Many residents expressed the desire of a community and recreation center which could be housed in the vacant school connected to the Faith Church building was mentioned as a potential site.

Other ways to highlight the neighborhood's character include the use of gateway signage, wayfinding, and historic markers, as well as tapping the talents of local artists to showcase the community's creativity.

Importance of affordable housing

Housing is another key topic that emerged with "a priority to redevelopment sites that will emphasize things like tiny home developments, affordable housing and housing particularly for seniors," Scott said. With a growing senior population in the neighborhood, residents expressed the need to help seniors age in place by providing affordable housing and amenities and services to support that.

As part of Phase 2 development projects, 185 new housing units will come online. Under Phase 3, 309 new housing units will become available. Phase 4 will bring an estimated 578 new units. Finally, with Phase 5 will consist of new construction of residential and mixed use along the corridor, 466 new units are envisioned.

Bike lanes

Many advocated for more lanes, left-turn lanes and infrastructure improvements. On the other hand, residents expressed concern and called for better enforcement and education. For more information or to see the master plan, go to East Jefferson Development Co.'s website.

*Excerpted from an article by Dorothy Hernandez.
Visit modeldmedia.com for the full text.*

From our Archdiocese

Family of Parishes | Frequently Asked Questions

How will Families of Parishes groupings be chosen and when will groupings be announced? Our vicars, working with the priests, have been asked to create a preliminary list of parish families which will be presented to Archbishop Vigneron for his consideration. The primary criterion for consideration is that a family should be 3-6 parishes, and that all of the parishes within the family should share a border with at least one other family member. Vicars and priests are allowed to consider families which extend beyond current vicariate boundaries and can even consider families which extend beyond current regional boundaries.

What is the anticipated number of families of parishes? (groupings) The exact number of Families will largely be determined through the discernment phase over the next few months. Based on what we have seen in other dioceses, and extrapolating to fit the size of our Archdiocese, we would expect 60-80 Families of Parishes. [Currently there are 2?? parishes in our Archdiocese.]

Who will develop the models and structures for the Families of Parishes? (groupings) While the move to families of parishes has been deemed necessary and appropriate by Archbishop Vigneron, the specifics about how best to achieve this directive have not been decided. A proposal has been drafted based on an initial assessment of our own circumstances, combined with what has been learned from other dioceses who have made similar structural changes. A phase of discernment and planning will take place from Pentecost through Advent of 2020. From June 2020 through December 2020, we will prayerfully discern the model and structures for the Families of Parishes in the Archdiocese. Three teams comprised of priests and laity will work to further develop the Family of Parishes model for the Archdiocese of Detroit: **Governance and Leadership, Mission Direct, and Mission Support.**

The Governance and Leadership Team is charged with developing one model (or multiple models, if required) of governance for Families of Parishes. These models of governance will cover priests assigned to the Family of Parishes, parish pastoral councils, parish finance councils, leadership teams, and a parish finance officer. This team is also charged with providing suggestions for necessary revisions to the priest assignment process in support of revised roles and responsibilities for priests in Families of Parishes. This team is led by Father Tim Birney.

The Mission Direct Team is charged with developing one model (or multiple models if required) of administration in Families of Parishes for the functions that directly minister to the faithful, including but not limited to Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers, Music Ministers, and new parish staff positions to advance the mission. This team is led by Monsignor Chuck Kosanke.

The Mission Support Team is charged with developing one model (or multiple models if required) of administration in Families of Parishes for the functions that support parish ministry to the faithful, including but not limited to Human Resources, Information Technology, Parish Finances, and maintenance. This team is led by Father Ed Zaorski.

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All Things Considered

It very well may be that in the middle of chaos, observing familiar, predictable patterns gives us some sense of stability... and sanity. With the speed and intensity that stressors are coming upon us, there comes a point where we acquiesce that we will not be able to know everything and that we also can't control very much. So being able to find peace in that, being able to accept that is a reality, let's move on and do what needs to be done.

One of our first duties is to continue being 'Church'. That includes the practice of our faith life and giving unselfish service to the world. We should brush up on our Catholic Social Gospel issues in light of current events. Start with a visit to the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website: usccb.org. Apt reading for the moment is the bishop's document, "Faithful Citizenship" and their 2018 document entitled "Open Wide Your Hearts."

Being 'Church' means practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. (Google 'em.) In the end, it is against these we will be judged – individually and as a community.

With this in mind, our parish continues to provide a Sabbath Sup-

per for our first responders and for the guests at the local homeless shelter on Kerchival. Covid restrictions in our kitchen makes volunteers for this effort problematic, but we have received many donations toward this outreach – including some really fine food staples that have made their way into some tasty meals. I'm sure that some personal sanitary kits and fresh, new socks, shirts and *gotchies* would likewise be appreciated at the shelter.

We are being asked to step-up our support for the St. Vincent dePaul Society here in the parish. Many social safety networks have collapsed in the past few weeks which puts many of our neighbors in real danger. Our SVdP society is here to help. If you can't join them on the front line, then support them with a nice check which will be converted into food vouchers, or rent/utility/medical payments where needed.

And being 'Church' means that you continue to attend to your prayer-life. We've got two First Communion we're celebrating this weekend – that of **Hudson Lauver-Swan-son** and **Lucy Nyenhuis**. How long has it been since you've received Holy Communion? If you are in good health and have resumed a number of your other activities, it's time to put mass attendance on your to-do list. You are missed!

Baptisms, weddings and funerals are now being celebrated here with

frequency, albeit under strict health regulations. Health screening, masks and social distancing don't seem so odd as they were a few months ago.

We've talked about the home being the 'First Church'. Now we must put that idea into practice. With classroom Religious Education Programs on hold, it's imperative that moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas engage in old-fashioned faith sharing and new-fashioned lessons on line.

Hospitals are opening up to visits from outside clergy. Both the Beaumont and Ford Systems have relaxed guidelines. I never stopped making pastoral visits to the sick and dying. But as 'Church' how can you be present to the sick and the suffering?

Being 'Church' also brings with it gladness and joy. A large measure of that comes from community. That's why we're making every effort for Ambrosians to stay together when we are apart. Does that make sense?

For example, Kayaking the Canals of St. Ambrose has been a sell-out success. What a great way to pretend things are "normal" then by silently taking in our marvelous waterfront!

Nothing quite says 'Catholic Church' like a little gambling. Proof is that I'll bet that the facsimile of the currency at the bottom of this page caught your eye. This year's Oysterfest Raffle Prizes of ten, one thousand dollar priz-

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All Things Considered

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es is better than Bingo or a Feather Party. If you need stimulus money, what a blessing this could be. If you don't - donate it to the St. Vincent dePaul Society. Raffle tickets were mailed from our office last week and if you are a registered parishioner, you should see them in your mail box soon. (Although I am still waiting by my mail box for my absentee primary ballot!) Buy or sell what you can to help our solvency.

We were able to offer such generous premiums thanks to an early gift from **Bill Sumner** and the Health Care Management Systems of America. Bill's been a faithful benefactor of the Oysterfest over the years. If you have been a past sponsor of Oysterfest, you're invited back. This includes our major corporate patrons as well as those who show their individual support as a "beer belly" or "wino". We'll be rolling out that package soon.

Because of Covid restrictions and a corresponding crisis in the restaurant industry, we have re-imagined the Oysterfest as a *virtual* event.

With **Mark Reith** at Atwater we're planning an outdoor music party which will be live-streamed. Oysters and a limited food and drink menu will be available for carry-out only. We're taking our cue from a number of other non-profits that have done virtual events.

We'll be putting together an on-line menu from which you can make your selections to take home where you can tune us in and experience the great music of **Bob Mervak** and watch the drawing of our Oysterfest Raffle, live.

Be ready to support the fest, and offer your services if you can. Right now, the thing that we need the most is someone who is proficient at Zoom meeting for large groups of people and others who can work the cameras and coordinate with our Facebook manager for broadcast.

We may need Oysterfest more than ever because it symbolizes Ambrosians doing what we do best – being together for others.

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Faith Formation Station

“God of boundless love, your care for us comes through the hands of others. Today we pray for all who do the hands-on work of love: those whose daily labor is in the home, those who care for young and old, those who tend bodies, minds, and hearts in need.

We pray in a special way for all who give care but do not receive pay, those whose work continues around the clock, those whose labor can be dirty and demanding. May they feel your presence as they take up their daily tasks.

May they be supported by this community and our common call: to love our neighbor, to care for the least among us, and to do unto others as Christ did for us. In the name of your Son, who washed feet to show love, we pray. Amen.”

-Laura Kelly Fanucci

This last week as I found myself in that frenzied and conflicted mode of mournfully counting down the last days of summer all the while anticipating and worrying about the upcoming school year, I gratefully welcomed an email in my inbox from one of the few bloggers to whom I subscribe. I look forward to Laura Kelly Fanucci's newsletters. She is a Catholic mother and writer whom I quote often and who you may have come across for her poem "When This Is Over" that went viral back in April.

I quickly read the email and then shelved it to reread later – something I often do while waiting for my kids to transition from one activity to another or during a quiet moment I steal away in the car before getting out to unload the groceries into the house. When I finally circled back to the email it spoke to me; it centered me as I set painstakingly about the labors of my week. Fanucci in her email explains that in her new newsletter *Holy Labor* she will continue to write about family, work, vocation, and prayer but will also highlight the creative work of others in an effort to celebrate "the worthy work that fills our days but too often goes unnoticed."

The worthy work that fills our days too often goes unnoticed. I imagine so many of us parents and caregivers are grappling with that thought right now. The last six months have been exhausting. Feeling recognition for and seeing the fruit of our efforts is at times seemingly nonexistent. And now, trying to begin the process of planning for a soon-to-be fall schedule of balancing work, school, physical and emotional wellness, Covid socialization, and religious education is scary. At least I can say it is for me.

So much has been said and debated during the pandemic about "essential workers." While we may not all be on the frontlines, there is value in the work that we all do. Parents, grocery store clerks, doctors, nurses, police officers, teachers, retirees, lecturers, priests, volunteers, and children – we all need to name and claim our labor as holy. Acknowledging that so much of our work can be undervalued and underappreciated, Fanucci asks us to dig deeper to see the worth of our work at home, in the workplace, with family, and in the community. She challenges us to see that God is everywhere and always – and that includes our work. If we aim to serve others with love our work is worthy even when others don't see or agree. We must name and claim our labor as holy.

I decided to Fanucci's notion of holy labor to heart. In my home I will continue to try each day to lead with more love, patience, and humor. At work I will try to not let the apathy that often surrounds religious education get the better of me. Faith formation is work that is so often overlooked and undervalued. The reality is that so many parents inconsistently drop off their children on Sundays and some students barely attend fifty percent of classes offered. The reality is that many families only go to church only on Christmas and Easter. The reality is that each year there are quite a few students who register only during sacramental years.

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Faith Formation Station, continued

The reality is that in a program that cannot exist without its volunteer catechists, parents are too busy or can't be bothered to even attend a meeting to hear about volunteer opportunities in their child's classroom. Running a religious education program often feels like working a fast food drive through window. Yet, I labor on. I remind myself of the countless loving and caring families who show up every week with smiles on their faces, of the students who bravely share their questions of faith with classmates, of the parishioners without children in the program who generously support our work, and of the amazing Spirit-filled group of catechists that St. Ambrose is blessed with that humbly labor with limitless faith and unconditional love. So as I approach the task of putting together this calendar year, I will name and claim the work of our program as holy labor.

GENERAL PROGRAM NOTES:

Fr. Tim and I have decided to move forward with an online faith formation format for the 2020-2021 religious education year. That decision can and will be revisited with your input and that of our catechists over the next few months. The uncertainty of what lays ahead, the GPPSS decision to begin school online, and the fact that we use the Merit Academy building for our Sunday classes were all a part of our decision to go electronic at this time.

Additionally, I have attended many webinars and SERF vicariate meetings throughout the summer reviewing different program options and collaborating with our neighboring parishes, most of which are moving to online formats. This was not an easy decision. We know that the family spirit and the intimate faith sharing that goes on in our classrooms on Sundays at St. Ambrose can never be replaced with an online program; however, we feel that this is the most prudent pathway at this time.

A letter with specific details and registration information will be mailed out to all families next week. In the meantime, feel free to email me if you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for specific resources to help your family nurture your faith.

CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:

Students can use the summer months to complete the information in their Confirmation Packet: Saint's name report, sponsor biography, service reflection sheets, interview questions, Holy Spirit prayer, etc. Do not let the summer go by without working on this packet as I'm sure 9th graders will be very busy in the fall. A reminder letter went home to all families. Extra packets can be picked up at the office.

Kelly Woolums

Vincentian Reflection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit (SVdP) feeds families, provides beds, warm clothes, energy assistance and other urgent needs through our outreach programs. The grace period on evictions and non-payment of utilities has expired. And now that the current Federal unemployment benefit has ended, and the possibility of further aid is uncertain, the assistance of our SVdP Conference will be desperately needed by many area families. For some, this will be the first time they request help.

We have all been witness to the physical and economic damage this pandemic has caused to our community. If you have not been financially impacted during the shut-down please consider making a gift to our SVdP—St. Ambrose Conference in order to help those who were. You may make a gift by mailing a check to our parish office or if it is easier, make a donation online at stambrosechurch.net. Click on the St. Vincent DePaul donation box. If you or know of someone who requires assistance from SVdP please call the rectory at 313-822-2814.

The Beehive

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –
Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 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.

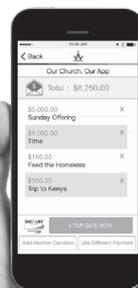
Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

August 17

Weekday 20th week in Ordinary Time

August 18

Weekday 20th week in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. - Funeral - Laura Mercan

August 19

St. John Eudes, priest

August 20

St. Bernard, abbot & doctor

August 21

St. Pius X, pope

August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Maryi

4:00 p.m. Mass – 21st Sunday in Ord. Time

August 23

10:00 a.m. Mass – 20th Sunday in Ord. Time

•Web broadcast of Mass from St. Ambrose will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be accessible throughout the day.

Spending Spotlight

Maintaining facilities that are safe for public gatherings is a priority. This includes not only our Church but the ARK where a fire suppression system is mandatory. For the ARK, we are billed by one company for inspection and repairs to the complete system (\$354.56 per visit) and by another for servicing the alarm panel (\$398). That adds up to a semi-regular cost that is, well, alarming.

Scriptures for the 20th Week in Ordinary Time

August 17

Ez 24: 15-24

(Ps) Dt 32: 18-21

Mt 19: 16-22

August 18

Ez 28: 1-10

(Ps) Dt 32: 26-28, 30, 35c-36b

Mt 19: 23-30

August 19

Ez 34: 1-11

Ps 23: 1-6

Mt 20: 1-16

August 20

Ez 36: 23-28

Ps 51: 12-15, 18-19

Mt 22: 1-14

August 21

Ez 37: 1-14

Ps 107: 2-9

Mt 22: 34-40

August 22

Ez 43: 1-7ab

Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14

Mt 23: 1-12

August 23

Is 22: 19-23

Ps 138: 1-3, 6, 8

Rom 11: 33-36

Mt 16: 13-20

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The ban on public masses is slowly being lifted. We will continue to tape the 4:00 masses for broadcast the next day. We have opened that mass to a congregation of 25% of the building's capacity – roughly 150 persons.

Face masks and social distancing is required.

For the foreseeable future, there will be one Mass here on Sundays at St. Ambrose which will be offered at 10:00 in the morning. Again, we can only allow 25% of the building's seating capacity – 150 persons – and face masks and social distancing is required.

View Saturday's mass at facebook.com/stambroseparish or [stambroseliveon youtube.stambrosechurch.net](https://stambroseliveon.youtube.com) starting at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, August 9, 2020

in envelopes we received..... \$6,191.00

in the loose collection \$1,905.00

in electronic donations \$4,901.00

for a total of..... \$12,997.00

Over budget for the week.....\$2,897.00

Number of envelopes mailed 782

Number of envelopes used 40



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 Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Frank Gregory, Alex Billiu, Wayne Wallrich, Jerry Hansen, Jackie Walkowski, Kristen Kingzett, Denise DiBiancha, Valerie Dryden, Maria Simcina, Albina Checki, Brian Tague, Sharif Hannan, Shirley Whelan, Ann Purvis the Felician Sisters under quarantine and those suffering and hospitalized worldwide with COVID-19.

Our Dead

The family and friends of **Daniel Peter Cucco** (66) gathered here at St. Ambrose on August 14th for his funeral mass. Dan passed away peacefully four days earlier in his Grosse Pointe home, following a battle with glioblastoma.

Daniel was the son of James (Giacomo) and Marion Cook (nee Fink) in Detroit. He was a 1972 graduate of Fraser High School. He married Julie Dungan in 1980. Dan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering from Oakland University. He worked for EDS/HP for over 25 years and most recently worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Dan was a faithful member of St. Ambrose who unconditionally loved his family and friends. Dan was a man of all trades, he was able to fix anything and was more than willing to help anyone. He had an understated and witty humor, that those close to him loved and valued. He loved working outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Julie and by his three daughters, Elizabeth Perrotta, Lauren Hancock III, and Courtney Hoffman Jr. He was a beloved Papa to Rosa, Robert, Giuseppe, John, Austin, Luca and Luciana. He also is survived by his brothers, Thomas Cook, Richard Cook, James Cook and John Cook. Loving son in law of Dennis and Nancy Dungan. Pray for the peaceful repose of his soul.

Family of Parish - Questions

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Will each parish retain its canonical status? What happens to the rights of the current pastors under canon law?

The Archbishop will respect canon law throughout this process. In some dioceses, depending on the model chosen, some pastors voluntarily resign their office, but those priests viewed this as a positive move to help them be more involved in mission and less burdened by administrative duties. In other dioceses, pastors who were close to taking senior status have continued on as parochial vicars.

Does this mean my parish may close, merge, or cluster? Or that a worship site may close?

A Family of Parishes is not the same as a cluster or merged parish. Rather, it is a group of individual parishes led by an intentionally-formed team to address and focus on mission. In our current model for merged or clustered parishes, one or two priests are responsible for multiple communities and sites. Experience in our diocese and other dioceses has shown that this model is very hard on the priests and ultimately leaves the parishioners feeling as if they do not have the support that they want and need from clergy. The Families of Parishes structure, on the other hand, includes multiple priests and deacons, with the support of lay pastoral ministers and staff, serving a Family of Parishes under one leadership structure. This allows for greater collaboration and alignment to mission, better care of the faithful, and maximizing the use of our resources. As each Family discerns how to best align resources, they may decide to retain their separate identities and worship spaces. Others, after a careful and honest review of existing resources, may opt to close worship spaces or merge with partnering parishes. These decisions will be left to the discernment of that Family, with assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit, guided by a complete focus on mission and the best interest of the entire community.

*Access the complete question/answer list at:
<https://aod.app.box.com/4n8jo4uc6j1ileb6yrfjuac9cth0ni72/file/693945113167>*



Journey with Jesus!

Your digital passport for a Family Summer Adventure in Faith

Created by religious education directors of our SERF vicariate (including our very own Kelly Woolums), this special Vacation Bible School is your passport for a summer **Journey with Jesus!** This family adventure in faith will carry you through the Sunday readings through August 30th.

We'll travel through God's Word with the help of songs, video lessons, activities and prayers. You'll discover some of the amazing things Jesus wants us all to know about his love for us.

You're welcome to go on this adventure in whatever way works for your family. To get the most out of the program, do the activities during the week, before the upcoming Sunday. So when you hear God's Word at mass, you'll understand even more about what Jesus wants you to know.

You can download the program from stambroseparish.net or email stambrose@comcast.net to have the passport emailed to you. Take this summer to enjoy your journey and some special time with Jesus!



Matt 15:21-28 — Faith and Healing

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith and your nourishment through the Eucharist. I love you and I know you love me. Help me be a bold disciple and always trust in you. Amen

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