

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

The vast majority of the nation's Catholic bishops say the novel coronavirus pandemic has upended the life of their local Churches, especially financially.

Nearly all (95%) of the bishops who responded to a recent survey from Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) said their dioceses had directly helped parishes apply for federal or state financial assistance programs.

"The Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Administration (PPP SBA) 'forgivable' loans have been quite helpful thus far," one unnamed bishop wrote in the CARA survey, referring to the federal Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program to help employers keep workers on payrolls during the pandemic.

The Associated Press reported Friday that Catholic entities were given at least \$1.4 billion in taxpayer-backed coronavirus aid. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops told the AP that the loans were "an essential lifeline to help faith-based organizations" during the pandemic, which shut down most of the nation's economy.

The Associated Press said Catholic institutions reported retaining at least 407,900 jobs with PPP money. For months, individual pastors and bishops have spoken publicly about the financial hardships that the pandemic posed to local parishes, schools, vital diocesan ministries and Catholic Charities agencies that serve the most vulnerable in their communities.

"How long will it take to recover financially? We may not be able to do so," wrote one bishop to the CARA survey, which was distributed to Catholic dioceses and eparchies during the spring and summer.

"There was nothing really surprising here, but I think it was good to put some numbers to some of these things. That



seems like something we needed," said Jonathan L. Wiggins, CARA's director of parish surveys, who analyzed the poll's findings.

Wiggins told Our Sunday Visitor said the survey is "very much a work in flux" because the 116 bishops who responded did so as the coronavirus was impacting various regions of the country in different ways throughout the spring and summer.

"We need to do a further survey later on to see what some of (the bishops) who said they were considering certain steps actually ended up doing," Wiggins said. "It will be curious to see how long the financial hit lasts and whether it will have an impact on what they do in the long run."

The unnamed bishop who mentioned the PPP loan also wrote in the CARA survey that his diocese was planning for a 30% reduction in parish assessments because the absence of public Masses for several weeks resulted in a steep dropoff in collections. The bishop further worried about the enrollment and financial viability of local Catholic schools since many parents had lost their jobs and, therefore, their ability to pay their children's tuition.

"We might have to let employees go. Won't be able to carry out the vision of the New Evangelization and catechesis as planned including faith formation programs," wrote another bishop, who was not identified in the CARA report.

Around 87% of bishops said they had taken steps to help parishioners consider online giving while they were unable to attend public Masses. But even with increased online giving, several bishops and pastors have said it does not make up for the collection plate's absence. A previous CARA survey found that 48 percent of identified Catholics said they preferred to give in person.

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“It will be difficult to recoup that and what has been lost in the past two months. We are just coming out of bankruptcy,” another bishop wrote in the CARA survey.

The financial impact from COVID-19 has prompted 15% of bishops to eliminate one or more diocesan programs, according to the CARA survey. Almost a quarter of the responding bishops (23 bishops) said they were considering closing one or more parishes.

Noting studies that indicate Americans often first seek help from their churches when in distress, Wiggins said it was “very important that parishes be functioning to the extent they can, because there is so much need moving forward” amid the pandemic.

“The rate of suicides is going up, and there are all kinds of stresses going up right now,” Wiggins said. “It’s very important that the place where people are most likely to turn can be there and able to respond in some way.”

One-fifth of the responding bishops said they have closed one or more Catholic elementary schools, while 14% said they have taken steps to close one or more Catholic high schools. About 17% said they had furloughed or laid off diocesan staff.

The majority of bishops said they had waived diocesan assessments for their cash-strapped parishes, while others told CARA they were waiting to see their financial figures from the current fiscal year’s fourth quarter before taking action.

Besides money, the CARA survey indicates that pandemic has impacted the morale of the bishops, clergy, lay ministers and chancery staff members. The shutdowns not only resulted in a dropoff in collections and cuts to ministries, but made further demands on bishops and diocesan officials who helped Catholic schools provide distance learning and parishes to host online Masses.

The shutdowns not only prevented most of the lay faithful from attending Mass for several weeks, but they also affected the Church’s sacramental life.

The CARA survey underscored that the pandemic — because of social distancing requirements and public health protocols — impacted the Church’s ability to celebrate first Communions, confirmations, weddings, baptisms and funeral Masses. The vast majority of sacramental preparation and RCIA programs were also “very affected,” according to the CARA survey.

Wiggins said that CARA is conducting a similar survey for parishes to learn more about the pandemic’s local impact to Catholic life. Wiggins said he expects that survey to be released in the near future.

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All Things Considered

Labor Day weekend is the traditional time for my report to you concerning the finances of the parish. Instead of a calendar year, we operate on a fiscal year — so this reflects the period of time between July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020.

For the first half of that, things were humming along — accented with one of the best Christmas collections we’ve ever had. Then, half way through the Fiscal Year, the Pandemic hit and we experienced the unthinkable — the shut down of all public worship services worldwide! How strange it was to have a Lent, Holy Week and Easter in quarantine. While we still don’t know what shape the parish will take in a post-Covid world, we nevertheless managed to keep St. Ambrose financially intact. Here is how that happened.

For FY 19-20, the total parish operating receipts amounted to \$1,533,281, an increase of \$225,271 or 17% over FY 18-19. This was primarily due to increases in offertory collections, the Christmas collection, and rental income.

At the same time, due in measure to shutting down the parish, operating expenses in FY 19-20 went down by \$240,696 or 17% over FY 18-19. As a result of the *increase* in operating receipts and *decrease* in operating expenses, the parish ended FY 19-20 with an operating profit of \$362,812 up 452% from an operating loss of \$103,155 in FY 18-19.

As of June 30, 2020, the parish had total cash assets (checking accounts and Loan-Deposit Program savings accounts with Archdiocese minus payables of \$96,628 which are the Federal Payroll Protection Program funds) of \$453,978. This is up by \$358,686 from June 30, 2019. The results of financial operations and cash data shows that *for the present*, the parish is financially healthy despite the effects of the Covid pandemic.

OPERATING RECEIPTS

1. Offertory Collections — For FY 19-20, the parish received \$573,922 in offertory collections (envelope, loose, children, and holydays) or \$11,036 per week, an increase of \$1,560 or 16% over the weekly collection of \$9,476 in FY 18-19. Actual offertory collections for FY19-20 also exceeded budget by \$79,422 or 16%. The envelope enrichment campaign that the parish engaged in last fall has substantially increased contributions — particularly electronic contributions.

2. Christmas Collections — Parishioners have learned to love the end of the year bonus afforded us by the Archbishop which exempts the Christmas collection from the regular 7% tax. We’ve seen some very nice end-of-the-year collections, but nothing that comes close to the Christmas present Am-

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brosians gave their parish last year. We budgeted \$150,000 for Christmas 2019. The actual Christmas collections came in at \$281,682, which was \$131,682 or 88% better than budget. It also exceeded 2018 Christmas collections by \$129,793 or 46%.

3. Fund Raising Income — Gross fund raising income for FY 19-20 came in at \$116,887, which was \$18,915 or 14% less than the \$135,802 raised in FY 18-19. This reflects a decrease in CSA refunds and decreases in festival and raffles revenue. A by-fiscal year comparative breakdown of the sources of fund raising income is shown below:

	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>
• CSA Excess Quota.....	\$ 41,166	\$ 33,369
• Changing Lives		
Together Campaign.....	630	588
• Festivals and raffles.....	94,006	82,930
TOTAL	<u>\$135,802</u>	<u>\$116,887</u>

4. Rental Income — Gross rental receipts for FY 19-20 was \$457,323 or \$24,192 or 5.58% more than FY 18-19 actual receipts of \$433,131. The bulk of the parish's rental revenue is derived from National Heritage for their use of the parish-owned school building. The Archdiocese of Detroit applies a 15% tax on such revenue.

At this time, any impact on school rent revenue from the Covid pandemic is unknown. The parish is currently renegotiating its long-term lease with National Heritage for the school building. Without this revenue stream, the operation of St. Ambrose Parish as we know it would be greatly diminished.

OPERATING EXPENSES

A comparison of actual expenses by major cost center versus the budget for FY 19-20 is shown below:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
Administration.....	363,046	339,743	23,303
Worship.....	115,491	150,131	(34,640)
Christian Service	6,594	4,000	2,594
Plant Operation			
& Maintenance	335,092	396,089	(60,997)
Other Expenses.....	62,733	232,300	(169,567)
Religious Education	70,769	77,626	(6,857)
Capital Expenditures	6,962	4,000	2,962
TOTALS	<u>960,687</u>	<u>1,203,889</u>	<u>(243,202)</u>

1. Administration — Actual cost is over budget by \$23,303 due to increases in office and housekeeper salaries and benefits; phone, internet, cable expenses; and other expenses. These were partially offset by a decrease in hospitality costs arising from the elimination of the pastor's food allowance and fewer parish hospitality gatherings due to Covid 19.

2. Worship — This cost center came in below budget by \$34,640 due to reduced expenses for the weekends when we were unable to open for public masses due to Covid 19. This is not a way we want to save money!

There were, however, new costs associated with celebrating mass and the sacraments under the quarantine restrictions. This included the purchase of three video cameras and payments to video and audio persons to operate them. Viewership for these on-line masses is strong and has gone between 1,200 to 700 persons a week. It is likely that this will remain a feature of parish life beyond the pandemic as an evangelization instrument.

3. Plant Operation and Maintenance — Actual cost was under budget by \$169,567 due to lower contracted services costs for repairs, snow removal, landscaping and utilities.

4. Other Expenses — This represents payments made by the parish for the cathedraicum or assessment imposed by the Archdiocese on the operating income of the parish as well as tuition assistance. Although the parish budgeted \$170,000 for tuition assistance in FY19-20, no disbursements were made for this purpose due to the early closure of schools.

5. Religious or Christian Education — Actual cost is under budget by \$6,857 or 8.85% as a result of decreased spending in administrative expenses, textbooks, and instructional materials. To an extent, this reduction reflects a shortened instructional season.

6. Capital Expenditures — The overage in these expenditures amounted to \$6,962 that was largely spent for technology equipment and music/audio-visual equipment needed for the opening up of a social media platform. Eg. All the wireless microphones in the sanctuary had to be replaced as mandated by the FCC's changes in assigning those dedicated frequencies.

Some major repairs were postponed in the last FY, such as parking lot resurfacing and roofing issues in the church and rectory. Those are to be done in this FY.

CONCLUSION

I am profoundly grateful to our Ambrosians who stepped up in a remarkable way in the midst of social chaos. During difficult economic times, every donation becomes more of a sacred trust from you. I hope that I keep your trust in serving you and keeping St. Ambrose strong. This is not the first pandemic we've survived. I now know how those parishioners guided their new parish through the Influenza of 1918. They sacrificed and believed like you did.

We've returned some of that generosity by instituting weekly Sabbath Suppers to feed the homeless at the St. John Homeless Shelter and the First Responders in Grosse Pointe Park. Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 says "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you. Be diligent about sowing goodness, no excuses!"



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.

Beer Belly and Wino personal sponsorships are available at \$100 and make a nice gift for someone you want to share a meal with, or for yourself!

This personal sponsorship gives you an Oysterfest mask, T shirt, a commemorative drink tumbler and a \$30 voucher for your choice of carry out food or drink!.

All of this comes packaged in the appropriate “brown paper bag.”

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, stop at the parish office, or fill out the form that you'll find at the church entrance. State your preference for the size of T-shirt (small through 2XL). We'll mail out of town orders.

The Buzz

Happy Labor Day weekend. What a strange one it is! Is this a year to celebrate anything? – what with Portland, Kenosha, election wars, Covid threats, education upheavals, Families of Parishes, bad baptisms, etc., all adding to the pall that is trying to bring our spirits down. What can we do about all this? Throw our hands up and drop out in denial or frustration? Cringe in fear? Get angry and arm ourselves? Pray for openness and guidance? Commit ourselves to voting? Keep learning so that our emotions and actions are well-informed?

As an adult educator, I would certainly recommend the last three options and none of the previous three. Under current remote-learning circumstances, I think it would be great for adults to have some enlightening fun looking up the history of Labor Day. I'd like to cause some light-hearted trouble in families by encouraging kids and teens to challenge the adults to teach them what they know about the labor movement. Compare the later 1800s with other eras since experienced by our elders who are still with us or who told us stories about what work meant to them in their day. Help one another cope with the labor issues that are impacting us and our neighbors in the news each day today. Do take a breather and rest a bit, but I've offered this one additional (no-sweat, no-pain) way to “celebrate” this very odd Labor Day of 2020. Let me know if you have others.



Now, what about Portland, Kenosha, etc.? Bishop Shelton Fabre of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, is the chairman of the Anti-Racism Committee of the American bishops (USCCB). He is calling for everyone to fast and pray this Wednesday, September 9th, to spiritually combat the sin of racism.

On the Catholic calendar, Wednesday is the feast day of St. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit, who in the 1600s ministered to slaves in South America. He was an abolitionist at a time when that was not popular and went against government laws and power. His faith freed him to look deeper into value of the souls of all the human beings he met.

Fasting disturbs the same-old-same-old order of things. As you pray and fast on Wednesday – especially if you do it with others in your household – look deeper into the souls of those in the news in Portland, Kenosha, and elsewhere. Look deeper into the spirits behind the rhetoric and reactions of those outside who are trying to fix things. And then let the presence of Christ in you and yours . . . put you in communion with all those souls actively involved in these dramatic circumstances. “We are the Lord’s.” (next Sunday’s reading from Romans) Pray and fast to take on His point of view and purpose. If you do, WWJD will mean much more than a passé bracelet.



This weekend, I encourage all members of our Parish Domestic Churches to read again (or watch mass again online) the scriptures from this Sunday’s liturgy. Meditatively share with one another how they apply to each of you. In a way, they do have a little hint of Labor Day in them. They speak in broader strokes about the works we are assigned and take up in our lives.

Ezekiel is given the job of a watchman over the whole of Israel! But pay attention to the dire consequences if he doesn’t do his job. It’s not just his pay that’ll get docked!

The passage from Romans seems to simply identify our task as ‘to love’. But this reminds me of my early days in parish work when we were just emerging from the 1960s and some conservative middle-agers were still complaining about all this “love, love, love stuff” and when can we get back to the tougher, better days of the (10) Commandments?! When asked, ‘which is easier: to keep the Commandments or to fulfill Jesus’ command to love as He has first loved us?’, the complainers grew quiet – but I’m sure weren’t convinced. How about you and yours?

But I especially want to invite you to delve into the Gospel passage from Matthew. Read again chapter 16 as a backdrop, paying special attention to Peter as both a rock and a blockhead. Now look at today’s passage and hear the commissioning, the tasks, and the power to achieve them. Sounds similar, but Peter is not mentioned by name. Do you perhaps hear this as addressed to you in the Domestic Church? If there are two or three of you gathered in His name at your house, do you believe He is there with you? Is He there more or less than in the tabernacle in church? How do these two venues relate to each other?

Chuck Dropiewski



Faith Formation Station

With governmental guidelines and restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic ever changing, Fr. Tim and I decided to move forward with an online program – at least through the end of December.

The program provided by our text book publisher will be simple, straightforward and flexible. Families will receive an easy to follow syllabus, instructions and weekly lesson emailed each week so that students can work both independently and together as a family. The time commitment will be 1-2 hours a week and follow our regular faith formation calendar.

We encourage families to take this on. To register. To make faith formation important. To make room for God in your schedule. To dedicate yourselves to attend Mass virtually or in person every week.

It's time for us all to be creative and to think about Church and community in a new way. We hope that all our families sign on to do so. We will be there every step of the way to offer our support and our service as we rededicate ourselves to the mission of building up the domestic Church.

GENERAL PROGRAM NOTES:

- Registration information was mailed and emailed to all religious education families on August 20, 2020.
- Families who have not participated in the program before, who have a child in grades one through eight, should call or email the religious education office for more information.
- We'd like to complete registrations by September 11, 2020.
- Online programming begins October 4, 2020.

CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:

- Students should continue to complete their Confirmation Packet that was passed out and explained at our meeting in January. Extra packets are at the office.
- 9th Grade students must register for the upcoming religious education year in order to receive their Confirmation textbook and syllabus.

FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES:

- We continue to welcome individual sacrament students to the Table of the Lord with their families throughout the summer.
- Our scheduled class celebration is October 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
- Communication with details on this celebration will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Kelly Woolums

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the
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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.

Directory

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2	0	CSA
2	0	Box Scores
Number of Families 800 Returns to date 2 Average Gift ('18) \$463 Quota for the Archdiocese \$70,663 Property/Liability Insurance ... \$52,000 Parish '20 Target.....\$102,663 Received as of 9/1/20..... \$ 3,700		
• Due to the pandemic, the Catholic Services Appeal has been delayed from the spring until now. There has been a 15% reduction in our target reflecting a 15% reduction in the AoD budget. • We are responsible for a minimum of \$70,663. After that all overages will be applied to our insurances. CSA gifts are exempt from the regular Archdiocesan taxation.		

Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

September 7

Weekday 23rd week in Ordinary Time

Labor Day - Office Closed

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9

St. Peter Claver, priest

September 10

Weekday 23rd week in Ordinary Time

September 11

Weekday 23rd week in Ordinary Time

September 12

Weekday 23rd week in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Mass - 24th Sunday in Ord. Time

September 13

10:00 a.m. Mass - 24th 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

Office supplies don't seem like a huge expense – but they can add up. In July (the beginning of a new fiscal year) we ordered around \$332 in supplies from Staples, including file folders and dividers, envelopes, labels and clips – just to get a clean start on our record keeping for the new fiscal year.

Scriptures for the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

September 7

1 Cor 5:1-8

Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12

Lk 6: 6-11

September 8

Mt 5: 1-4a or Rom 8:28-30

Ps 13: 6abc

Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23

September 9

1 Cor 7: 25-31

Ps 45: 11-12, 14-17

Lk 6: 20-26

September 10

1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13

Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24

Lk 6:27-38

September 11

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27

Ps 84: 3-6, 8, 12

Lk 6: 39-42

September 12

1 Cor 10: 14-22

Ps 116: 12-13, 17-18

Lk 6: 43-49

September 13

Sir 27: 30-28: 7

Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12

Rom 14: 7-9

Mt 18: 21-35

24th 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 [stambroselive on youtube.stambrosechurch.net](https://youtube.stambrosechurch.net) 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 30, 2020

in envelopes we received \$5,916.00

in the loose collection \$1,400.40

in electronic donations \$4,332.00

for a total of..... \$11,648.00

Over budget for the week..... \$1,548.00

Number of envelopes mailed 782

Number of envelopes used 34



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, Chris Walsh, Jerry Gutowski the Felician Sisters still under quarantine and those suffering and hospitalized worldwide with COVID-19.

Vincentian Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? With unemployment rates in the city at an all time high and recent lay-offs, many persons who have never had to ask for help now find themselves in need. Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Ambrose 313-822-2814 so that together we can help them know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

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.

Electronic Giving

St. Ambrose Parish is equipped to accept electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card on our website. Christian Financial Credit Union brings parishioners and friends the ability to make an electronic contribution to St. Ambrose on a regular or on a one-time basis. Your checking account or credit card may be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions on a schedule. Go to stambrosechurch.net for more information on electronic giving.

OYSTERFEST *Carry Out*

Select from the following items, and then place your order anytime on line at st-ambrose-oyster-fest.com or by calling 313-822-2814. We'd appreciate receiving your order before the event on September 28th. Your Oysterfest meal will be bagged and waiting for you at the drive-through line at 1175 Lakepointe.

SOUPS & STEWS

- 🦞 **SHRIMP GUMBO** — One quart of savory shrimp gumbo. **\$9.00**
- 🦞 **TRADITIONAL OYSTERFEST SEAFOOD CHOWDER** — One quart of creamy chowder prepared - as it has been for the past 30 years - by Chef Ken Lefevre. **\$10.00**
- 🦞 **SINDBAD'S CLAM CHOWDER** - An East Side staple- One Quart **\$10.00**

OYSTERS & SHRIMP

- 🦞 **OYSTERS** — What would Oysterfest be without freshly shucked East Coast oysters flown in that day from Foley's of Boston for the event? Served with lemon and a choice of sauce. **\$2 EACH / 3 FOR \$5**
- 🦞 **PEEL & EAT SHRIMP** — Another Oysterfest favorite! Half pound of peel-and-eat shrimp. Served with lemon and cocktail sauce. **½ LB. FOR \$8.00**

ENTRÉES

- 🦞 **PULLED PORK SANDWICH** — Made from fresh pork shoulder roast, slow smoked for 10-12 hours. Hand-pulled and served on a sesame bun; cole slaw and a pickle on the side. **\$11.50**
- 🦞 **CRAB CAKE** - One hand made 5oz Traditional Maryland Crab Cake on lettuce, with Remoulade **\$6.00**
- 🦞 **SRODEK'S PIEROGI & KIELBASA** — Srodek's is a long-time Oysterfest food vendor and they return in 2020! Individual servings of kielbasa paired with 3 pierogi of one each: potato, potato/cheddar / kraut. **\$9.00**
- 🦞 **Antonio's Spaghetti Bolognese** - A staple of Kercheval dining - kid friendly **\$11.00**
- 🦞 **The ARK's popular Mac and Cheese** **\$5.00** Add Lobster **\$10.00**

DESSERTS

- 🦞 **APPLE CRISP** — Individual servings of apple crisp made with tart and sweet apples from Blake's Orchard. Prepared by ARK Executive Chef Vonzell Whaley. **\$5.00**
- 🦞 **CHOCOLATE INFUSED BREAD PUDDING** — Individual servings of homemade bread pudding - light and delicious with chunks of semi-sweet chocolate sprinkled throughout. **\$5.00**
- 🦞 **BITE SIZED CHOCOLATE ECLAIRS** — Just a small taste of something sweet from Josef's **\$1.00 each**
- 🦞 **SLICE OF PUMPKIN PIE** - A true harbinger of fall — **\$2.00 a slice**

DRINKS

WINE BY THE BOTTLE ONLY

- 🦞 PREMIUM WHITE
- 🦞 HOUSE WHITE
- 🦞 PREMIUM RED
- 🦞 HOUSE RED

BEER - 6PK or SINGLE

- 🦞 Dirty Blonde
- 🦞 Purple Gang Pilsner
- 🦞 Bad Life Choices IPA
- 🦞 Detroit Pale Ale

COCKTAILS TO-GO

Just add ice!

- 🦞 Bloody Mary
- 🦞 Michigan Muie
- 16oz serves 2
- 32oz serves 4

Prices and Selection to be determined