



Putting Parents at the Center of Our Ministry Efforts

When Covid-19 hit our world, I was numb. Wait. What? I have to stay home? And so do my kids? How is this going to work? Well, that's okay because this will only be a week or two, a month max. Boy, was I in for a surprise!

As the father of three children ages 3, 5, and 9, the first month was crazy! I was working from home. My wife was working from home. My nine-year-old was a self-starter and managed most of her schoolwork on her own, with a few exceptions here and there.

But my younger kids had no distant learning. They wanted constant attention. And I did what any busy parent would do...used streaming television as a pacifier. I'm not proud of this, but my two youngest kids watched more television during Covid-19 than I'd care to admit. But we were in survival mode.

Then came an email from my parish faith formation office. Faith formation for my kids had been cancelled until further notice. They encouraged parents to continue faith formation at home and emailed weekly a myriad of activities to do. I laughed. "There is no way we are going to do this."

Now, my parish was well-intentioned, and we did do some of the activities they sent us. But my family was so overwhelmed adjusting to the new reality, keeping up with work and school, that any extra activities that we felt "forced" to do was not going to happen.

Parents are so used to depending on the faith formation office to do all the teaching of the faith. When parents were forced to do it on our own during Covid-19, we were unprepared. The simple lesson I learned was this: we are not equipping our parents to be the primary educators of the faith.

This reality was not only true during Covid-19, it's been true for a couple generations of Catholics. Covid-19 just intensified what many of us already knew.

I suggest it's time to take a different approach. We have plenty of research to suggest young people in particular are leaving the Church in droves ("National Study on Youth and Religion" and "Going, Going, Gone" to name just two studies). The wisdom of the Church has already led us in this direction. We just need to listen to her.

St. John Paul II said: "*Evangelization cannot be new in its content since its very theme is always the one gospel given in Jesus Christ. Evangelization can be new in its ardor, methods and expression. It must be adapted to the people of our day.*" We need to change our methods.

More importantly, for the purposes of this article, *The General Directory of Catechesis* states, "*The organizing principle, which gives coherence to the various catechetical programs offered by a particular Church, is attention to adult catechesis. This is the axis around which revolves the catechesis of childhood and adolescence...*"

In short, we need to stop being child-centric in our parishes and start prioritizing adult formation. We need to start equipping our adults to be the "primary educators of the faith" that we need them to be. How do we do that?

1. Build Relationships with Parents

The influential Gallup book, *Growing an Engaged Church* (2004) discovered one very important fact: "belonging leads to believing." People come to believe in God because of the relationships they build in the Church community, not because they have been in religious education since

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they were in kindergarten.

How do we best serve our families and parents? We have to get to know them. In my coaching with parishes, I often recommend that leaders spend an equal amount of time, if not more, getting to know the parents as much as they do the youth and children in their program. You can't adequately help a family grow in faith if you only have a relationship with the child.

This should not be something we do during extraordinary times: it should be something we do regularly. Build in opportunity to connect with parents.

2. Evaluate Current Adult Faith Formation

Most parishes are already doing some adequate formation for adults. With a few tweaks here and there, every parish can take a mediocre program and make it excellent.

Take marriage and baptismal preparation for instance. These are important sacramental moments in the life of an adult. There are many who come for these sacraments and never return to Mass. Parishes that do marriage and baptismal preparation well are the ones that not only prepare them for the sacrament, but connect them with the parish community.

Parishes that I have worked with don't leave the preparation just to the clergy, but also to mentor couples who can guide them during their journey of marriage and child rearing. The clergy are still involved, obviously, but the majority of the preparation comes from these incredible lay volunteers, who invite them into their homes, encourage them to come to Mass with them, and stay connected with them well after they celebrate the sacrament. When we "hook" parents in during these important moments, they come to realize more easily how essential the parish community is to their faith and their lives.

3. Let Parents Do the Formation

Parents don't need theology degrees or extensive knowledge of the Bible or liturgy to pass on their faith. Parents merely need the love they have for their children to effectively form them and introduce them to a relationship with Christ.

Every child and youth program needs to have one thing: Opportunities for kids and parents to gather together to talk about faith. And parents need to lead it.

The best way for parents to learn is to do it. Give parents resources to talk about faith, whether that's a short faith video with discussion questions, or a simple family activity that they can do at home or at an intentionally scheduled event on the parish grounds.

Most importantly, set the expectation right at the beginning: the job of the parish is to help parents form their own kids, not to do it for them. Covid-19 forced many parishes to rely on the parents to form faith in their children. This should be the norm, not the exception. We've done it once; we can do it again. This time, on purpose.

Understand that this is a paradigm shift for many in our parishes. Do not expect that this will turn your parish around overnight. It won't. Do expect resistance. Most adults have not experienced a parish that is intentional about adult formation. Work through it and constantly remind yourself that this is what the Church is calling us towards and that the fruits will come over time. We have to start to build the expectation in parents and all adults that they have a role to play.

Parents cannot merely be passive observers, consuming faith through their parish. They are meant to be disciples who evangelize through the way they live their lives. And the first people they are meant to evangelize are their own children.

By Dr. John M. Rinaldo, for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops

Ten Things to Know About Oysterfest

1. Visiting the site of the first Virtual (and 30th) Oysterfest will require masks: for people picking up their food. For people preparing food. For runners taking food to cars. Oh, heck. Let's just cut to the chase: everyone needs to wear a mask!

2. There are no Oysters in the seafood chowder.

3. As sure as Midnight Mass at St. Ambrose is at, well, midnight...there will be plenty of oysters (fresh that day) on the menu at just \$2 each or \$5 for three.

4. The Oysterfest Raffle this year features ten prizes of \$1,000 each. Tickets are \$10 apiece. Odds are pretty good for 10 lucky folks to win – why not you? Buy tickets in church, on site (the tent next to Atwater in the Park) or in the parish office.

5. We hope to receive all carry-out food orders by Friday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. The online form will be active until 4:00 p.m. September 28. Why take the chance of missing out on one of your favorites when online ordering is so easy? Click on <https://www.st-ambrose-oyster-fest.com/s/order> to pre-order and pay for your Oysterfest meal!

6. If you purchase a Beer Bellies/Winos sponsorship for \$100, you will get a coupon code giving you \$30.00 off your total purchases from the carry out menu. You also get lots of other fun stuff – but \$30.00 off your food bill is pretty cool!

7. There might be – just might be – an oyster-shucking competition. All in good fun, of course. No wagering. (Wink.)

8. All food and beverages will be ready for pick-up between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28.

9. Make sure you tune in to the live streaming of the event. Just go to the parish website – stambrosechurch.net – and follow the prompts to visit the livestream page.

10. There wouldn't be an Oysterfest – Virtual or otherwise – without the support of our parishioners and our special sponsors: **The Thomas and Beverly Bennert Foundation, the A. Paul and Carol Schaap Foundation, Christian Financial Credit Union, David Lubanski and Dr. Carrie Dul, and Bill Sumner and Health Management Systems of America.** We are very grateful.

All Things Considered

This year, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020. The 2020 theme is **“I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.”**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

It was painful last Spring when we had to shut down our Religious Education Program. It was doubly painful when our Religious Education Director, Kelly Woolums and I met in August to soberly assess our chances of mounting an in-person program this fall. As it happens, that decision was prescient.

So, through the end of this calendar year, Religious Education classes at St. Ambrose will be online. Helping with that is our textbook publisher who has developed a curriculum for in-home use.

If you follow the direction outlined by the author of today’s front page article (prepared for our bishops in anticipation of Catechetical Sunday 2020) you’ll see that in-home education may not be such a bad idea after all.

The gist of Dr. Rinaldo’s argument is that adult education needs to be the focus of a future parish model, as opposed to one centered on children. To some extent I agree with that – although I am not willing to give up classroom instruction or child-focused liturgies all together.

If you know anything about St. Ambrose, you know that for decades Adult Education has been a strong component of our approach to things. And in this regard, we do very well in attracting folks to gather to learn and discuss their faith.

What has not been as successful is the ancillary adult education program we have endeavored to build specifically designed for families with school age children. We try things like Super Saturdays; A Night in Bethlehem; Trunk & Treats; The Parable Project theatre troupe, A Walk with Jesus – among other things. None of them ever

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the traction that our regular Adult Education program gets. Kayaking the Canals had as its target audience school age families. It was largely ignored by them and quickly embraced by just about everyone else.

I don’t think that our ideas are bad, it’s just that we are at the mercy of the public school system and the myriad of extracurricular activities they offer, along with local sports and city-sponsored youth activities. Even when it comes to special Sacramen-

tal events, we’re constantly dancing around alternatives and a time commitment families already allot to non-parochial events. Over the years, we don’t even attempt to try to program against the local school calendar, which is difficult since it assigns vacation time during the most holy times of our Christian year – Christmas and Holy Week.

If you sense a note of frustration here, you’re correct. The public school system is one hell of a thing to compete against.

Every year our Religious Education director and I end up trying to find solutions for families who have sport and other extracurriculars that scheduled against a sacramental event. Our answer is usually the same. “Life is about choices. You must make the choice that is the one which shows your priorities.” With few exceptions, parents rarely direct their child toward the religious alternative.

No wonder that studies show that many kids have left their Catholic faith by age 10!

What we’re asking for here is that families at least give their parish a fighting chance. The playing field is uneven. Yet I feel that even the option toward family participation in parish catechesis is not taken very seriously.

The pandemic has the potential of bringing out deeper faith in families. It also has the potential of further relegating the faith into oblivion.



OYSTERFEST is just a week from this Monday. As you know, it’s a virtual event this year. But that does not mean that it can’t be fun. Plan your supper around our carry-out menu. Maybe eat on the porch or in the backyard with your laptop tuned in to the live broadcast of the event and the smooth Jazz sounds of Bob Mervak.

To process all the carry-out items, we’re going to need a team of volunteers -- of all ages -- to make things work. If you’ve helped in the past, we want you back. If you’re new, we’d like you to join the crew (313-822-2814).



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.

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.

Faith Formation Station

The role of parents in the faith formation of their children is indispensable. Our faith formation program at St. Ambrose has always been focused on partnering with parents in sharing the light of our rich Catholic faith with their children. With governmental guidelines and restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic ever changing, Fr. Tim and I decided to move forward with an online faith formation format at least until the end of this calendar year. 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.

We know how important it is for parents to talk with children about their faith, but we don't want to make doing this so difficult or time-consuming that they can't do it. Our goal is to equip, affirm and support parents as the primary educators of the faith and not overwhelm them with more work. Our program this year will be simple, straightforward and flexible for families. Families will receive an easy to follow syllabus, instructions, and weekly lesson email 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 traditional faith formation calendar.

We acknowledge that some families may opt to “take a year off” from religious education. Some families may register and then find that spending an extra 1-2 hours involved in online instruction is just too much for their family. Some families have reached out asking what the program will look like next year or when and if we can all come together in a classroom again. The truth is this: we don't know. School districts don't know. The government doesn't know. It is all so uncertain.

So we encourage all our families to take this on. To register. To make faith formation important. To make room for God in the schedule. To dedicate themselves to attend Mass virtually or in person every week.

- 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.
- The registration deadline was September 11th, but if you call now we will do our best to work you and your family into the program.
- Online programming begins October 4, 2020.

Kelly Woolums

OYSTERFEST RAFFLE

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TEN \$1000 PRIZES!

DRAWINGS LIVE STREAMED FROM THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL ST. AMBROSE OYSTERFEST ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 AT 8:00 PM.
1175 LAKEPOINTE ST, GROSSE POINTE PARK, MI 48230

\$10 PER TICKET

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL OYSTERFEST

The Buzz

We're in the thick of a hot political campaign season that is unparalleled in rancor and division. Now go back and read the parable in today's Gospel passage from Matthew 20. Can you imagine any candidate or political party promoting or running on such values?! Political suicide.

Yet this is one of my favorite "shake things up" passages for adults to understand more deeply not only the Bible, but perhaps more importantly, the mind/will of God. Let's start with your first read of this text. What's your first take? First judgment? First recommendations about how things should have gone?

Now examine your answers to these three questions. Where do your responses come from; on what values are they based? We are so formed by an American sense of economics and justice that it's very difficult to see beyond them. But let's try something here. I'd be interested in what the two of you who read my column think of the following path, and I'm going to pick up my favorite quarantine theme of the Domestic Church to help in the journey.

It all starts with a landowner hiring laborers for his vineyard. But "the kingdom of heaven" landowner is God our Father. So let's start playing with the imagery as our experience of the Domestic Church offers. Parents are certainly "owners" of their place in a sense, but, within a family, who thinks or talks that way? Same thing with "hiring" and earning wages. There are roles, chores, jobs, and expected activities that all contribute to the health and success of the family. "Allowances" may or may not be part of the system, but nobody "earns" everything a family provides. Good families don't think or talk that way. They just do. It is true love in action – done so habitually from a fundamental option – that thinking is hardly needed. It is the definition of true virtue/holiness.

There are two other quick reflections that grab me in this reading. The first has to do with work/labor. Post-original sin thinking has placed a pall of toil and drudgery over this aspect of human life. Yet, before the Fall, God worked the works of creation – and since we are made in the image and likeness of God – work that creates benefits for others is in the very fabric of our being. So a right to work (not in the anti-union political sense) was fulfilled by the vinyard owner to those who started at 5:00 pm as much as for those who started at the beginning of the day. (Some say this was Matthew's way of telling uppity Jewish-Christians with more seniority to accept as equals new Gentile converts.) Nevertheless, what do good parents want for all their children – whether older or younger; whether always in sync or only lately come around – than their fulfillment and ultimate happiness?! We parents agonize over this at every time of day . . . and life.

Secondly, there's a reflection on the amount of the wage. You may already know where I'm heading with this, but here goes anyway: what if we look at the wage as = everything! How do you compare? What is there to envy, much less covet? It's the price good families are willing to pay for one another. The Domestic Church starts the lesson, and the Communal Church challenges us to expand our commitment to other family members – brothers and sisters of our brother, Jesus, and all who are children of the same heavenly Father. Then we have a chance to understand more deeply the "wage" we beg for when we pray the Lord's Prayer (give us this day our daily bread). The Domestic Church adds an important layer of teaching for these and many more angles on the Gospel. What do you think?



Speaking of looking at things in new ways, in just over a week, plan on participating in a brand new way in OYSTERFEST. The very delectable menu is on the inside of the back cover of this bulletin. Participate, support the parish, enjoy the food, maybe even win a cash prize . . . and next year hopefully again we'll all celebrate together.



Tomorrow, Monday the 21st, is the feast day of St. Matthew. Say a prayer for our brothers and sisters at our neighboring parish up at Harper & Whittier. You never know ... by next year we might be members of the same Family of Parishes.

Tuesday at 9:30, the season of Autumn begins. And then Wednesday the 23rd is the feast day of St. (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina . . . and birthday of our pastor. (But you didn't hear it from me.)
 Chuck Dropiewski

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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2	0	CSA
2	0	Box Scores

Number of Families	800
Returns to date	4
Average Gift ('18)	\$463
Quota for the Archdiocese	\$70,663
Property/Liability Insurance ...	\$52,000
Parish '20 Target.....	\$122,663
Received as of 9/15/20.....	\$ 4,450

- 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 21

St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

September 22

Weekday 25th week in Ordinary Time

September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

September 24

Weekday 25th week in Ordinary Time

September 25

Weekday 25th week in Ordinary Time

September 26

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

4:00 p.m. Mass – 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

September 27

10:00 a.m. Mass – 26th 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

This month, it's time to replace our bumper blocks. Bumper blocks? The cement car bumper blocks in the church parking lot. The cost of hauling away eight old blocks and replacing them with new? \$975.00. That doesn't include the cost of resurfacing the parking lot (happening at the same time). We'll save that for another Spending Spotlight...

Scriptures for the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

September 21

Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13

Ps 19: 2-41

Mt 9: 9-13

September 22

Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13

Ps 119: 1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44

Lk 8: 19-21

September 23

Prv 30: 5-9

Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

Lk 9: 1-6

September 24

Ecc 1: 2-11

Ps 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17bc

Lk 9: 7-9

September 25

Ecc 3: 1-11

Ps 144: 1b, 2abc, 3-4

Lk 9: 18-22

September 26

Ecc 11: 9-12:8

Ps 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Lk 8: 4-15

September 27

Ez 18: 25-28

Ps 25: 4-9

Phil 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5

Mt 21: 28-32

26th 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, September 13, 2020

in envelopes we received \$5,652.00

in the loose collection \$1,187.00

in electronic donations \$5,566.00

for a total of..... \$12,405.00

Over budget for the week.....\$2,305.00

Number of envelopes mailed 782

Number of envelopes used41



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, Valerie Dryden, Maria Simcina, Albina Checki, Brian Tague, Sharif Hannan, Shirley Whelan, Ann Purvis, Chris Walsh, Jerry Gutowski, Kevin O'Connor, the Felician Sisters still under quarantine and those suffering and hospitalized worldwide with COVID-19.

Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, October 4th.
Blessing of Animals
at the
10:00 a.m. mass.

Vincentian Reflection

Today's scripture is about how the kingdom of heaven is like the landowner who hires workers for his vineyard. This parable teaches us about how great and generous God is and how we are called to this same greatness and generosity. He is our consolation.

We can be the same for our neighbors in need by helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Ambrose meet the needs of those who need food, clothing, furniture, help with rent or utilities, transportation or medical bills. During the pandemic, there are households which have never asked for assistance coming forward now.

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 someone you know requires assistance from SVdP, please call the rectory at 313-822-2814.

Bringing Oysterfest Home

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. **\$10**
- 🍷 **TRADITIONAL OYSTERFEST SEAFOOD CHOWDER** — One quart of creamy chowder prepared - as it has been for the past 30 years - by Chef Ken Lefevre. **\$10**
- 🍷 **SINDBAD'S CLAM CHOWDER** — An east side staple- One quart **\$10**

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**

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. **\$12**
- 🍷 **CRAB CAKE** — One hand made 5oz Maryland Crab Cake on lettuce, with Remoulade **\$6**
- 🍷 **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**
- 🍷 **Antonio's Spaghetti Bolognese** — A staple of Kercheval dining - kid friendly **\$11**
- 🍷 **The ARK's popular MAC & CHEESE** — **\$5** **LOBSTER** — **\$10**

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**
- 🍷 **CHOCOLATE INFUSED BREAD PUDDING** — Individual servings of homemade bread pudding - light and delicious with chunks of semi-sweet chocolate sprinkled throughout. **\$5**
- 🍷 **BITE SIZED CHOCOLATE ECLAIRS** — Just a small taste of something sweet from Josef's **\$1** each
- 🍷 **SLICE OF PUMPKIN PIE** — A true harbinger of fall - **\$2** a slice

DRINKS

BEER

6 Pack **\$12** - Single **\$2**

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

WINE BY THE BOTTLE ONLY

- 🍷 Matanzak Creek Chardonnay (Napa) **\$22**
- 🍷 Sterling Sauvignon Blanc (Napa) **\$12**
- 🍷 Los Vascos Cabernet (Chile) **\$12**
- 🍷 Close de los Siete Melbec (Argentina) **\$18**
- 🍷 Liquid Geography Rose (Mencia) **\$16**
- 🍷 Jaume Serra Cristalino Cava (Spain) **\$18**

COCKTAILS TO-GO

Just add ice!

- 🍷 Bloody Mary
 - 🍷 Margarita
 - 🍷 Michigan Mule
- 16oz serves 2 — **\$16**
32oz serves 4 — **\$28**