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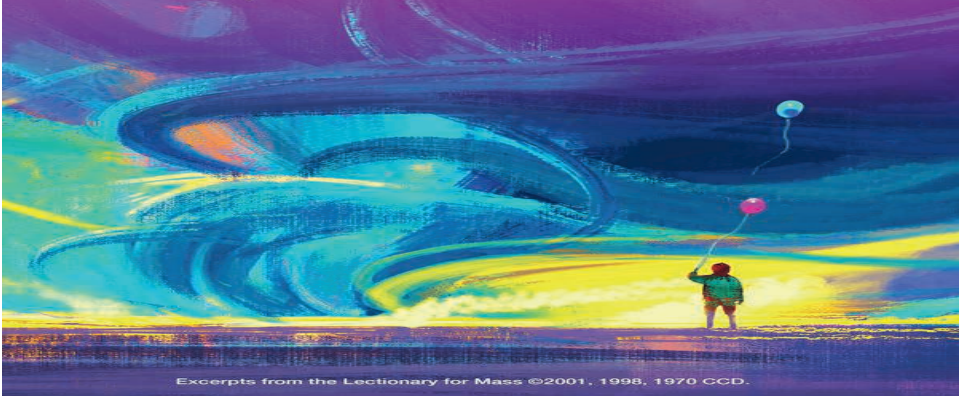
ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:13



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A more comprehensive & detailed list is available on the information table in the back of the church.

The Catholic Church in Kenwood

Mission Statement: Build a community of faith, healing and love (trust), so that others recognize the presence of God in us, and want to be a part of what we are.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 10:30 am
1:00 pm Ghanaian Mass
1st Monthly Sunday French Mass
@ 6:00 pm
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Monday—Friday: 8:00 am
Confessions: Sat. 3:45 pm
Sun. 10:15 am

Parish Goals:

To fulfill this mission, we the Catholic Faithful of St. Ambrose Parish will strive to effect the following goals:

1. To nurture the spiritual growth of the Parish through a dynamic celebration of the Eucharist.
2. To be a welcoming community
3. To fulfill the sacramental, spiritual and physical needs of the people of God through our various ministries.

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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

This parable invariably troubles the capitalistic convictions of American believers. Why would the defrauded master in Jesus' parable "commend his dishonest steward?" What lesson did Jesus intend to teach with this disturbing parable?

In the preindustrial world of Jesus, agriculture was the heart of the economy. Modern contrasts such as "rich" and "poor," "urban" and "rural," "industrial" and "agricultural" are irrelevant to this time. The chief issues were who controlled the land and the agricultural production, and who had the power to extract the surplus.

The landowner (Lk 16:1) has a steward who manages the agricultural production of his property. The debtors owe the master produce: olive oil and wheat. Money in peasant economies is neither the only nor the predominant medium of exchange.

The Mishnah (post-biblical tradition in Judaic literature) identifies three kinds of renters: some pay a percentage of the crop; some pay a fixed amount of the produce; some pay rent in money. The debtors here seem to be in the second category. A rough modern approximation of their fixed rent is 900 gallons of oil and 150 bushels of wheat. The amount of the debt forgiven by the steward, though different in terms of percentage, nevertheless approximates five hundred denarii.

People will praise the noble and generous landowner.

A steward, or estate manager, was entitled to a commission or fee on each transaction, which itself was recorded, principal and interest, in a public contract. There is no evidence that a steward could extract a fee as high as 50 percent. Peasants would have immediately informed the landowner or would have rioted if a landowner were in collusion with such extortion.

The Mishnah also decrees that an agent should pay for any losses he caused his employer. This steward is extremely fortunate. He is simply dismissed, not fined or imprisoned. The steward is both stunned and inspired by his master's mercy.

The dismissal is effective immediately, but the shrewd steward realizes he has a "window of opportunity" before the news reaches the renters in the village. He summons debtors and instructs them to "sit down quickly" (Lk 16:8) and generously alters their debts.

When the master discovers the steward's strategy, he faces a genuine dilemma. If he rescinds the steward's new contracts, as he is legally entitled to do because they are unlawful, he will alienate the renters and the entire village. They have already been celebrating the master's generosity!

If he allows these reduced contracts to stand, he will be short of produce this year, but his "honor" will spread far and wide (as also will the "honor" of the shrewd steward for arranging the deals). People will praise the noble and generous landowner.

John J. Pilch

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Sundays @ 10:00 am in the small chapel. All are encouraged to participate!!

RCIA classes: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm in the rectory. See Marionette Phelps.



POPE TWEET: "Every human project can first be approved and then end up shipwrecked. But everything that comes from above and bears the "signature" of God is destined to last."



Atta Boateng Sept 23
Emmanuel Boateng Sept 23
Antoinette Taylor Thomas Sept 28

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SUNDAY, SEPT 29TH AFTER 10:30 MASS
(ONLY ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY.)

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal year- July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

Date	Last week	Year to date	Operating Budget
09/15/19	\$1,643.72	\$27,837.51	\$ -213,333.00

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Penelope Lewis who died on Sept 17th. Services pending at time of printing.

All visitors please remember to sign the guest book on the information table. We want to stay in contact with you.

Please remember in your prayers: Carolyn Baynham, Ms. Bitoy, Margaret Bracy, Quinton & Alfreda Bowles, Dean Brazier, James Brazier, Esperanza Carr, Russell Carter, Willie B. Clay, Michael Anthony Clark, Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Peggy Duke, Wanda Finney, Ruben Gaines, Frederick Gibson, Bettie Green, Kelly Robin Hill, Willa Mae Holliman, Doris Humphries, Nolan Humphries, Leslie Jackson, Majorbelle James, Theresa Jessie, Jan Johnson, Pamela Jones, Denise Lawson, Anastacia Mebane, Susan McKeever Larry, Maria Jossey Owen, Minnette Penman, Marionette Phelps, Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., Emma Stewart, Alonzo Studstill, Renee Trotter, Euphrasia Ann Mutinda, Joanne Wallace, Tandra Waston, Arlene G. Williams, Gloria Leonard, Craig Wright, Tyna Rule and all who have asked us to pray for them.

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sept 22 is: Business Women's Day, Chainmail Day, Int'l Day of Radiant Peace, Nat'l Centenarian's Day, Nat'l Elephant Appreciation Day, Nat'l Ice Cream Cone Day, Dear Diary Day & Nat'l Hobbit Day.

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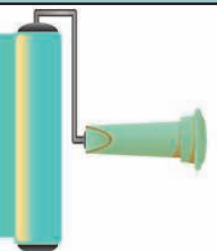
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