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ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31

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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 29, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

It is worthwhile inquiring why the rich man saw Lazarus in the patriarch Abraham's arms, and not in the company of some other righteous person. The reason is that Abraham was hospitable, and so the sight of Lazarus with Abraham was meant to reproach the rich man for his own inhospitality.

Abraham used to pursue even passers-by and drag them into his home, whereas the rich man disregarded someone lying in his own doorway.

Although he had within his grasp so great a treasure, such an opportunity to win salvation, he ignored the poor man day after day. He could have helped him but he failed to do so.

We do something truly great and admirable when we give a most courteous welcome to all, even the outcasts of society.

The patriarch was not like that but just the opposite. He would sit in his doorway and catch all who passed by. And just as a fisherman casting a net into the sea hauls up fish, yes, but also quite often gold and pearls, so Abraham whilst catching people in his net finished by catching angels, though strangely enough without knowing it.

Even Paul marvels at this and gives the advice: "Remember to welcome strangers into your homes, for some by so doing have entertained angels without knowing it."

And he did well to say "without knowing it," for if Abraham had welcomed his guests with such kindness because he knew who they were he would have done nothing remarkable.

He is praiseworthy only because, without knowing who the passers-by were and taking them to be simply human wayfarers, he yet invited them in with so much good will.

And this is true of you also. If you show much eagerness in welcoming some famous and distinguished person you do nothing remarkable; often the high rank of a guest compels even a reluctant host to show every sign of courtesy.

But we do something truly great and admirable when we give a most courteous welcome to all, even the outcasts of society or people of humble condition.

Hence Christ himself praised those who so acted, declaring: "Whatever you did for one of these very poor people you did to me." He also said: "It is not your Father's will that one of these little ones should perish."

Indeed, throughout the gospel Christ speaks a great deal about the little people and those of the humblest condition.

And so Abraham also, knowing this, did not ask who travelers were or where they came from, as we do today, but simply welcomed them all.

Anyone wishing to show kindness should not inquire into other people's lives, but has only to alleviate their poverty and supply their needs, as Christ commanded when he said: "Imitate your Father in heaven, who makes his sun rise on good and bad alike, and sends rain on the just and the unjust."

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Today's Gospel offers significant messages: We cannot live aloof from the ones who hunger in our world and in our lives for the basics of dignified living & for love. People are infinitely more valuable than things, comforts and enjoyments. The message of the parable is not only a warning; it is an invitation to see and to notice our neighbors, and to respond to them in their need.

**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** : "We are called to be witnesses and messengers of God's mercy, to offer the world light where there is darkness, hope where despair reigns, salvation where sin abounds."



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| James Hunter     | Sept 29 |
| Yanick Polycarpe | Sept 30 |
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26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Called to Compassion** —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toilet-ries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don't have money in our pocket, we don't have food to give, and we don't have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don't even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let's hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don't simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

**COLLECTION REPORT**

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

| Date     | Last week   | Year to date | Operating Budget |
|----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 09/22/19 | \$ 2,303.04 | \$30,140.55  | \$ -213,333.00   |

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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 29, 2019**

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**Observances for the week of September 29, 2019**

Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels  
 Thursday:  
 Friday: St. Francis of Assisi  
 Saturday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
 Next Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
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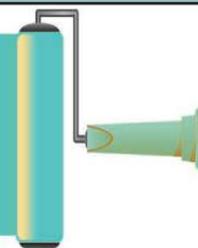
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