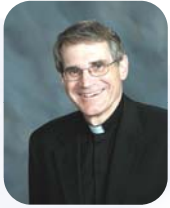




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

From Our Pastor



We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. Recent moves to have stores open early for Christmas shopping notwithstanding, this is still perhaps the most family-oriented holiday we still have in this country. People do spend more hours together, generally eat food prepared at home, and share in games and various family rituals. I hope you make a special prayer of thanks part of the day. We will have Mass here at 9:00 AM on Thursday morning. Please come to give thanks to God using the main prayer of the Church – the *Eucharist*, which itself comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. The area clergy association is also sponsoring the annual Woodbury Area Thanksgiving Service. It will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM at Woodbury Lutheran Church, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury. Come and enjoy Thanksgiving hymns, music from a combined choir of area churches and messages for adults and children. This year's speaker is Rev. Paul Dean of Resurrection Lutheran Church, our neighbor across the street. An offering for the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf will be received. Everyone is invited to attend.

The new Church year begins with the season of Advent which starts this year the weekend of December 2-3. This will give us the shortest Advent possible – just 22 days. In fact, the final Sunday of Advent will be on December 24th. This year we will have just two weekend Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent: 4:00 PM on Saturday and 8:30 AM on Sunday. Please plan to attend one of those Masses to fulfill your usual Sunday obligation. We will celebrate Christmas at Masses in the afternoon of December 24th, that night, and again on Christmas Day.

In these final two weekends of the “old” year, and into the first weekend of Advent, our readings are about the end times. This reflects the natural course of the year, going from Jesus’ incarnation at Christmas through to the end of the world. We spill that over into the first week of Advent, because Advent is not only preparation to celebrate Christ’s entrance into human history 2000+ years ago, but preparation for the second coming as well. Some of the readings we will see in the next weeks both on weekdays and weekends, although this year less than others, are from a genre of writing called apocalyptic. That sort of writing includes many symbolic images, revelation of secrets and the like. The best examples of it are in the book of Revelation and parts of Daniel and Ezekiel. We won’t be seeing those on weekends this year except for one reading from Ezekiel, but be aware of the theme of the end times.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	2:30 PM Mass 5:30 PM Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass
Thursday	9:00 AM Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Mass
Sunday Vigil Mass/Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 19, 2017

8:30 AM:	Evelyn Coleman †
11:00 AM:	Marian Koenig
5:00 PM:	Mass for Parish

Monday November 20, 2017

8:00 AM:	Rudy Fadlovich †
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Tuesday November 21, 2017

2:30 PM:	Ethan Mellor
5:30 PM:	Rudy Fadlovich †

Wednesday November 22, 2017

8:00 AM:	Michael & Pauline Pleming †
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Thursday November 23, 2017

9:00 AM:	John Tronsen †
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Friday November 24, 2017

8:00 AM:	Grace Lucille Panning †
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Saturday November 25, 2017

4:00 PM:	Darwin Krinke †
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Sunday November 26, 2017

8:30 AM:	Len Demers †
11:00 AM:	Maria Gu †
5:00 PM	Mass for Parish

Reconciliation

6:00 PM - Tuesdays

8:30 AM - First Friday of the Month

Saturdays before Mass
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Marriage & Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Allow at least six months to prepare for marriage, three months for baptism.

Sick & Homebound

If you wish to receive communion because you are homebound, contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Services

- Nursery during Sunday morning Masses.
- Hospitality following Sunday morning Masses in Fellowship Hall.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 19, 2017

Our Parish Family

Born into Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers:



LOIS ANDRASHKO
who died on November 1, 2017

JOHN LANNERS
who died on November 8, 2017



New Parishioners

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Kathleen & Matthew Hennen
Child: James

Social Media



- Facebook: Saint Ambrose of Woodbury
- Instagram: [saintambroseofwoodbury](https://www.instagram.com/saintambroseofwoodbury)
- Pinterest: Saint Ambrose of Woodbury
- Twitter: SaintAmbroseMN

Are You Registered?

Registration helps us keep you informed of important events especially regarding sacramental preparation for your children. If you don't receive mailings from the parish, you're probably not registered.

Also, please let us know when you move or when any of your phone numbers change. Having current emergency contact information (home, work, and cell) can make a critical difference if an emergency should arise with children in our school or faith formation programs.

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Stewardship

Sacrificial Generosity

November 13, 2017 - November 20, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$13,679.88
Children's Envelopes	\$35.75
Votive Candles	\$112.76
Hospitality	\$84.44
TOTAL	\$13,912.83

Special Collections:

Legacy of Faith	\$980.00
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Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2017 - September 30, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected	\$431,647.00
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	\$425,884.00
Difference	\$5,763.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Daily Word

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Calendar of Events

November 19 - November 26, 2017

Sunday

8:30 AM	Mass & RCIA Rite of Welcome
8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Word for Children
8:30 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
9:45 AM	Elementary Faith Formation
9:45 AM	Parish Pastoral Council (LCR)
11:00 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
11:00 AM	Mass
12:00 PM	New Parishioner Brunch
12:30 PM	Adoration
5:00 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Confirmation Premier Sunday
6:30 PM	Junior High - Edge (GYM)

Monday

8:00 AM	Mass
7:00 PM	Social Justice Committee (LCR)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts - PLC Meeting (FH1-2)
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

9:00 AM	Wisdom Bible Study (SA1)
10:00 AM	Moms Connect (SA1)
2:00 PM	Pray The Rosary (PR)
2:30 PM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
7:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (LRC)
7:00 PM	Moms Connect (EDR)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Children's Holy Hour
3:00 PM	Benediction

The office will close at 3:00 PM on Wednesday

Thursday

9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
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Friday

8:00 AM	Mass
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Saturday

9:30 PM	Cuba Twinning Meeting (LCR)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Mass

Sunday

8:30 AM	Mass
11:00 AM	Mass
12:30 PM	Adoration
5:00 PM	Mass

Wednesdays:

Exposition: following the	
8:00 AM Mass	
Benediction:	7:30 PM

Sundays:

Exposition:	1:00 PM
Benediction:	4:45 PM

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



From Our Pastor Continued

One of the Mass intentions this weekend is for Marian Koenig in honor of her 100th birthday on the day before Thanksgiving. As far as I know, Marian is the first centenarian of Saint Ambrose of Woodbury. Marian attends Mass at least weekly and gets about very well. Marian and her son Tom live in Woodbury. A daughter, Mary, lives in Phoenix.

As many of you know, I will be leading a trip to the Holy Land next November. It is filling up very fast. In fact, it is beyond the original minimum size already. Given this response, and knowing others here and elsewhere are interested in going, I'm considering arranging another trip in 2019. I'd like to gauge interest in that, either a very similar trip, or a 10-day, Israel-only trip which might cost less. Let me know what you think.

If you have any strings of Christmas lights that no longer work, you may bring them to the office. We have an outlet that employs challenged people who strip materials from them for recycling.

Congratulations to our Sr. High youth minister, Hector Bautista, who is marrying Nikayla Snyder at the Basilica of St. Mary on November 18th!

Fr. Stan Mader

School News

Kindergarten

Saint Ambrose of Woodbury Catholic School 2018-2019 Kindergarten events:

KINDERGARTEN GINGERBREAD FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, November 27th from 5:30-6:30 PM. Meet in the Kindergarten rooms. Families and siblings are welcome.

WINTER KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, parent only meeting. Please note this is an identical presentation as the Fall 11/2/17 meeting.

If you have questions about Saint Ambrose School or if you would like to schedule a tour, please call 651-768-3000. Please RSVP to these events by going to the school website at:
<http://saintambroseofwoodburyschool.org> and click on the prospective family link.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 19, 2017

- Preschool: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- Elementary students grades K-5: 9:45 – 10:45 AM
- Junior High Edge: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Confirmation Premier Sunday: 6:30 – 8:00 PM, church

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

- NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 26, 2017

- NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break



Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times." What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. To watch this video go to www.formed.org and set up your account using the Saint Ambrose parish code: **NKPJG6** (this is case sensitive). All videos/books are free for you to use at your convenience.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

On November 19th, during the 8:30 mass, the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome will take place for the RCIA candidates, catechumens, and confirmands. During this rite, the following catechumens, candidates, and confirmands will declare their intent to continue on their faith journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

Heather Cange	Stephan Miles
Dolan Sadlo	Thomas Miles
Dan Prochazka	Taylor Miles
Kelly Danielson	Tessa Miles
Angela Miles	Truman Miles

PREMIER SUNDAY

Come join us **tonight**, Sunday, November 19, 2017, to hear Laura Sobiach speak from 6:30-7:30 PM. Laura is the author of the book *Fly a Little Higher* and the mother of Zach Sobiach who passed away from cancer in 2013. Laura has a powerful message about walking the road of cancer with her teenage son, Zach, and how her faith helped her get through the journey. Following Laura's talk we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction which will end at 8:00 PM.

CATHOLIC MOM'S CONNECT

Are you looking to connect with a group of women from Saint Ambrose? We are looking at beginning a mom's ministry here at Saint Ambrose beginning in January, 2018. Informational meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at both 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Select the time that works best into your schedule and come learn more about how you can grow in your faith while being a part of a fun social group! For more information please contact Patti Watkins at patti.watkins@saintambroseofwoodbury.org or Marcy Nolte at marcy.nolte@saintambroseofwoodbury.org.

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR

Families with young children- Come spend time with Jesus in the presence of the Holy Eucharist... and bring your kids! Children's Holy Hour is a family-friendly hour on Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a small coloring table, children's books, and an expectation of "joyful worship" with young kids. Stop by for 5 minutes or the hour. It's a great way to introduce your children to the joy that is prayer in Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome, with or without children. Every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 AM in the Saint Francis Chapel.

PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to pray the rosary every Tuesday at 2:00 PM before the school Mass in Father Pingatore room. Bring your favorite rosary or we will have extras for you to use. We look forward to growing with you in our Catholic faith at Saint Ambrose church and school.

Events & Announcements

NEW PARISHIONER BRUNCH

The next new parishioner brunch is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th after the 11:00 AM mass. If you are a new parishioner, or if you are considering joining the parish, please come learn more about Saint Ambrose! Call the parish office at 651-768-3030 to RSVP. Reservations are helpful, but not required.

FAIR TRADE SALE DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD

The Fair Trade sale will soon be here! Stop by and do a little Christmas shopping. Purchase unique gifts while helping people locally, nationally and from around the world become self-sufficient. The sale will be open after Saturday Mass and on Sunday after 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.

CUBA DONATIONS

We need to make some clarifications on the items we'd like to take to Cuba when we visit there in January. First, thank you to all who have already donated suitcases and toiletries, we *have all we need*. Secondly, we have a small team approaching some businesses about donating some power tools. Until we get a response from them, please do not bring in any tools. Here are some additional items that are needed:

- Children's shoes and clothing (ages 5- 12, both genders). Gently used clothing or shoes are ok, there is little call for "fancy" shoes – they will be going to children who live in towns with dirt roads. In addition, there is little need for long-sleeves or black clothes. The parish is right on the northern edge of the tropics.
- Vitamins and OTC medicines
- Band aids
- Laptops with power cords
- Sunglasses, reading glasses and old prescription glasses
- Sports uniforms - high school age
- Sheets - twin and full
- Spices - in small packets or bottles
- Toothbrushes
- Thermometers with Celsius scale
- Latex / surgical gloves
- Splints
- Gauze and surgical adhesive
- Blood pressure cuffs
- Stethoscopes
- Toilet paper and adult diapers
- Photo albums

Please contact Gary Moore at: moorezofminn@comcast.net with questions. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED FOR 7th & 8th GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Parents, grandparents and friends of Saint Ambrose: please consider volunteering to judge projects at our science fair on **November 28th**. Judges can sign up for a shift from 4:00-4:30, 4:30-5 or 5-5:30. As a judge you will listen to 8th graders present their experiment findings and explain limitations of their projects. It is great practice for our students to communicate with an authentic audience, to get feedback from our community and to share their science knowledge. Volunteers need to complete the Essential 3 for Volunteering (Virtus, Background Check and Code of Conduct). You do not need to have children in junior high to participate—all are welcome!

PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Believe it or not, it is already that time again. We are beginning the planning of SAWfest 2018. We are so happy with the great success of the event this year and hope to continue to bring this large community closer together during the planning process and at the 2018 SAWfest event. It will be held on Friday, September 21st and Saturday, September 22nd. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at:

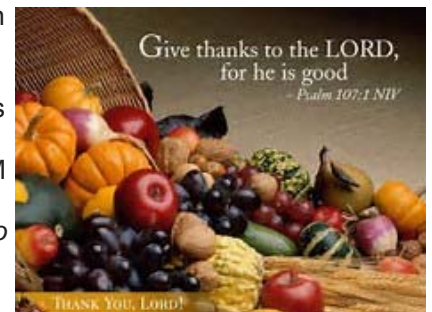
parishfestival17@saintambroseofwoodbury.org. We will be meeting again after the holidays.

Present Needs:

- Grounds/Security/Parking chair
- Botto Lotto chair
- committee members to assist with sponsorship team
- committee members to assist with PR/Marketing team

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS TIME

As you gather to thank God for the blessings of the past year, please consider coming to Mass. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." There is no better way to thank God than through participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice. We will have a special Mass here at Saint Ambrose at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day (there will be *no* regularly scheduled 5:30 PM mass that day).



"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' " - Mt 25:20b-21