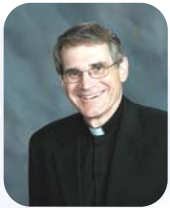




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

From Our Pastor



Thank you for your prayers while I was on retreat November 13-17. It was a very contemplative retreat. We would gather for silent prayer at 8:00 a.m., have a silent breakfast, and then meet for morning prayer and a short conference. Each of us met with a spiritual director for 45 minutes a day. There was talking at lunch and supper, and we celebrated Eucharist each day. There were 25 priests, many of whom have attended this particular retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center for *many* years. I was the youngest priest there! No wonder we had an anointing service on Wednesday night. Those of us who were preaching on the weekend gathered to go over the readings on Thursday night. The nine who gathered had over 400 years of priesthood among us. It was inspiring to see how much everyone wrestled with how to best present these readings after so many years.

Some nuggets to pass on from the retreat:

- Christ is before you, so don't be anxious about tomorrow; Christ is behind you, so don't worry about the past; Christ is under your feet – so don't be anxious about today.
- Have compassion for any ache, injury, diminishment you have. Don't say to yourself what you wouldn't lovingly say to others.
- There are several words for blessing in Greek as found in the New Testament. One is an external blessing (from which we get the word eulogy). Elizabeth uses this when she greets Mary. When Mary replies with the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) she uses the other one, *markarios*, which is an internal blessing. It is one which realizes the inside is blessed regardless of the challenges outside. The Beatitudes uses that same word as it talks of the blessings inside despite the "weakness" shown outside. E.g. blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are the meek; blessed are those who mourn, blessed are those who are peacemakers, etc.
- Trust in the slow work of God
- A spirit of forgiveness and gratitude literally adds years to your life.
- It is useful to remain in the present. When anxious about the future or depressed about the past, ask, "Where are my feet?" It helps keep you in the present.

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	5:30 PM Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass
Thursday	5:30 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 26, 2017

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

Monday November 27, 2017

8:00 AM:	Tim McCarthy †
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Tuesday November 28, 2017

5:30 PM:	Thomas Westling †
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Wednesday November 29, 2017

8:00 AM:	Aurora Sumilang †
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Thursday November 30, 2017

5:30 AM:	Siegmund & Maria Papp †
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Friday December 1, 2017

8:00 AM:	William & LaVerne Burns †
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Saturday December 2, 2017

4:00 PM:	Francas, Shannon & Marie Babinski †
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Sunday December 3, 2017

8:30 AM:	Alex & Bozena Borowski †
11:00 AM:	Metty Sebastian †
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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING ~ November 26, 2017

Our Parish Family

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:



Cecelia Rose Blahosky
Daughter of Rebecca & Chad

Ruby Marie Egan
Daughter of Kathryn & Timothy

Donna Josephine James
Daughter of Jacqueline & Daniel

Crosby Charles Longbella
Son of Molly & Charles

Scarlett Vivienne McGuire Whaley
Daughter of Catherine & David

Delina Asmeret Yemaneab
Daughter of Semhar & Yohanna



New Parishioners

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Erica & Matt O'Reilly
Child: Lena

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 27, 2017 - December 4, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$12,204.18
Children's Envelopes	\$24.60
Votive Candles	\$169.76
Hospitality	\$72.95
TOTAL	\$13,071.49

Special Collections:

Legacy of Faith	\$1,641.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development:	\$4,609.80

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 26, 2017

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Calendar of Events

November 26 - December 3, 2017

Sunday

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

Monday

8:00 AM	Mass
7:00 PM	Kindergarten Fall Information Night (SA1)
7:00 PM	Boys Scouts Court of Honor (FH3-4)

Tuesday

1:00 PM	School Communal Reconciliation Service
2:00 PM	Pray The Rosary (PR)
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
7:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (LRC)
7:00 PM	Finance Council (LCR)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Children's Holy Hour
5:30 PM	Joyful Noise/Jubilate/Schola Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Elementary Faith Formation
6:30 PM	Junior High EDGE
6:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
7:00 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	Benediction

Thursday

9:00 AM	Women's Ministry (SA1)
3:00 PM	EDGE Open Youth Room
5:30 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	Women's Ministry
8:00 PM	Men's Club

Friday

8:00 AM	Mass
9:30 AM	Walking with Purpose
7:00 PM	Communion & Liberation

Saturday

9:30 PM	Cuba Twinning Meeting (LCR)
3:00 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Mass
5:00 PM	Fair Trade Sale

Sunday

8:30 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
8:30 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
9:30 AM	Advent Gift Collection (FH4)
9:30 AM	Fair Trade Sale (FH3)
9:45 AM	Elementary Faith Formation
9:45 AM	Parish Pastoral Council (LCR)
11:00 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
11:00 AM	Mass
12:30 PM	Adoration
3:30 PM	Baptism Class (PR)
5:00 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Confirmation Year 1 Small Group
6:30 PM	Junior High - EDGE

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

Congratulations to all the 2nd graders who recently celebrated their first confession. I appreciated the joyful yet serious way they presented themselves for this. Many parents also went to confession and indicated to me that it was a good experience. I hope many return again in a few months.

We are at the end of the church year – today’s feast of Christ the King is the natural culmination of the church year. We celebrate Jesus as the cosmic king, not just king of a small country in the Mideast. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Church year. The Sunday readings in the new church year will focus on the gospel according to Mark. In these weeks at both weekend and weekday liturgies, we hear of end times, of times that call for significant changes in our perspective of the world which passes away. The first weekdays of Advent, however, open to very beautiful and comforting images of the time of the Messiah. The weekday readings this week, however, are still for this church year, and are largely about the end time.

Advent is a time for reflection and anticipation. We make it into a time of frantic rushing about preparing for “the holidays”, often to a point where we are glad when they are over. Watch for a letter from me in the next two weeks to help prepare you for Advent and Christmas, including additional times for confession.

In the coming weeks, if you have any strings of Christmas lights that no longer work you may bring them to the office. We know of an organization that employs challenged people to strip materials from them for recycling.

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:

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 26, 2017

- NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

- Elementary students grades K-5: 6:30 - 7:45 PM
- Junior High EDGE: 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Sunday, December 3, 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 Year I Small Group: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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WHO AM I TO JUDGE?
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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.

YOUTH NEWS

Hey Teens!! Please join us on Wednesday, November 29th, for **Uprising**; our Saint Ambrose High School Youth Ministry Program which is open to all high school teens (grades 9-12). We begin our evening at 6:30 PM with social time and ending around 8:30 – 9:00 PM. We will have music, food, and fellowship and teens are invited to bring a friend for a night of fun, while learning more about your faith as we praise the Lord with music. For more information please contact Hector at 651-768-3022.

Follow us on **Instagram** at *Ambrose_Uprising* and **Twitter** at *AmbroseUprising* for all your Confirmation and Uprising Needs!

ADVENT RESOURCE MATERIALS

Next weekend, December 2-3, 2017, you will find a table in Oehlke Commons with Advent materials and handouts available for you to take to help enrich the Advent Season by focusing and preparing your mind and heart to welcome Jesus. These materials will offer opportunities to deepen your faith as individuals and as families and we ask that you feel free to take the items that you would be able to use in the coming days and weeks.

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

FAIR TRADE SALE DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD

The Fair Trade sale is happening this weekend! 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!

TRIVIA NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

This year's Trivia Night will be held on January 27th. Start thinking about your teams! Sign-ups will begin in January. Watch the bulletin for additional details.

AMBROSIANS

Merry Christmas! We would love to welcome you to Ambrosians. We are a social group, growing with over 100+ members, formed to foster friendship among people 55 and over who are members, or spouses of members of Saint Ambrose. This evening is for everyone, whether single, married or widowed. Our purpose is Socialization, Support and Service. The next Ambrosian party will be held on Tuesday, **December 12th** in Fellowship Hall. Mass: 5:30 PM. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. The menu will include: Catered Chicken Marsala dinner by Magnolias and a host of delicious desserts. Please call in your reservations to Mary @ 739-2335 or Pat @ 578-2666. Dinners are \$8.50/person. Reservations can not be accepted after Sunday night, December 10th. There will also be surprise entertainment!

Warmly, LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President

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

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass times will be:

- 8:00 AM
- 2:30 PM
- 6:30 PM



"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" - Mt 25:38-40