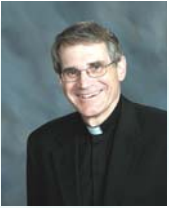




# SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

## FROM OUR PASTOR



The Lord is Risen! This is the traditional way that Christians, especially in the Eastern parts of the Church, greet each other during the Easter Season. The response would be, "He is Risen indeed!" This expresses the joyous proclamation of the gospel on Easter morning, as various angels and people report the news that Jesus has been raised from the dead. It makes "Happy Easter" sound a bit tired, doesn't it?

Thank you for coming to celebrate Easter at Saint Ambrose of Woodbury! I (Fr. Stan Mader) along with Fr. Michael McClellan, Deacon Rip Riordan, the whole staff and all members of Saint Ambrose welcome you!

This past week I went to look at the parish raspberry patch we planted last year with a view toward it being a fundraiser for our youth groups in the near future. It managed to produce some berries already last year. I went looking to see whether there were any green leaves yet. For a time I did not see anything among the old dried up canes, but then I spied the one new plant emerging. Signs of Resurrection abound in our world when we look for them!

What are some signs of resurrection in our parish?

- We have surpassed 3,600 registered households
- September 22-23 we will hold our first SAWFest parish festival
- There will be over 200 first communicants in our parish this year
- We are establishing neighborhood groups to help people get to know and support each other
- We are adding a Communications position to our staff
- We have established a sister parish in Cuba, and visited twice. We go again in January
- We made a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy and walked through the Holy Doors in Rome
- We will be completely redoing our parking lot this summer
- Men's and Women's Study groups continue to draw people into a deeper faith
- A parish magazine will be launched this summer
- Our Early Childhood Education Center continues to be full
- Our parish school finds new ways to serve, pray and learn
- Many parishioners have stepped up with new ways of service and generosity
- We are regaining pride in our parish and depth in our faith
- We believe in Christ Crucified and Risen and celebrate that in our liturgies

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 AM Mass  
Tuesday 5:30 PM Mass  
Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass  
Thursday 5:30 PM Mass  
Friday 8:00 AM Mass  
Friday 9:45 AM School Mass  
Sunday Vigil Mass/Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

## MASS INTENTIONS

### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

7:30 AM: Lenny & Alice Gordon †  
9:30 AM: Mass for the Parish  
11:30 AM: Alfred & MaryAnn Nordaune †

### MONDAY APRIL 17, 2017

8:00 AM: Janet Bagdy †

### TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2017

5:30 PM: Elsie Malek †

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2017

8:00 AM: John, Dorothy,  
& Jackie Geraghty †  
11:00 AM: Mass for the Homeless †

### THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017

5:30 PM: Melissa Scott

### FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2017

8:00 AM: Rose Taylor †  
9:45 AM: Duane Crawford

### SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017

4:00 PM: Evelyn Coleman †

### SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

8:30 AM: Mass for the Parish  
11:00 AM: Carol McCance  
5:00 PM: John L. Sweet †

## 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.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 16, 2017

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### BAPTISMS



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

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

**BLAKE DANIEL MEYERS**  
Son of Brian & Melissa

**GEORGIA MURNANE SABRASKI**  
Daughter of Jason & Anne

### WEDDING BANNS

**CHRISTINE HESBY & CHRISTOPHER BOLINE**

Who will be married on April 29, 2017  
At Saint Ambrose of Woodbury



### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Christina & Josh Adams  
Child: Jack

Stacey & Christopher Brown  
Children: Corne & Conner

Linda & John Burns

Claudia & James Laliberte  
Child: Rachel

Anne & Neil Throndsen

## OUR MISSION

Saint Ambrose strives to be an actively involved community which seeks to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ to one another, as well as the greater community of Woodbury, through our **Worship, Education and Outreach.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow Saint Ambrose of Woodbury on Social Media!

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

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## STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

April 2, 2017 - April 9, 2017

Adult Contributions .....	\$13,591.33
Children's Envelopes .....	\$71.66
Votive Candles .....	\$200.00
Hospitality .....	\$148.95
TOTAL .....	\$14,011.94

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith .....	\$382.00

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2016 - February 28, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected .....	\$1,243,127.84
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted .....	\$1,229,498.00
Difference .....	\$13,629.84

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## DAILY WORD

### READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk  
24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-  
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Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk  
16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1  
Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 16 - APRIL 23, 2017

### SUNDAY

- 7:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass
- 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass
- 11:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass



### MONDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH1,2)

### TUESDAY

- 5:30 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Reconciliation
- 6:00 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal (4:00 PM Mass)
- 6:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal (8:30 AM Mass)
- 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council (LCR)

### WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass at Stonecrest
- 5:30 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 6:30 PM Elementary Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM Jr. High Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM Uprising - High School Youth Group
- 6:30 PM 8th Grade Parent Meeting - Confirmation(SA1)
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir (SFC)

### THURSDAY

- 9:00 AM Women's Book Study
- 9:30 AM Pray & Play (EDR)
- 4:00 PM Open Youth Room
- 5:30 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal (11:00 AM Mass)
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH3,4)
- 7:00 PM Women's Book Study (PR)

### FRIDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM 8th Grade Parent Meeting - Confirmation
- 9:30 AM Walking with Purpose
- 9:45 AM School Mass
- 7:00 PM Communion & Liberation (SA1)

### SATURDAY

- 4:00 PM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration
- 8:30 AM Preschool Faith Formation
- 9:45 AM Symbolon
- 9:45 AM RCIA (FH3)
- 9:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation
- 9:45 AM Rediscover Jesus Book Study (PR)
- 11:00 AM Preschool Faith Formation
- 11:00 AM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration
- 5:00 PM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Year 1 Small Groups
- 6:30 PM Upcoming Confirmation Year 2 Parent Meeting

## FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

These are all things accomplished in the past year or slated to happen in the next six months. If you are not part of a Church community, join us now. We are stronger together than we are apart, and the Christian faith needs to be lived in community. If you are a member already but have stalled out in your practice for a time, come, renew yourself here in the coming weeks and months. If you were once part of the parish but left, return. A new day is here.

*I'm taking much of what is below from an entry on Notre Dame's daily reflections on reading. This is written by Laura McCarty '11. I'm freely editing it for our parish's purposes.*

Someone at Notre Dame once said, "Life is not about feeding people. Life is about eating with people." We can show generosity to "the poor" while keeping them a faceless group of individuals we can serve at a safe distance. This doesn't form any human connection between the giver and receiver. It maintains "the poor" for a day, but it does not answer their deeper need for love and understanding. That doesn't make charitable donations unimportant: Jesus commands many different people to part with their wealth for others' sake. But it cannot be our only form of generosity. It doesn't break down barriers between people. Compassion in its highest form cherishes the person in front of us, reflecting the unconditional love and self-emptying generosity of Jesus. It's listening deeply, being fully present, and opening our heart to the person in front of us. It's moving from love of "humanity" and "the poor" to love of individuals. If you are among the 800 or so households that have not returned the rice bowl you picked up on Ash Wednesday, or haven't prepared a meal of rice and beans in solidarity with those who eat that every day, please do so, and return the difference in what you would have spent in eating out or ordering in fast food. We are splitting that money between the Catholic Relief Services (the Rice Bowl group), the local food shelf (which is building a new center ... they've asked our parish to contribute \$50,000) and our sister parish in Cuba, which despite its poverty, reaches out to those who have even less by making meals for them every two weeks. Remember, "Life is not about feeding people. Life is about eating with people."

Our online directory is available to view for those who have had their pictures taken. Go to the parish website and click on virtual directory. You will need a password – the number from when your picture was taken. If you have misplaced that, call the office for the number. We would like more people added to the directory! It really helps us as priests to identify people. Additional dates for having pictures taken will be arranged, perhaps for late May, certainly in June. We will need volunteers to help greet people and direct them to the proper rooms.

Save the Date: Bishop Pates Gala – Friday night, May 5th. Plan for a FUN night!

Fr. Stan Mader

## CUBA CORNER

**¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado! ¡Feliz Pascua!** Just as the disciples heard the joyful news of the resurrection, we have received some very joyful news from our sister parish. The Church of San Jose has a roof! The pouring of the concrete for the roof base was successful. This is a major step in moving forward on the construction and restoration of the Church. We are very hopeful that when we bring our next group down in January the Mass will be being celebrated indoors.

**San Miguel de Cubitas Sister Parish...** For those of you visiting St. Ambrose for the joyful celebration Christ's resurrection, we began a sister parish relationship this past year with a parish in Cuba. We will be developing an ongoing relationship between our two parishes.

A group will be coming up to MN from Cuba in October and we will be going down to Cuba in January of 2018. This relationship will help remind us that we are all connected as members of the one Church. We are all intimately connected in the Body of Christ we receive at each and every Mass.



Peace,

Fr. Michael

## FAITH FORMATION

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

#### Sunday, April 23

- Preschool Faith Formation: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- Sunday Elementary Faith Formation: 9:45 AM
- Confirmation Year 1 Small Groups: 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday, April 26

- Elementary Faith Formation: 6:30 PM
- Jr. High Faith Formation: 6:30 PM

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

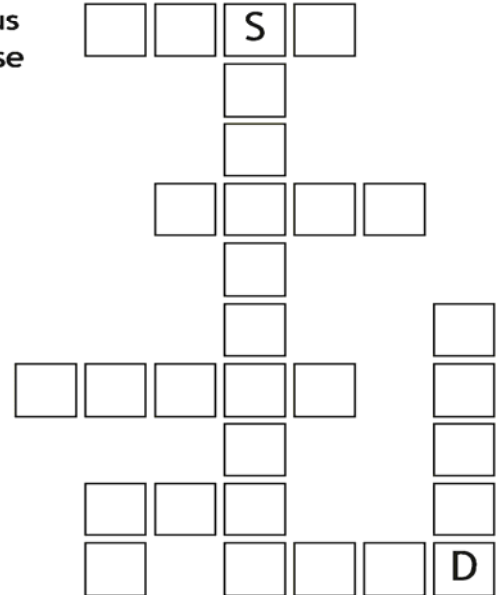
- **Staubenville Rochester:** Is a weekend-long Catholic youth conference, complete with music, speakers, entertainment, small groups, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. (Actually, it's kind of like a weekend-long concert with friends!) The conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN and will be held July 14-16, 2017. This conference is for current high schoolers. We have a limited amount of tickets so please see Hector Bautista for more information or to register.
- **Extreme Faith Camp:** Is an Archdiocesan summer camp for middle schoolers to have fun and get to know Jesus Christ through prayer, Adoration, Mass and much more. This will be held at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN June 26-30, 2017 and is for teens currently in grades 6-8. Teen leaders interested in helping at the camp need to currently be in grades 9-12.
- **Senior High Mission Trip:** This summer we invite all current 9-12 grade students to join us for a week long Catholic Heart Work Camp in Muskegon, Michigan. We will be leaving on Sunday, July 23rd and returning to Saint Ambrose on Saturday, July 29th. For more information and/or to register, please contact Hector Bautista at 768-3022 or email [hector.bautista@saintambroseofwoodbury.org](mailto:hector.bautista@saintambroseofwoodbury.org)
- **Summer Stretch:** Begins Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and is for students who are entering grades 7, 8, and 9 this coming fall. Students going into grade 10 are invited to join us as Tenors (Teen Leader in Training) and students going into grades 11 & 12 are invited to join us as small group leaders.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Children ages 3 (as of January 1, 2017) through 5th grade are invited to participate in "Created by God, Built for a Purpose" at VBS from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM beginning Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, 2017. Preschool aged children must be potty-trained and able to separate. Registration forms are available at the parish office.

## FUN & GAMES

### Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures  
said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.



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## FATHER FLOOD



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY INITIATED!

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of our church who were initiated into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil:

- Nicole Bennett
- Kayla Bermudez
- Douglas Henke
- Michelle Laumeyer
- Brittany McGurran
- Andrea Michalski

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

All 8th grade parents are invited to attend a meeting regarding your child starting the Confirmation program in the fall. This meeting will give an overview of our St. Ambrose Confirmation process. Two meeting options are available: Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in St. Anne 1 or Friday, April 21st from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Watkins at 768-3011.

### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

Have you received the information we sent you in the mail about our upcoming Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 11th at the 11:00 AM Mass? Remember to save the date and make plans to attend this special Mass with all your graduating friends. A reception honoring all of our graduates will immediately follow Mass in Fellowship Hall.

### LIVING ROSARY/MARY CROWNING

All Parishioners are invited to join the Faith Formation students for the living rosary which will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the church. A "living rosary" is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary. Each person leads one prayer of the rosary. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to place in the vases that will be arranged around the statue of Mary. We will have a reception in Fellowship Hall following the rosary. Please contact Patti Watkins if you are interested in helping with leading the Mysteries of the Rosary or for any questions at 768-3011.

### ADULT BOOK STUDY

You are invited to join us for a book study featuring the book, *Resisting Happiness*, by Matthew Kelly beginning Monday, April 24, 2017 through Monday, May 22, 2017. The group will meet from 8:30-10:00AM in the Pingatore Room. For more information or to register for the study, please contact Patti Watkins at 768-3011.

### EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

During the month of April, the EAC is asking the parish community to nominate parishioners who they believe have the gifts and desire to actively support and strengthen our ECEC, school and parish educational programs.

#### What is the Education Advisory Council (EAC)?

The Education Advisory Council:

- Advises the Pastor on the development of policies related to the function of parish educational programs in our ECEC, Faith Formation and school
- Assists in long-range planning to meet the educational needs of all parishioners
- Provides feedback regarding new and existing educational programs
- Establishes yearly council goals focused on the council mission statement

#### Frequently Asked Questions

- What characteristics do successful council members possess?

A commitment to Catholic faith development, a desire to increase participation in parish educational activities and the belief in supporting parish, school and ECEC staff in bringing their mission alive through programs, policies and events.

- How often does the Council Meet?

The EAC meets a minimum of eight times a year, on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM. Meeting length may vary, two hours is usual. Meeting dates for the next 12 months are established during the June meeting. Newly elected members' first meeting would be in June as well. There is no meeting in July or September.

#### Discernment Process

All nominees will be asked to participate in a discernment process through which 2 new members will be selected.

#### Nominations

Please consider nominating a fellow parishioner or yourself for service on this council. Nomination forms will be available in the parish office until Monday, April 24th.

Questions? Please contact our current EAC Chair, Susan Kubat at 651-730-5247.



"DO NOT BE AFRAID! I KNOW THAT YOU ARE SEEKING JESUS THE CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED JUST AS HE SAID. COME AND SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. THEN GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES, 'HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE; THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM.' BEHOLD, I HAVE TOLD YOU." - MT 28:5B-7