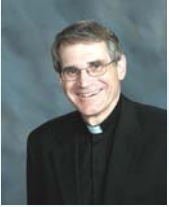




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



Next weekend is Palm/Passion Sunday, which starts Holy Week. We will begin those Masses in Oehlke Commons with the proclamation of the Palm Sunday gospel and the blessing of the palm branches, followed by a procession into the church and the opening prayer. Palm Sunday recounts the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, riding on a colt. This is not only a fulfillment of a

prophecy, but also displays that Jesus comes confidently and in peace, not like some kings would have to come with a show of force and fanfare to impress or intimidate people. The joy of that scene, which happened on a Sunday, is quickly replaced by his arrest on Thursday night and crucifixion on Friday. The gospel next Sunday is the reading of the Passion according to Matthew, consisting of most of chapter 26 and all of chapter 27. It tells the whole story of Jesus' Last Supper, arrest, trials and crucifixion. The readings during the week days of Holy Week consist of the Songs of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah, with the gospels being about Jesus being anointed by Mary (sister of Lazarus and Martha) as well as versions of the betrayal of Jesus.

We hope to have a large ad in the Woodbury Bulletin and the South Washington County Bulletin this coming week explaining some of the Holy Week services and the schedule for services at Saint Ambrose. Look for it, and encourage your friends, Catholic or not, to read it.

This weekend we have the Global Solidarity Collection. This was once four or five separate collections. It supports the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. It is an opportunity for us to represent that we are part of a global Church. As the U.S. was once mission territory and received help from the rest of the world, now we join some other most established areas of the world in supporting places where the Church is building or rebuilding.

We have interviewed several people for the new Communications position at Saint Ambrose, and will conclude those interviews this week. We are impressed with the quality of applicants.

At our Finance Meeting this past week we approved the budget for the parish. The budget for the school and Early Childhood Education

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday 6:30 AM & 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

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017

8:30 AM: Bob Savina †
11:00 AM: John F. Maye †
5:00 PM: Mass for the Parish

MONDAY APRIL 3, 2017

8:00 AM: Elizabeth Brand †

TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2017

6:30 AM: Mass for the Homeless
5:30 PM: Lucille Doffing †

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2017

8:00 AM: Frances Marshall †
9:15 AM: Rosemary Scott †

THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2017

5:30 PM: Jean McClellan †

FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2017

8:00 AM: Tom Grundhoefer †
9:45 AM: Michael Henkenius, Sr. †

SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2017

10:00 AM: Mass for the Parish
4:00 PM: Patrick Peterfesso †

SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2017

8:30 AM: Alex & Bozena Borkowski †
11:00 AM: Metty Sebastian †
5:00 PM: Mass for the Parish

LENT 2017

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6:00 PM

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 7 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 PM
Good Friday at Noon

RECONCILIATION

- Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 7 at 8:30 AM
- Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 PM
- Monday, April 10 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30 AM

HOLY WEEK 2017

- Holy Thursday, April 13
7:00 PM
- Good Friday, April 14
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Holy Saturday, April 15
8:00 PM Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday, April 16
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ APRIL 2, 2017

OUR PARISH FAMILY



BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please remember in your prayers:

JACOB STANGER
who died on March 19, 2017

GREGORY CELSKI
who died on March 20, 2017

BAPTISMS

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



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

AIDEN HENRY MORGAN
Son of Peter & Stephanie

REAGAN GRACE RIMER
Daughter of Richard & Haley

MADISON KATHLEEN RODDY
Daughter of Brett & Nicole

WILLEM GERALD MIDDLECAMP
Son of Dan & Nicole

MADelyn SIDONIA MIDDLECAMP
Son of Dan & Nicole

WEDDING BANNs

KAARI SPIESS & MICHAEL ANGELL
Who will be married on April 1, 2017
At Saint Ambrose of Woodbury



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Kari & Anthony Gand

Katie Kennedy & Andrew Lyons

Angela & Stephen Miles
Children: Thomas, Taylor, Tessa, & Truman

Nicole & Jason Ward
Child: Estella

SOCIAL MEDIA



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

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STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

March 19, 2017 - March 26, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$16,030.45
Children's Envelopes	\$64.45
Votive Candles	\$228.56
TOTAL	\$16,323.51

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$1,651.00
Soup Supper	\$89.00
Rice Bowl	\$788.01

March Direct Contributions	
General Stewardship	\$66,935.15
Legacy of Faith	\$13,966.90

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: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2 - APRIL 9, 2017

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
8:30 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
9:45 AM	RCIA (FH3)
9:45 AM	Symbolon
9:45 AM	Elementary Faith Formation
9:45 AM	Rediscover Jesus Book Study (PR)
11:00 AM	Preschool Faith Formation
11:00 AM	Mass
5:00 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Men's Book Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation Premier Sunday

MONDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Rediscover Jesus Book Study (SA1)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (FH1-2)
7:00 PM	Education Advisory Council (LCR)

TUESDAY

6:30 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Women's Rediscover Jesus Book Study (SA1)
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
9:15 AM	Mass at Woodbury Health Care Center
5:30 PM	Schola/Jubilate Rehearsal (SA1)
6:30 PM	Rediscover Jesus Book Study (PR)
6:30 PM	Uprising - High School Youth Group
6:30 PM	Elementary & Jr. High Faith Formation
7:00 PM	Adult Choir (CH)

THURSDAY

9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM	Pray & Play (EDR)
4:00 PM	Open Youth Room - Jr. High
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	40 Hours of Adoration Begins
6:00 PM	HandS Meeting (LCR)
7:00 PM	Women's Book Study (PR)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Reconciliation
9:30 AM	Women's Book Study
9:45 AM	School Mass
6:00 PM	Soup Supper
7:00 PM	Communion & Liberation
7:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

9:00 AM	Adult Spanish Class (LCR)
10:00 AM	40 Hours of Adoration Closing Mass
9:30 AM	Momnipotent
2:00 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
1:30 PM	Living Stations of the Cross
5:00 PM	Mass

FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

Center were previously approved, so we are pretty much finished with that process for the new fiscal year starting in July. The budget includes a 7% increase of Sunday offering (the usual amount would be about 3%) and no immediate Capital Campaign. The current capital campaign ends this November, and we are sure we can take at least a year off. I'm hopeful we can extend this break a bit longer and build up momentum in the parish in other ways. Thank you to those who are responding well to an increased level of stewardship not only financially, but in volunteerism, hospitality, faith and the other ways stewardship is lived out. We will continue efforts to increase stewardship, and a committee has begun to meet about some ideas regarding this, including education, such as a family budgeting class and later life finances. One example of this will be a short presentation to the Ambrosians on Tuesday April 11th about legacy giving.

We are researching getting a kiosk for our Commons so people can give online for Sundays and special collections. A parish app for that and other purposes is also in the working. This is in response to the changing giving habits of younger people, particularly the Millennial Generation (Generation Y, generally those born 1982-2000) who rarely write a check and often do not carry cash. Their business transactions are conducted almost exclusively electronically, mostly (over 90%) online. We are also learning that their patterns of giving are also influenced by awareness of the good work that is being done, and the rate of success in doing that. We hope to be able create platforms where that message is better presented and disseminated.

Attention Runners: Our neighbor to the north, Guardian Angels Catholic Church, has a Health and Wellness Ministry which has a Runners Club, for runners and walkers of all abilities. They are offering us several suggestions. One would be to have people from here join their group. Another would be to help us start our own group. And finally, to join them in partnering with Team World Vision - a group of runners that raises donations for clean water for children in Africa. (Those events are for the more serious runner - half and full marathons.) They'd like a contact person here, ideally someone who is a runner and has good leadership skills. I'll connect you with the person at Guardian Angels so they can relate their experiences.

You may be aware the beatification ceremony for Fr. Stanley Rother has been scheduled for September 23, 10 am, at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. One of our four terra cotta prayer niche around our church is dedicated to Fr. Rother, a priest of Oklahoma City with family roots here in Minnesota. He was martyred in Guatemala in the 1980s. He is the first U. S. citizen to be declared a martyr.

Fr. Stan Mader

CUBA CORNER

Please say a prayer for the success of the building project at our sister parish. The main church for San Miguel de Cubitas is San Jose in Esmerelda. This church building was in danger of collapsing a few years ago and the roof had to be removed. They are currently in the process of rebuilding the roof. Projects like this one can take years in Cuba. Permission needs to be granted from the government to buy supplies and actually do the work. The cement foundation of the terra cotta roof will be poured this weekend.

The rebuilding of San Jose Church is a beautiful sign of hope for our sister parish. This building will be a symbol of the Body of Christ to the parishioners and the larger community. After so many difficult years they are able to move forward in a very visible way. The rebuilding of this church is an external sign of what is happening spiritually. The Church, the Body of Church, is being rebuilt. May God bless this work and bring it to fulfillment!

Peace,
Fr. Michael



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 2

- Preschool Faith Formation: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- Sunday Elementary Faith Formation: 9:45 AM
- Confirmation Premier Sunday: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 5

- 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
- **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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S SON
SICKNESS
RISE

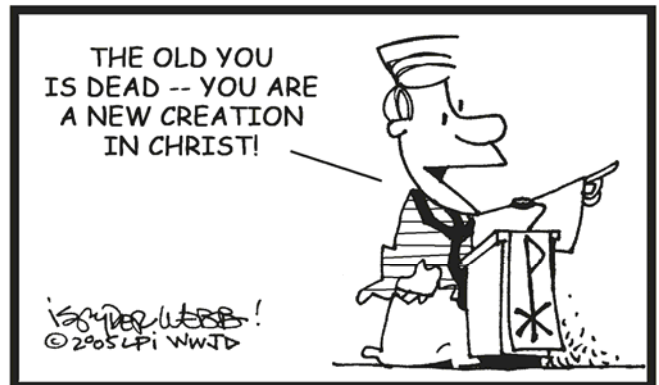
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FATHER FLOOD



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

Last weekend's bulletin contained a letter from Archbishop Hebda with an update on the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese. The Archbishop has also released a video message to the faithful that can be viewed at www.archspm.org/ArchbishopMessage.

THE LIVING STATIONS

The Saint Ambrose Drama Ministry will be presenting The Living Stations: Were You There? rendition of our Lord's Passion and Death at Saint Ambrose on Friday April 7 at 7:00 PM, Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 PM, and Good Friday at Noon. This hour-long service is suitable for the entire family and is another way of bringing the message of Jesus to our faith community. Consider attending and bringing family and friends.

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.

EASTER PLANT DEDICATION

Help decorate our worship space for the Easter Season! Dedicate a flowering plant in memory of or as a tribute to a loved one. The cost is \$15 per plant. You can do this at the parish office during regular business hours, and also at the welcome table in Oehlke Commons following weekend Masses now through Palm Sunday, April 9. Thank you so much for your participation and generosity!!

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME SHELTER

Saint Ambrose will be providing volunteers to staff the Hope for the Journey Home Homeless Shelter located at Guardian Angels Parish in Oakdale. We need volunteers to help the week of April 16-22. The three shifts are: 2:45 PM - 5:15 PM, 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM, & 8:00 PM - 9:15 AM. Please note there is no 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM shift on Thursday. Volunteer shifts are first come first serve. Sign-up is online at <http://tinyurl.com/HJHApril16> or by calling Deacon Larry at 768-3008.

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

40 HOURS OF ADORATION

A tradition in our parish is to have 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration leading up to Palm Sunday. We will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 5:30 PM Mass on Thursday, April 6 and have it continually exposed until closing Mass on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 AM. 40 Hours of Adoration give us a wonderful opportunity to pray for the parish, to pray for and receive mercy, and to spend an hour with the Lord just before we read of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. There will be a table in the Commons area for sign-up for these 40 hours.

AMBROSIANS

Looking for a FUN and SOCIAL group of new FRIENDS?! Calling anyone "55" or over to attend our Ambrosians Gathering! Whether you are a NEW parishioner, or a longtime member, I would love to welcome you to CHECK OUT the "Ambrosians" evening gathering. We are a social group, growing with over 100+ members, formed to foster friendship among people 55 and over who are members, or spouses/friends of members of Saint Ambrose. This evening is for everyone, whether single, married or widowed. ALL are welcome. Our purpose is Socialization, Support and Service. I would love to invite you to attend our next Ambrosian Party, to be held on **Tuesday, April 11th** in Fellowship Hall. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. The menu will include: ham, au gratins, green bean almandine, salad, fresh fruit, dinner rolls and a host of delicious desserts. Please call in your reservations to Ron and Mary Ann at 739-9732 OR Elaine at 739-2234. We're sorry, but reservations can not be accepted after Sunday, April 9th.

Warmly, LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President



JESUS TOLD HER, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" SHE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD. I HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, THE ONE WHO IS COMING INTO THE WORLD." - JN 11:25-27