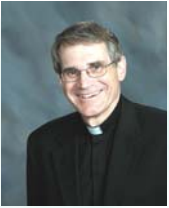




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



We have now entered the Easter Season, a 50-day celebration that continues up to the great feast of Pentecost. We might consider 50 days way too long to celebrate, as we tend to gear up for a big day and then dispose of it as we rush on to the next thing. We also tend to create a lot of hoopla, and consider celebration as a time to overindulge in food, drink, entertainment, or even

slothful vegging out. Nathan Mitchell notes that "a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to 'party on,' even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply 'the weather of the heart,' to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost [think Easter Season] is a season of learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no." As the resurrection account in Matthew said, he has gone to Galilee ahead of us. We must not tarry at the tomb, that place of death, but go to where we encounter our Easter story. Where are you finding your Galilee?

This weekend we begin celebrating with our 204 First Communicants! These celebrations are being held at our weekend parish Masses, as that is where they will continue to join us in Communion. There will be about ten Masses where we will do this over three weeks, with a maximum of 30 at each one. Some pews will be reserved for them at those Masses the next few weeks, so please let those be used for family and friends. For about 100 years First Communion has usually been celebrated in second grade, although in my first assignment that parish did it in third grade. Prior to the early 1900s it was generally celebrated around the age of 14. For decades after that many communities continued to have the observance of First Solemn Communion, which was generally held near the end of 8th grade.

This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the gospel Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and says, "whose sins you forgive are forgiven, whose sins you retain are retained." The mercy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is implied here, and this is among the reasons St. John Paul II gave the name Divine Mercy Sunday to this Sunday within the Octave of Easter. The Divine Mercy chaplet, developed by St. Faustina (1906-1938), is a devotion which many people pray daily at 3:00 p.m.

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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

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

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

MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017

8:00 AM: Al & Judy Diaz †

TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2017

5:30 PM: Georgann Jones †

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2017

8:00 AM: Mass for the Homeless

THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

5:30 PM: Wesley I. Buttz †

FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2017

8:00 AM: Joe Krug †
9:45 AM: Greg Ostreich †

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2017

4:00 PM: Felix Orlando †
Agnes & Bob Scott †
Mary Ann & Frank Mazacek †

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017

8:30 AM: Hans Trausenecker †
11:00 AM: Rose Taylor †
5:00 PM: Mass for the 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.

OUR PARISH FAMILY



BAPTISMS

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

IMMACULATA SINGIZWA UZARERWA
Daughter of Laetitia Uzarerwa

WEDDING BANNES

CHRISTINE HESBY & CHRISTOPHER BOLINE

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

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Registration helps us keep you informed of important events especially regarding sacramental preparation for your children. The date you register also determines your priority for enrolling your children in Saint Ambrose School. 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.

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
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STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

April 9, 2017 - April 16, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$31,189.47
Children's Envelopes	\$148.23
Votive Candles	\$137.20
TOTAL	\$31,474.90

Special Collections

Legacy of Faith	\$4,210.00
Holy Thursday	\$800.00
Good Friday	\$2,187.97

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 23 - APRIL 30, 2017

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
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Year 1 Small Groups
- 6:30 PM Upcoming Confirmation Year 2 Parent Meeting

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 (11:00 AM Mass)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 5:30 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 5:30 PM Schola/Jubilate (SA1)
- 6:30 PM Elementary Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM Jr. High Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM Living Rosary
- 6:30 PM Uprising - High School Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir (SFC)

THURSDAY

- 5:30 PM Mass
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Men's Club (SA1)

FRIDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM Walking with Purpose
- 9:45 AM School Mass
- 5:00 PM Hesby/Boline Wedding Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 PM Communion & Liberation (SA1)

SATURDAY

- 1:30 PM Hesby/Boline Wedding
- 4:00 PM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration

SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Preschool Faith Formation
- 9:45 AM Symbolon
- 9:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation
- 11:00 AM Preschool Faith Formation
- 11:00 AM Mass & First Eucharist Celebration
- 5:00 PM Mass & Confirmation Rite of Sending
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Year 2 Rehearsal

FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

The Education Advisory Council (EAC) is the primary consultative group in the parish regarding education and faith formation. It meets about ten times a year. There are up to seven parish members on it, as well as the school principal, the director of the Early Childhood Education Center and the director of Faith Formation and pastor. Others may attend from time to time. At this time of the year we rotate off two or three members, and bring on new ones for a three year term. We are accepting nominations at this point, and would invite people to attend our May 1st meeting (Monday at 7:00 p.m.) to observe a meeting. There will be a discernment night on Tuesday, May 9th, again at 7:00 p.m. The EAC is unique in that every other meeting is actually a workshop time where we break into smaller groups to strategize with the various education staff members and move projects forward. If you are as much as doer as an advisor/administrator, and have an interest in faith formation, whether for children or adults, this might be for you. There will be a table in the Commons after Masses this weekend where current members can answer questions.

As mentioned here before, we will be launching a parish magazine, most likely in July. The timing depends on when advertising can be arranged. This will be an attractive, full color magazine which would go to all 3,600+ parish households. It will contain news about the parish as well as articles by nationally known writers. If interested in advertising, please call the associate publisher, David Babish at 612-986-5935.

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services, and all the special Masses and services for Lent. To Fr. Michael McClellan, Deacon Rip Riordan, our music ministry, choirs, musicians, sound board people; the Drama Ministry for the Living Stations and the liturgical movement members throughout the Triduum; for staff members, especially in the office and in the maintenance department; to lectors, extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters; those who helped with decoration and other environment items; thank you very much!

I will be at the National Convocation of the National Federation of Priests Councils from Sunday night through Thursday this week. Please pray for the success of the convocation and for priests throughout our country. Thank you.

Fr. Stan Mader

CUBA CORNER

We received word that Sr. Nieves, one of the religious sisters at our sister parish, passed away on Easter Sunday. Sr. Nieves we very much loved by the people of San Miguel. She was especially instrumental in building up the Church in some of the smaller villages. Please keep her and the community in your prayers.

Also, we were sent some photos of the procession for Palm Sunday.



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

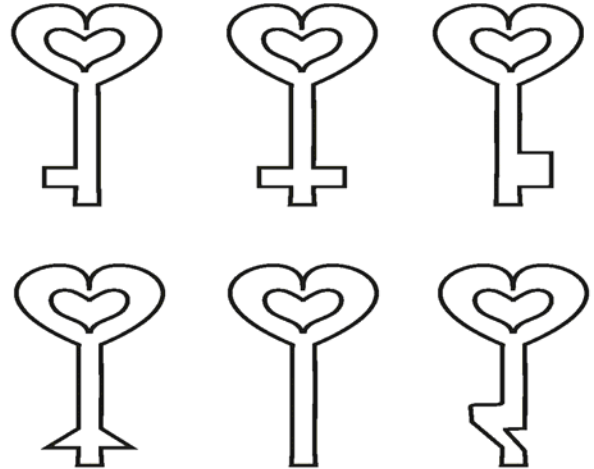
SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

- **Steubenville 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

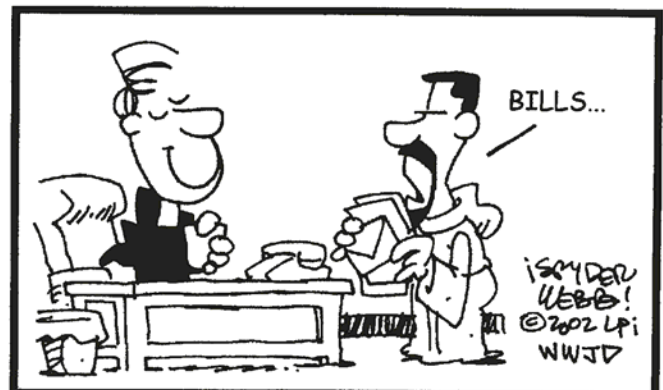
Puzzle

Which key will unlock this door?



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FATHER FLOOD



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

First Eucharist Masses begin this weekend, April 22/23 at all our weekend Masses and will continue through May 7, 2017. We congratulate the children and their families and we look forward to them joining us at the Table of the Lord. Please remember to keep these children in your prayers as we all grow deeper in our love for Jesus Christ during this beautiful Easter season!

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.

INVITATION TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Would you like to spend some quiet time with our Lord? Experience Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Francis Chapel Fridays, 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM, and Sundays, 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM.

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.



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