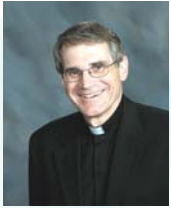




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



Happy Mothers' Day to all those to whom that applies: mothers, grandmothers, expectant mothers, those who have lost children, step-mothers, adoptive mothers ... thank you for all you have done and continue to do in raising children, nurturing others, developing strong and responsible people. My mother died exactly 10 years before my first day here at Saint Ambrose. She, along with my Dad, encouraged us to read, to pray, to play and dream. As our family sold the farm this past year, I was often reminded of her sense of stewardship rather than ownership. She would say that the time would come when someone else was to live on the farm, and she was comfortable with that. Each year my mother would record all our family income and expenses in a farm accounting book. On the final page was a place to state short and long term goals. In 1953 she listed two goals: to have a set of Melmac plates, and for each child to have a college education. At the time there were two children, ages 3 and 1. I know we had the Melmac plates by 1960. When my youngest brother graduated in 1987, she had met both goals. Neither of my parents were able to continue school past 8th grade due to the circumstances under which they lived. Yet their seven children now hold fourteen degrees among them. Thank you Mom!

Thank to you everyone involved with the Bishop Pates Gala! Everyone had a great time, and people were generous in all ways. The armchair horseracing was fun, although neither of my horses even showed. Thank you for supporting the school, and by extension the whole parish. I hope to see everyone and more next May! As I write this on Tuesday, I do not yet have any numbers to report.

Our parish reached a financial milestone this month by retiring its Commercial Loan. We still have two notes to pay off, totaling about \$7,000,000. Consider this as having paid off the car, but still having to pay on the house for quite a while. As of now, we are working on retiring a note which has dropped below \$1,000,000. We do not plan to make extraordinary payments on that note, because as soon as we do pay it off, we need to start paying the final note that is \$6,120,000. At that time (March of 2021) our monthly payments will jump from about \$43,000 to about \$75,000. Our current capital campaign ends this November. In the meantime we hope to stockpile some cash so we can avoid a capital campaign for a while. We have a ways to go, but we are making progress. Rather than fixate on the debt, consider what we can do when it is gone!

Parking Lot update: We have signed a contract to have the parking lot redone. As reported before, the cost has dropped markedly in the past few years, and we will now get it done for about \$430,000. Work will start on June 19th, and will continue for about three weeks, depending on the weather. Parts of the parking lots will be unavailable at times – be prepared to have to move to a different part of the lot.

Rooftop units for heating and cooling: We will begin the process of replacing these twenty four units over a five to six year period as their life expectancy ends. The first four, those over the Early Childhood Education Center wing, will be replaced late this month.

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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 MAY 14, 2017

8:30 AM: Virginia Lecheler †
11:00 AM: MaryAnn Nordaune †
5:00 PM: Elizabeth Theberge †

MONDAY MAY 15, 2017

8:00 AM: Stanley & Hilda Decker †

TUESDAY MAY 16, 2017

5:30 PM: Claire & Angie Seigal †

WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 2017

8:00 AM: Garner Schmidt †
11:00 AM: JoAnn & Jerry Grahn †

THURSDAY MAY 18, 2017

5:30 PM: Jean McClellan †

FRIDAY MAY 19, 2017

8:00 AM: Mary Evans †
9:45 AM: Karlyn Walsh †

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017

4:00 PM: Evelyn Coleman †

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

8:30 AM: Ray Czech †
11:00 AM: Jesse & Jessica Nelson
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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 14, 2017

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.

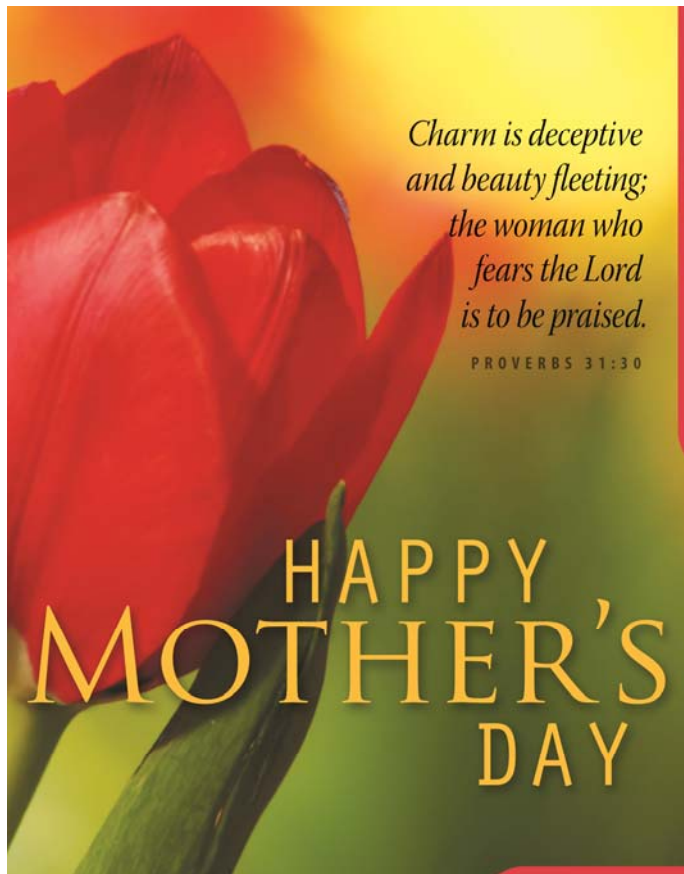
Also, please let us know when you move or when any of your phone numbers change. Having current emergency contact information (home, work, and cell) can make a critical difference if an emergency should arise with children in our school or faith formation programs.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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- Instagram: [saintambroseofwoodbury](https://www.instagram.com/saintambroseofwoodbury)
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STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

April 30, 2017 - May 7, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$16,864.98
Children's Envelopes	\$73.10
Votive Candles	\$173.86
Hospitality	\$119.30
TOTAL	\$17,231.24

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$2,475.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2016 - April 30, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected	\$1,591,489.46
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	\$1,508,828.00
Difference	\$82,661.46

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DAILY WORD

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 14 - MAY 21, 2017

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 AM	Mass
5:00 PM	Mass

MONDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts (FH1,2)
7:00 PM	Summer Stretch Parent Meeting (SA1)

TUESDAY

5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
7:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council (LCR)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
11:00 AM	Mass at Stonecrest
5:00 PM	Jubilate/Schola End of Year Party (FH1,2)
5:30 PM	Parish School - Grade 3-5 Bingo Party
6:30 PM	Uprising - High School Youth Group
7:00 PM	Adult Choir (SFC/CH)

THURSDAY

9:30 AM	Pray & Play (EDR)
5:30 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Spring Band Concert (GYM)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
9:45 AM	School Mass
5:00 PM	Edge Retreat (YR/GYM)
7:00 PM	Communion & Liberation (EDR/SA1)

SATURDAY

9:00 AM	Adult Spanish Class
3:00 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Partners in Praise Concert (CH)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 AM	Mass
12:00 PM	New Parishioner Brunch
5:00 PM	Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Fridays:

Exposition following the 8:00 AM Mass
Benediction: 9:00 PM

Sundays:

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

FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

Have you been volunteering for the church, in the community, as a coach? Don't forget to submit the hours you've volunteered as we attempt to complete 200,000 hours of service in our 20th year as a parish. Use the slips you find in the pews, and put them in the collection basket.

Next weekend we will show a short video at Mass about our sister parish in Cuba. We hope to host several people from there in October. We will visit Cuba again probably January 2-9. We do have room for several more people. We hope to take 7-8 people who are in college or in their 20s, and a similar number of people over age 30. Cost will be about \$700-750, which we would need around September 1st so we can arrange for visas. Interviews may be necessary, so everyone understands what is expected as far as living conditions and what we do and do not do while there. It is not like a typical mission trip, as there is little opportunity to construct something. Other ways of service might be available however. We also expect people going to make an effort to learn a bit of Spanish (we have introductory classes every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.) and contribute with time or talent to the Sister Parish Committee which meets periodically. People will be staffing a table in the Commons to answer any questions.

This year ten men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese. The ceremony will be at the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27th. All are welcome to attend.

Recently a number of area Catholic Schools met for a "Regional Religion Bee" hosted by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Hastings, styled after the national spelling bee. Chloe Greene, one of our 8th graders, won! The winning question had to do with what happens to the pope's ring when he dies. I'll let you look it up. Congratulations Chloe!

The Men's Club in our parish does many things around the parish but also elsewhere. Recently they spent a weekend getting Catholic Youth Camp ready for summer campers. Volunteers were Rob Francis, Sean Wurtinger, George Novak, Tim Rodgers, and Jared Mathis. Some of the projects our group worked on included cutting downed trees, splitting wood, building a ramp at the pole barn, relocating light fixtures, repairing trim and soffit fascia. The Men's Club is open to all men of the parish. Their next event is their annual steak fry starting at 6:30 on Thursday, May 25. Men, contact Larry Dezell at 503 975 7452 or ldezell70@yahoo.com by May 22 to reserve a spot and get directions. They ask for \$15 to cover food and beverages, or \$10 just for food.

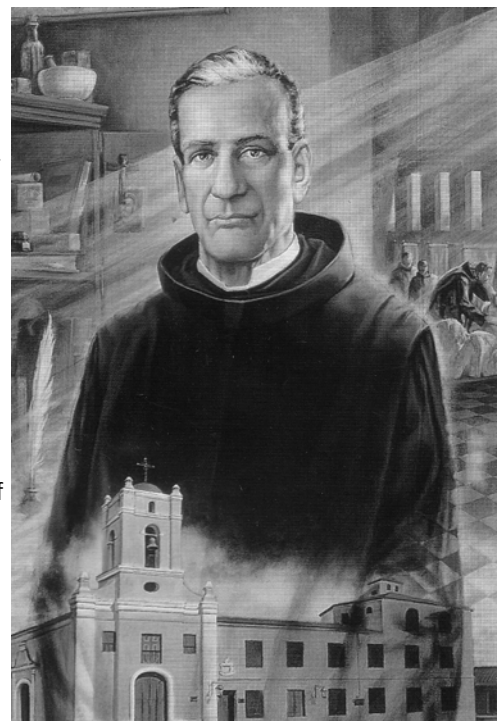
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CUBA CORNER



The Archdiocese of Camagüey is very blessed to have had a saint in their diocesan history. While he is not yet canonized Blessed José Olallo Valdés is well on his way to sainthood. Blessed Olallo was a religious brother of the order of St. John of God. He lived from 1820 to 1889. He was renowned for his care of the poor and served the sick in the hospital in Camagüey. He was referred as the "poor people's priest" even though he was not a priest. On our parish trip to Cuba in March we were given the very precious gift of a first class relic of Blessed José Olallo. This is a small

piece of bone from his body. Following the ancient Christian custom of reserving the saints remains in our altars, this holy relic will be placed beneath the altar in St. Francis Chapel where we celebrate daily Mass. May this holy man pray for both of our parishes as we are joined together with each other and the entire Communion of Saints in the One Body of Christ, the Eucharist!



FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

- Stebenville 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:** Parent meetings will be held on Monday May 15th at 7:00 PM, or Sunday June 4th at 10:00 AM, or Monday June 5th at 6:30 PM. 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:** Register today for 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.

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.

FUN & GAMES

Puzzle

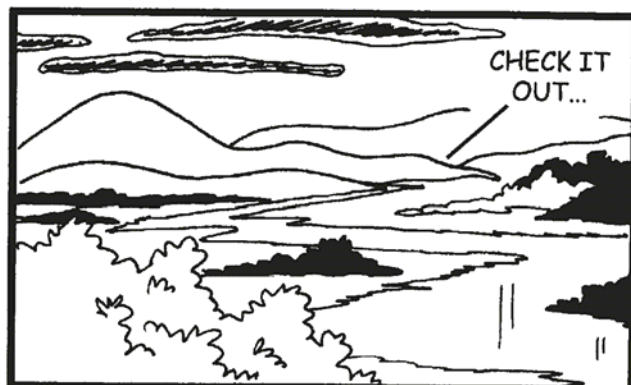
Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS	PLACE	BELIEVE
TRUST	GOING	LIVING
PREPARE	FATHER	MIRACLES

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FATHER FLOOD



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST READERS

*When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,
they were all in one place together.
And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind,
and it filled the entire house in which they were.
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in different tongues,
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*

-Acts 2:1-6

If you celebrated Pentecost within our community last year, you no doubt remember that the first reading was proclaimed in many different languages. It was so powerful! We had parishioners proclaim in Malayalam, Tamil, Chinese, Spanish, French, Tigrigna, Latvian, Amharic, ASL, Tagalog, Flemish, German, and Creole! What a wonderful way to celebrate our community's diversity! If you speak a language other than English, would you consider volunteering to be a reader at one of this year's Pentecost Masses the weekend of June 3rd/4th? Please contact Lisa at 768-3007 or lisa.cressy@saintambroseofwoodbury.org, or Gary Moore at 651-900-3446 or MoorezOfMinn@comcast.net for more information!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed at the Cathedral this past Thursday, May 4th. It was a beautiful Mass and we are truly blessed to have such wonderful teens make their commitment to the Catholic faith. A very special thank you to the parents of our candidates for all you did in helping prepare your teen for the sacrament and to all of our small group leaders who dedicated so much time to leading the small groups during the sacrament preparation sessions.

17-18 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration Information Packets were sent home with the youngest child in each Faith Formation family this spring. We would like to encourage you to send your registration form in as soon as possible so that we can begin to make plans for the fall. If you did not get your registration packet, you can pick it up at the main desk in the parish office.

HONORING MOMS

Volunteers at Our Lady of Peace gift shop will be distributing "Thanks Mom for Life Gifts" this weekend. These include coffee mugs, chocolates, and small plants while supplies last. Free will donations will be accepted in return for the gifts, with proceeds benefitting the Woodbury Life Resource Center.

EDGE NIGHT FOR 8TH GRADERS

8th Grade Edge Night will be held on Friday, May 19th from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. The theme of our EDGE night will be "Through the Storm" and we will be focusing on establishing a foundation of Christ before entering high school. The night will end with an hour of pizza and dodge ball. Any 8th grader is welcome to attend and registration forms are available in the kiosk outside the parish office or by contacting Bri St. Amour at 768-3021. Registration deadline is May 15th.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Please note that we require that all volunteers planning to work with children or vulnerable adults at Saint Ambrose must complete a Protecting God's Children training session prior to volunteering in our programs as part of the Essential 3 (Background Check, Signed Code of Conduct, and Virtus) that is required of all volunteers. The next training date at Saint Ambrose for new volunteers is:

- Monday, May 22 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

To sign up for the session go to www.virtus.org, click on the "Registration" link in the left hand column, select Saint Paul & Minneapolis Archdiocese from the drop down box, create your own User ID & Password, follow the screen prompts. Please note that the Protecting God's Children session is for adults. If you have any questions please contact LeAnn at 768-3009.

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.



"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES. IF THERE WERE NOT, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AGAIN AND TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, SO THAT WHERE I AM YOU ALSO MAY BE." - JN 14:2-3