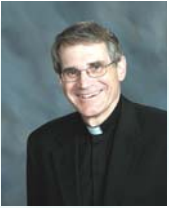




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



Amazingly, next weekend is already Memorial Day Weekend. If you will be traveling, please return safely. On Memorial Day, we will have Mass at 9:00 a.m. If you can't be at that, I hope you make a visit to a cemetery or participate in some Memorial Day event. While Memorial Day, which began shortly after the Civil War, is primarily about those who have died in service to the

country, it is also a good time to remember all our friends and family who have died. In Woodbury a Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by VFW Post 9024 and the Woodbury American Legion Post 501 will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial on the City Hall campus. It will include an address by Lieutenant Colonel Gary Diamond, a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard and teacher at Woodbury High School, color guards from several groups, including Woodbury High School Air Force Junior ROTC and Boy Scout Troop 559. There will also be reenactors from the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment (this famed unit fought at Gettysburg and other key battles in the Civil War). The "First Minnesota" reenactors also will render a three-volley salute with their Civil War muskets. There will also be several WWII vehicles on display. The Veterans Memorial is located just east of the Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road. Parking is available at the City Hall and nearby. In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day observance will be relocated to the nearby Woodbury Fire Department Building at the north end of the Woodbury Public Safety Building.

May is known as the Month of Mary. Perhaps you noticed a number of Marian hymns at Mass last weekend. The dedication of May to Mary is quite recent, starting in the late 18th century. It was popularized especially by the Rosary Encyclicals of Leo XIII. (Beginning in 1883 and concluding in 1889, Pope Leo XIII wrote twelve encyclicals and five apostolic letters on the Rosary.) May has two Marian feasts, the Visitation on May 31, and Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th. The month of May is also a time of the earth bursting forth with new life, and a time we honor mothers. Even in ancient times Greeks and Romans recognized the "birthing" of the new growing season in May. I'd recommend for your reading the poem May Magnificent by the 19th

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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 21, 2017

8:30 AM: Ray Czech †
11:00 AM: Jesse & Jessica Nelson
5:00 PM: Mass for the Parish

MONDAY MAY 22, 2017

8:00 AM: Fritz Rosendahl †

TUESDAY MAY 23, 2017

5:30 PM: MaryAnn Nordaune †

WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 2017

8:00 AM: Robert & Shelby Sarne

THURSDAY MAY 25, 2017

5:30 PM: Evelyn Fischbach †
Louis Tinucci, Jr. †

FRIDAY MAY 26, 2017

8:00 AM: Marcia Grey †
Lois Benninghoff †

9:45 AM: Carrie Eischens

SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017

4:00 PM: George Ludwig †

SUNDAY MAY 28, 2017

8:30 AM: Mass for the Parish
11:00 AM: John Kriegl †
5:00 PM: Rich Wojnarowski †

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 21, 2017

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

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

PATRICK JAMES BEER
Son of Michael & Melissa

EVA MARY EHRET
Daughter of Ryan & Angela

ETHAN JAMES EHRET
Son of Ryan & Angela

BENJAMIN JOSEPH HARTY
Son of Stephen & Tonya

EMMETT ARTHUR QUINN
Son of Donald & Kathleen

AUBRIELLA MARIE SALVATO
Daughter of Stephen & Ashley

BENJAMIN DALE WELCH
Son of Andrew & Elizabeth



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

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Rebecca & Victor Ngaling
Children: Marie, Adrina, Nora, Elma, & Lynn

Jennifer & Abhijit Parsekar
Children: Shaun & Neal

Susannah & Dan Prochazka
Children: Miles, William, & Lucas



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

May 7, 2017 - May 14, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$11,904.69
Children's Envelopes	\$45.00
Votive Candles	\$173.79
Hospitality	\$55.11
TOTAL	\$12,178.59

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$700.00

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 21 - MAY 28, 2017

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

MONDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Virtus Training (SA1)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (FH1,2)

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
6:30 PM	Uprising - High School Youth Group
7:00 PM	Adult Choir (SFC/CH)

THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Mass
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FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
9:45 AM	School Mass

SATURDAY

9:00 AM	Adult Spanish Class
3:00 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Mass

SUNDAY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Wednesdays: (Starting 5/24 through the Summer)

Exposition following the 8:00 AM Mass

Benediction: 7:00 PM

Sundays:

Exposition: 1:00 PM

Benediction: 4:45 PM

FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

century priest-poet Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ. In part it reads:

*May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season.*

*Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May*

*This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation.*

We are trying to come up with a name for the parish magazine we hope to launch later this summer. Any suggestions for something that would capture the imagination of a reader and portray the spirit Saint Ambrose while meeting the test of time? Please submit them for our consideration.

This weekend we will be showing a short video about our sister parish in Cuba. We hope to host several people from there in October. We need about \$2,600 for that; about half of that is already raised. We will visit Cuba again early next year, probably from January 2-9. We 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 to have from travelers by 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, but other ways of service are 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.

Fr. Stan Mader

CUBA CORNER



Last week I wrote about how the relics of Blessed José Olallo Valdés, one of the Cuban saints, were installed beneath the altar in our side chapel. I want to take the opportunity to draw more attention to other relics of which St. Ambrose has possession. We are very blessed to have four relics in our main altar. Three of these are first class relics (a part of a saint's body) and one is a second class relic (an object that is greatly revered, usually something that belonged to a saint). This relic is a piece of the True Cross. It's actually a very small sliver of wood from the cross on which Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. The first class relics in our main altar are St. Barnabas, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Maria Gorretti. Our parish is in possession of a first class relic of St. Clare of Assisi as well. We hope to put this relic and another relic of St. Francis of Assisi on permanent display in St. Francis Chapel. May these holy patrons pray for us!

Peace,
Fr. Michael

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.
- **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 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.

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.

FUN & GAMES

Read the Gospel and Color



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!

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.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Our pastor, Fr. Stan Mader, is giving thanks for 25 years of priesthood. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10th, as Saint Ambrose celebrates Fr. Stan's 25th anniversary. There will be a reception and BBQ in his honor following the 4:00 PM Mass. All are invited to attend!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Would you like to add your families photo to our digital parish directory? Register to have your picture taken! We want all members to be smiling, present and accounted for in our Saint Ambrose Pictorial Directory. Photo sessions are fun, quick and efficient and are free. The sessions are held here at our Parish with opportunity to view and purchase shortly after your photo session. Please schedule your photo session by going to the website: <https://fotohausUSA.brownbookit.com/schedules/stambrose>.

SUMMER HOURS

Please note as summer is nearly upon us, we will soon be starting our summer schedule for adoration and parish office hours. Friday adoration will move to Wednesday's for the summer months starting on May 24th. Beginning June 16th, the parish office will close at noon on Fridays for the summer months.

SENIORS & CAREGIVERS NAVIGATING CHANGES

Seniors and their caregivers may have many questions concerning the issues of growing older. Join us on June 6th at 7:00 PM at Saint Ambrose for a panel discussion with experts on a number of topics that concern as we are faced with caring for aging loved ones and/or grow older ourselves. A question and answer period will follow the panel. For more information watch the bulletin or contact Deacon Larry Amell at 651-768-3008.

INVITATION TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



"IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES NOR KNOWS HIM. BUT YOU KNOW HIM, BECAUSE HE REMAINS WITH YOU, AND WILL BE IN YOU." - JN 14:15-17