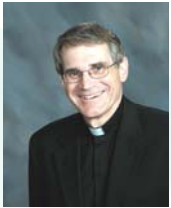




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



Next weekend we will have our annual Missionary Cooperative Speaker. The Office for Mission at the Archdiocese coordinates this as a way for us to get to know the works of missionaries around the world.

Religious orders and missionary dioceses petition to be considered, are vetted by the Office for Mission, given parameters within to work, and the collection goes to

their specific cause. This year we are matched with the missionary efforts of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Some of you may have been educated by these sisters, as they have a large motherhouse in Mankato. Sr. Paulette will speak about missionary activities the order is involved in at this time. Please be generous to them.

Last week I had an hour-long conversation with Fr. Greg Schaffer, a priest of our diocese who has been ministering at our missionary diocese in Ciudad Guyana, Venezuela for many years. You may recall him speaking here last September about the parish and the conditions they are experiencing there. Since then, their bishop has been promoted to an Archdiocese. Fr. Greg has been appointed administrator of the diocese in the meantime. This is in addition to being pastor of a parish of 60,000 people, all in the midst of the turmoil they have in that country.

Fr. Schaffer reports that things continue to decline. Chicken is almost impossible to get, as is rice. Someone's cattle were being stolen, so he had the remaining ones slaughtered. Fr. Schaffer bought three of them, splitting the meat between the seminary (where there was no food) and their food shelf and the rectory. So, for a time he has beef to eat, but the local foods are getting scarcer. The riots and demonstrations that had been primarily in Caracas have now spread to their city of 1,000,000. Some parts of the diocese he is administering are ruled largely by gangs, and more often gold is becoming the way of commerce rather than the almost worthless money. The official rate of exchange is about 16 bolivars for a dollar. When I was there in May of 2016, the black market rate was about 900. Now the black market rate is 8,300 for a dollar. Since the largest denomination readily available in his area is a 100 bolivar note, he works with stacks of cash – even suitcases of it.

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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
Sunday Vigil Mass/Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY JULY 9, 2017

8:30 AM: Alex & Bozena Borkowski †
11:00 AM: San Miguel de Cubitas
5:00 PM: Mass for the Parish

MONDAY JULY 10, 2017

8:00 AM: Roger Zedlik

TUESDAY JULY 11, 2017

5:30 PM: George Moyer †
James Schaefer †

WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2017

8:00 AM: Marge Heggernes †
9:15 AM: Msgr. William Baumgaertner †

THURSDAY JULY 13, 2017

5:30 PM: Evelyn Coleman †

FRIDAY JULY 14, 2017

8:00 AM: June Patrevito †

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017

4:00 PM: Hayes Family †

SUNDAY JULY 16, 2017

8:30 AM: Dick Reichstadt †
11:00 AM: Mass for the Parish
5:00 PM: Terry Ordinetz †

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



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Lisa & Dave Buchanan
Children: Ruby & Will

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
- Twitter: SaintAmbroseMN

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STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

June 26, 2017 - July 3, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$10,994.87
Children's Envelopes	\$32.00
Votive Candles	\$139.73
TOTAL	\$11,166.60

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$1,250.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2016 - May 31, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected	\$1,748,676.00
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	\$1,666,192.00
Difference	\$82,484.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DAILY WORD

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 9 - JULY 16, 2017

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

8:00 AM Mass

TUESDAY

1:00 PM Blood Drive (FH3-4)
5:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Ambrosians (FH1,2)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Mass (Summer Stretch attends) (CH)
8:30 AM Summer Stretch
9:00 AM Children's Holy Hour
9:15 AM Mass at Woodbury Health Care Center

THURSDAY

5:30 PM Mass

FRIDAY

8:00 AM Mass

SATURDAY

9:30 AM Adult Spanish Class (LCR)
3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Wednesdays: (5/24 through the Summer Months)

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

Sundays:

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

FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

He has little information of how things really are in other parts of the country, other than it is difficult everywhere. Some of you continue to support my friend and classmate, Bishop Juan Carlos Bravo Salazar. I hope to put together a newsletter about things in his area later this month. The bishop did send some pictures of repairs he has been able to make with the money we sent. This is in addition to paying his diocesan staff (three people). I know some of the money has simply been used to buy food for priests whose parishes cannot even feed them. I will try to get more information. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support. That and your prayers makes an almost impossible situation have some hope.

If the weather allows, the parking lot on the north/east side will have a first layer of asphalt by the time you read this. The second layer will be added this week, I hope, and then we will begin the process on the other large lot, and finally finish with the area in the back as well as the driveways. You should be able to park on either side every weekend, but again, to some extent it all depends on the weather.

We will be initiating a series of evening events combining some teaching and prayer. We are calling it Catholic Teaching for Today – from prayer to action. Our first one will be on August 14th at 7:00 p.m. As the time gets closer we will alert you to the topic and also provide some pre-teaching through this column as well as the night of the prayer time.

We have a group of youth attending a youth gathering called "Steubenville North" in Rochester this weekend. Fr. Froehle will be with them the entire weekend while I hold the fort.

Next fall (2018) I will be leading a tour group to Israel and perhaps include Jordan on that trip. I'm working with a company that I've travelled with at least eight times, six of those times to the Holy Land. At this point we are still looking at details for the itinerary. We will try to price it for a group of 30-35. Travel anywhere is somewhat expensive, but the Holy Land is significantly less costly than Europe. I'm sure this would be a memorable, educational, exciting and faith-filled pilgrimage.

Fr. Stan Mader

CYCLES OF FAITH

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

FAITH FORMATION

17/18 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration Information Packets were sent home with the youngest child in each family during Faith Formation classes in May. 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.

SUMMER STRETCH

Summer Stretch will take place this coming Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Teens (grades 6-8) need to be at Saint Ambrose no later than 7:50 AM for morning Mass. Teen leaders should report to Fellowship Hall 1 no later than 7:30 AM. For any questions please contact Bri St. Amour at 768-3021 or Patti Watkins at 768-3011.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) is a worship experience geared especially for children. It mirrors the worship experience of the larger community, with a style that is engaging and interactive for children. Here at Saint Ambrose we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with children grades kindergarten through fourth during both of our Sunday morning Masses.

In order to continue this ministry at the 11:00AM Mass this coming year, we are in need of adults to help. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Sunday readings with children in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Patti Watkins at 651-768-3011 for more information.



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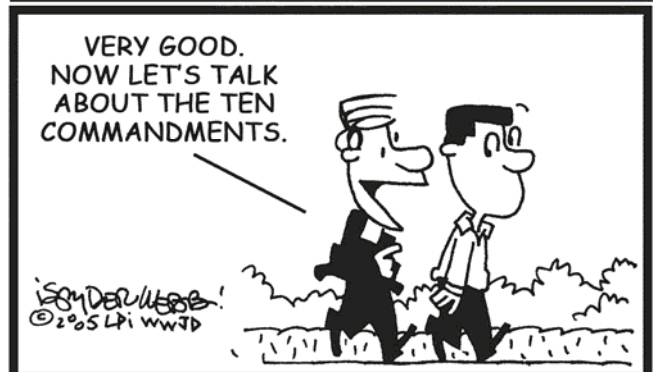
FUN & GAMES

 Read the Gospel and Color



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FATHER FLOOD



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 who would love to join us for a FUN evening. This evening is for everyone, whether single, married or widowed. ALL are welcome. Our purpose is Socialization, Support and Service. I'd love to invite you to attend our next Ambrosian Party, to be held on Tuesday, July 11th in Fellowship Hall. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. Menu will be: baked chicken, baked potatoes, fresh green beans, fresh fruit and dinner rolls and a host of homemade desserts! Please call in your reservations to John and Judy at 651-731-9486 or Mary Beth and Dennis at 651-459-4959. Sorry we can not accept reservations after Sunday, July 9th!

Warmly, LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President

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.

VATICAN SYNOD ON YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Pope Francis is calling a general assembly (synod) of the bishops on the theme, "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment" in October 2018. The Church wishes to listen to the voices of young people, their sensitivities, their faith, even their doubts and criticisms. A series of Listening Sessions are being held throughout our Archdiocese. The next session is Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 PM at O'Gara's, Saint Paul (part of the Theology on Tap summer series). In addition, young adults ages 16-30 are encouraged to take a brief online survey. For many more details, please visit www.archspm.org/YoungAdultVoices.

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME SHELTER

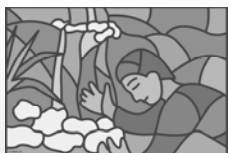
Saint Ambrose will be providing volunteers to staff the Hope for the Journey Home Homeless Shelter located at Guardian Angels Parish in Oakdale. We need volunteers to help the week of July 30th to August 5th. The three shifts are: Volunteer Shifts 2:45 PM - 5:15 PM, 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM*, and 8:00 PM - 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://ttsu.me/hjhJuly30> or by calling Deacon Larry. For more information contact Deacon Larry Amell at 651-768-3008 or larry.amell@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

COLLEGE SEMINARY INFORMATION NIGHT

A College Seminary Application Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, at St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2110 Selby Avenue, St. Paul. Are you a High School Senior interested in college seminary? The Seminary Application Meeting is for men entering their Senior year in High School and are interested in entering seminary formation for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and attending St. John Vianney college seminary. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are encouraged to also attend this meeting. Join us for Mass, a light meal and information on how to make seminary application for Fall 2018 entry. Questions? Please contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890. Your rsvp is required! Register online at www.10000vocations.org.

LEADING WITH FAITH AWARD LUNCHEON

Join us to honor and celebrate the 2017 Leading with Faith winners on Thursday, August 10 at University of St. Thomas. The awards will be presented by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Space is limited, so register today. See the full list of 2017 winners and register at www.archspm.org/LeadingFaithLunch. \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight. Questions? Contact Mary Wiebusch at 651-251-709 or wiebuschm@archspm.org.



"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART; AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOURSELVES. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN LIGHT." - MT 11:28-30