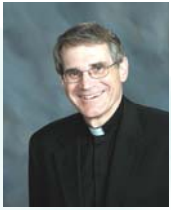




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



On August 14th we initiate a new monthly series Catholic Teaching for Today – From Prayer to Action. We will gather Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the daily Mass chapel. We will pray about current topics and use scripture, speakers and music to pray about these issues. I will be writing about Catholic teaching on the issues in this column in the week or two before the prayer service. There will be teaching through stories or speakers at the prayer service as well, and for suggestions for those who wish to take their prayer to action.

Our first topic will be refugees. In the bible the most common words for this is “stranger” or “strangers” with “alien” being used a number of times as well. Altogether these words are used about 200 times, sometimes talking about treatment of strangers in their land, and sometimes the Israelites being cursed as being strangers in another land. Usually it is used in the context of making sure they treat the strangers/aliens/refugees well in their midst; sometimes it is about in what rituals they will or will not be allowed to partake. Perhaps the signature bible passage is the final judgment scene of Matthew 25:35c “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” This becomes one of the things on which we are to be judged. For 50 years the USCCB has sponsored the Migration and Refugee Services. Its mission statement reads, “Grounded by our belief in Jesus Christ and Catholic teaching, Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) fulfills the commitment of the U.S. Catholic bishops to protect the life and dignity of the human person. We serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, migrants, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking.”

This covers many groups, and recently human trafficking, migrants and refugees have become hot topics, some because of the new awareness of human trafficking for sweatshop and sexual purposes, and others as they have become politically divisive. All, including human trafficking, are at play in Woodbury. Catholic teaching would demand that people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging.

Current estimates say there are about 65,000,000 displaced persons in the world right now. That would be about one out of every 110 people on the planet. Many of these are displaced within their own country. *Refugees* are defined by the United Nations as people forced to *flee their country* because of persecution, war or violence. This number is about 16.5 million. About 30% are from Syria alone. Where are they? Most commonly in Turkey, Pakistan and Lebanon which host over 5,600,000 of all refugees. In recent years the U.S. has been accepting 50,000-75,000 annually after careful examination of their situation. Refugees are generally victims of political turmoil (e.g. Syria), human trafficking (many places), religious prejudice (e.g. Christians in the Middle East), economic chaos, famine and blight.

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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 AUGUST 6, 2017

8:30 AM: Alex & Bozena Borkowski †
11:00 AM: Metty Sebastian †
5:00 PM: Al Olson †

MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2017

8:00 AM: Carol Mader †

TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2017

5:30 PM: San Miguel de Cubitas

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2017

8:00 AM: Sr. Marie Antionette
Chouinard †
9:15 AM: Fr. David McCauley †

THURSDAY AUGUST 10, 2017

5:30 PM: Clarence Ostertag †

FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2017

8:00 AM: Fr. Denis Audet †
Fr. Joe Keefe †

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2017

4:00 PM: Francis Ludwig †

SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2017

8:30 AM: Virginia Guck †
11:00 AM: George McDonald †
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:



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

- MILA MADISON PROULX**
Daughter of Joseph & Stephanie
- MAELYN NICHOLE WICHMAN**
Daughter of Ryan & Rhiannon
- MASON RILEY WICHMAN**
Son of Ryan & Rhiannon

WEDDING BANNES

ALLISON BERRY & ANDREW HOLZWARH
Who will be married on August 18, 2017
At Saint Ambrose of Woodbury



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

- Kelly & Christopher Danielson
Children: Maxwell, Zachary, Oliver, & Penelope
- Amy & Patrick Daly
Children: Ryan & Emily
- Lindsay & Kyle Heideberger
Children: Amelia & Evelyn
- Brittany Kelly
- Rachel & Kevin Sandstrom
Children: Sophia & Edwin
- Maxwell Schwandt
- Emily & Brent Utech
Children: Nathan, Benjamin, & Allision

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow Saint Ambrose of Woodbury on Social Media!

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

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

July 23, 2017 - July 31, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$12,630.36
Children's Envelopes	\$36.00
Votive Candles	\$89.04
Hospitality	\$107.00
TOTAL	\$12,862.40

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$865.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected	\$1,890,772.65
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	\$1,786,998.00
Difference	\$103,774.65

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DAILY WORD

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps
106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-
5/Mt 14:22-33

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 13, 2017

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
7:00 PM	Education Advisory Council (LCR)

TUESDAY

5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Children's Holy Hours (SA1)
9:15 AM	Mass at Woodbury Health Care Center

THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Ambrosians

FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
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SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass
9:45 AM	Cuba Sister Parish Meeting
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

What can we do? One idea would be to address the root causes of war, food shortage and human trafficking. For those who are arriving here, they need help settling. This might mean providing food, furniture or other household goods to help them live. Other possibilities is helping with language and social needs. Much more could be written about this complex traffic. Enormous amounts of information about the needs, the causes, and Catholic teaching on the topic can be found by going to www.usccb.org.

In a much lighter vein, my over-50 team has started their season. As I write this the Fridley Twins are 2-4 in six consecutive road games. You can follow our team and the others in league at www.m50bl.com. Our home field is the Fridley High School baseball field. I've missed some games due to a wedding and a funeral, but I'll be playing a double header there August 5th, then in the 12:00 game there on August 12th and again at noon on the 19th. So far I am batting .167, with a double in six at bats. OBP .333, SLG. 333, OBPS .666. One run, no rbi, two games. I usually play right field. Our season concludes in October.

It bears repeating: Our parish now has an app! iPhone users download by texting stambrose1 to 555888. Android users text stambrose2 to 555888. Features will be added, but right now it is possible to get the daily readings, contact some staff members, make donations for Sunday collections, and receive alerts. We hope to soon add features to allow people to submit prayer requests and other things.

This week four of us from the parish will be at a gathering of 12 selected parishes from around the country in Los Angeles in our first of four Parish Catalyst sessions over the next two years. Please pray that we will learn much and bring manageable ideas back to implement.

Fr. Stan Mader

Download Our New Saint Ambrose MOBILE APP

WITH THIS APP YOU CAN:

- Receive Parish News
- Follow Daily Readings
- Read the Bulletin



Read real-time news feeds from trusted Catholic sources.



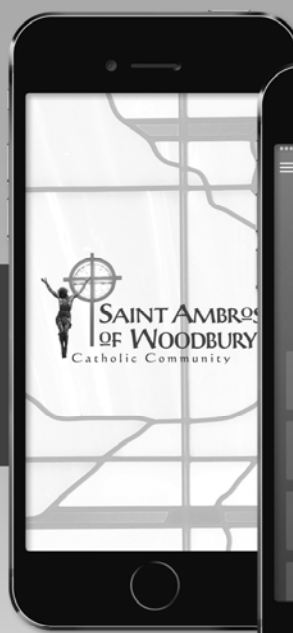
Receive notifications about parish news and ministries.



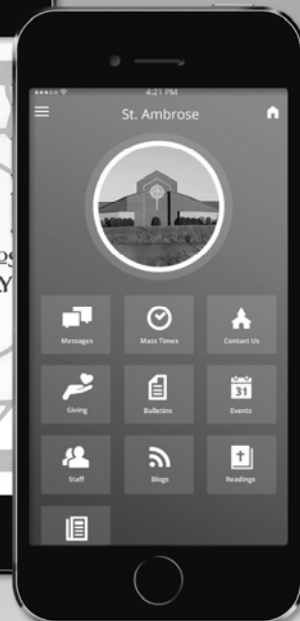
Find more than three dozen frequently sought prayers.



Follow the daily readings from home or during Mass.



Developed for iPhone/
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FAITH FORMATION

17/18 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Parents please remember that registrations for the upcoming Faith Formation classes were due by August 1st! Registration packets went home with students in May. Families who did not receive their packet can pick them up in the Parish Center at their convenience. You can also download the registration form at the parish website at www.saintambroseofwoodbury.org.

- All registered parish households with children 3 years old as of September 1, 2017 through grade 12 are eligible for participation in the Faith Formation programs. Current (2016-2017) Confirmation Year I families are reminded that you need to register for Confirmation Year II this year.
- Parents with children in second grade need to have their child registered in either the day school or the Faith Formation program in order to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year. In addition, letters and registration materials will be sent out to all families who have a child in second grade in early August so that you can register your child for the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist parish programs. Please watch for that letter in the mail in the coming weeks.

QUESTION & ANSWER

On August 10 we celebrate St. Lawrence. He was a deacon who valued the true treasures of the church. Can you tell us more about him?

There is little known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon in Rome during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253-259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the leaders of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the church of Rome. Roman officials in need of money demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them.

Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and the poor together. When the Roman officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these are the true riches of the church.

For this he was imprisoned and tortured. Lawrence was put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord.

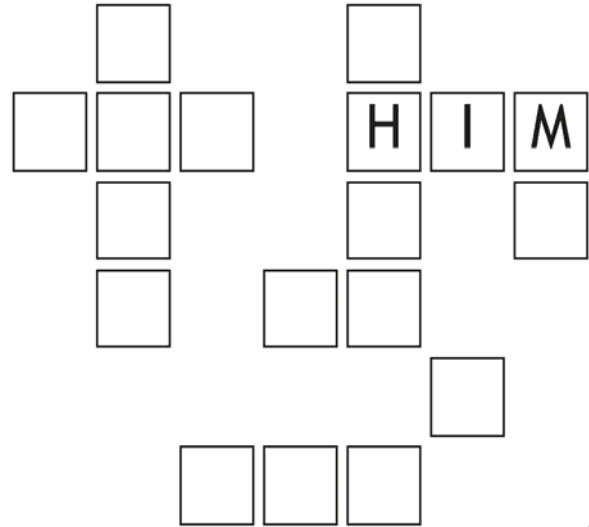
Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters.

FUN & GAMES

Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

This is my Son, and I love him.



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FATHER FLOOD



MY GUESS IS THIS IS A SIGN TO PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL...

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAWFEST CORNER

The fall festival is fast approaching, September 22 - 23. We will be asking for many ways parishioners can help to make this a huge success!



Present needs:

- Big Ticket packets are now available to pick up . All parishioners have a packet and can pick it up this weekend at the table in Oehlkes commons or in the church office during the week.
- We now have a donation tree in Oehlke commons. We are looking for many different items to donate for the festival. Please pick off an item you are able to donate and return it sometime in the month of August. (There is a bin under the tree you can place it in).
- We encourage continued sign-up for volunteers. It can be found on the SAWFEST link on the parish website.
- Fun walk/run will be open to all and will be Saturday September 23 in AM. Stay tuned for further details and how to register.

AMBROSAINS

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 Thursday, August 10th in Fellowship Hall. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. **CATERED Roast Beef Dinner, plus desserts from Magnolia's Restaurant for \$9.25/ person!!** Please call in your reservations to Lloyd and Delores at 651-493-1048 or LeAnn and Charlie at 651-459-7151. Sorry we can not accept reservations after Monday evening, August 7th!

Warmly, LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President

Catholic Teaching for Today: From Prayer to Action



Join us as we begin a new monthly series exploring how our Catholic faith informs our actions in the world today. Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel and will focus on a particular issue of our times. Following evening prayer, which will include music, prayer and speakers, we will move into Fellowship Hall for round table discussions, and an invitation to go deeper and to discern how we are called to respond. Each session should last about 90 minutes.

The first of the series is right around the corner, on:

- **Monday, August 14 at 7:00 PM:**
Welcoming the Stranger: Refugees

We will hear one of our very own parishioner's share her story of fleeing Vietnam with her family and resettling in Minnesota 40 years ago. We will also hear what Catholic Social Teaching has to say about refugees, as well as the current refugee crisis.

We hope you will join us as we discern more deeply our Gospel call to love and serve. All Are Welcome!!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Would you like to add your families photo to our virtual parish directory? Upcoming dates to be photographed are August 9 & 13. 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>.



WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, BEHOLD, A BRIGHT CLOUD CAST A SHADOW OVER THEM, THEN FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE THAT SAID, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM." - MT 17:5