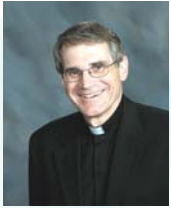




# SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

## FROM OUR PASTOR



I know we were all sad last weekend when Fr. Michael announced that he had received a new assignment to become both the associate pastor of St. Therese in Deephaven (that is near the southeast part of Lake Minnetonka, west of Minneapolis) and also the chaplain for Providence Academy, a Pre-K-12 Catholic school in Plymouth. I would like to thank him for his ministry this past year at Saint Ambrose. He was excellent in the school, visiting 18 classrooms every three weeks.

He also visited the Early Childhood Education Center weekly, and was very present to the youth group and Confirmation program. In addition he shared in all the Sacramental and pastoral work here – Masses, anointing the sick, weddings, funerals, visiting the sick, and counseling people. He visited our sister parish in Cuba and became the point person for that outreach. In addition, there are a million things one does both as a staff member and as a priest that defy categorization. He carried them out with kindness, good humor and honor. I know we all wish him well. He will be here through June 11<sup>th</sup>, but will be taking a few days off, including next weekend.

We will be welcoming one of the ten men who will be ordained this weekend. He will start here on June 14<sup>th</sup>. As I am writing this, I am not yet allowed to give his name, as he will not be told until Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Why do priests get reassigned? Perhaps the most important reason is to share his gifts with others in the Archdiocese. Pastors are typically rotated out at six, nine or twelve years. If someone is around too long, it can happen that some parishioners never have their talents nurtured. Associate pastors are rotated much more quickly. This is because so often one is made a pastor after two or three years, or six at the most, and the desire is to have them experience more than one style of pastoring or ways of managing a parish before becoming a pastor. Sometimes a priest has a skill that is needed elsewhere – such as a second language or ability to work with a particular group – children, youth, elderly or the sick. It is part of being a priest and being Church. We need to be ready to serve where we are needed, and to prepare people to be able to do that. We are not a place unto ourselves. We are part of a larger Church.

This weekend both Fr. Michael and I will be away quite a bit celebrating with other priests who will have just been ordained. Each of us will have one Mass, and Fr. David McCauley, former pastor here at Saint Ambrose of Woodbury, will preside at the Sunday morning Masses. Fr. Michael has many friends in this class, and will himself be celebrating one year as a priest this weekend. Sunday morning I will be in my home parish of Saint Boniface in Saint Bonifacius as my first cousin's son, Timothy Sandquist, will be celebrating his Mass of Thanksgiving.

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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 28, 2017

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

### MONDAY MAY 29, 2017

8:00 AM: Sheila Siken †  
Susan Marquardt †

### TUESDAY MAY 30, 2017

5:30 PM: John Delio †  
Louise Vitone †

### WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2017

8:00 AM: Nick & Mary Strub

### THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2017

5:30 PM: Karrie Eischens

### FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2017

8:00 AM: Evelyn Grako †  
Deborah Schmitt †  
9:45 AM: Lewis Segreti

### SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017

4:00 PM: Evelyn Coleman †

### SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

8:30 AM: Alex & Bozena Borkowski †  
11:00 AM: Metty Sebastian †  
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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ MAY 28, 2017

## 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*

**HARPER ROSE CROSSLEY**  
Daughter of Logan & Danielle

**ZYRADEL DAYE RABE GOTOMAN**  
Daughter of Windel & Sarah

**FINNEGAN ROGER PRZYTARSKI**  
Son of Jeffrey & Laurie

**VICTORIA JOY SCHMIDT**  
Daughter of Mark & Deborah



### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Naomi Casebolt

Chelsey & William Funk

Natalie & James McKliget

Children: John, Peter, & Elizabeth

Lindsay & Felix Vigeant

Children: Gwen & Louise

## 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



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 14, 2017 - May 21, 2017

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Contributions .....  | \$13,535.73        |
| Children's Envelopes ..... | \$34.73            |
| Votive Candles .....       | \$111.96           |
| Hospitality .....          | \$53.82            |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>         | <b>\$13,736.24</b> |

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| Special Collections                             |            |
| Legacy of Faith .....                           | \$1,152.00 |
| National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception .. | \$3,230.63 |

#### 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: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 28 - JUNE 4, 2017

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

8:00 AM Mass  
 \*Parish Office Closed for Holiday\*

### TUESDAY

5:30 PM Mass  
 6:00 PM Reconciliation

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Mass  
 6:30 PM Uprising - High School Youth Group  
 6:30 PM VBS Training (SA1)  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir (SFC/CH)

### THURSDAY

9:30 AM Pray & Play (EDR)  
 4:00 PM: Open Youth Room - Jr. High Faith Formation  
 5:30 PM Mass  
 6:00 PM HandS Meeting (PR)  
 7:00 PM Parish School - 8th Grade Graduation

### FRIDAY

8:00 AM Mass  
 9:45 AM School Mass

### SATURDAY

8:30 AM Virtus Training (SA1)  
 3:00 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM Mass

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM Mass  
 10:00 AM Summer Stretch Parent Meeting  
 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

Next week is the feast of Pentecost. It is the end of the Easter Season, and considered to be the Birthday of the Church. It was on this day, about 50 days after Easter, that the Holy Spirit came down upon Mary, the Apostles and whoever else was gathered in the upper room to pray. Pentecost was a feast day for the Jews long before it became associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit for Christians. It was known as the Feast of Weeks (see Exodus 34:22) for it fell 50 days after Passover – a week of weeks, plus one day. It was also called the Day of First-Fruits or the Feast of Harvest for it was actually an agricultural feast, celebrating the end of the harvest, the ripening of corn. It was probably adopted from a Canaanite festival once the Jews settled in the Promised Land. It soon became connected as well with Israel's sacred history, becoming a commemoration of the conclusion of the Covenant and the revelation of the Law on Sinai. This feast explains why Jews from around the world were in Jerusalem that day. Pentecost for Christians now recalls the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which took place on that same day.

I was ordained on Saturday, May 30, 1992, so this week I observe 25 years as a priest. It will be celebrated, I think, as a priest should: with Mass and confessions. It happens I will also preside at a funeral that day. We will have a parish celebration on Saturday, June 10. There will be a Mass at 4:00 p.m. and a barbeque supper and program will follow. I hope to have some family here to celebrate with me, some people from other parishes at which I served, and I hope many of you can spare an hour or so to join us. I know there are many competing events that day – I'm invited to at least three graduation parties that day, and hope to attend them all. While we have some of the food figured out for the celebration, I also hope groups from this wonderfully diverse parish will bring something representing their culture as well. Common food would be the best – tacos, fried beans, tamales, spring rolls, stir fry, foods from Africa that I don't know of yet, whatever you might make for a family celebration. You don't need to make a lot. Or, decide to prepare it as a group. Thank you!

Our parish school will celebrate graduation this Thursday night. All are welcome to attend Mass at 7:00 p.m. June 1st. Congratulations not only to our graduates, but all those who are graduating at any level at this time, from our ECEC students to college graduates. In each case people are moving on to another level. It is both exciting and a bit scary to move on to a new place and new people. If you pack Jesus along on the trip, you will not be alone. While it might seem logical to think that the feast of the Ascension which we celebrate this weekend says Jesus has left us behind, the opposite is really true. Not only does He send the Holy Spirit to us, and Jesus is constantly interceding for us, but we also need to remember that the Ascension is most closely connected to Christmas and the Incarnation, reminds us that while Jesus has ascended, we are not abandoned. Jesus is constantly interceding for us. But also, at the Ascension, this human being – the Person and the risen, glorified body of Jesus – became for all eternity a part of who God is. It was not the spirit of Jesus or the Divine nature of Jesus alone that ascended to the Father. It was the risen Jesus, whole, alive and entire, in his glorified Body that ascended: a body which the disciples had touched, the body in which Jesus had eaten and drunk with them both before and after His resurrection, a real, physical, but gloriously restored body, bearing the marks of nails and a spear. This is what ascended. This is what, now and forever, is a living, participating part of God. The Ascension, along with the Incarnation, is here to tell us that it is a good thing to be a human being; indeed, it is a wonderful and an important and a holy thing to be a human being. It is such an important thing that God did it. Even more, the fullness of God now includes what it means to be a human being.

**Fr. Stan Mader**

## CUBA CORNER

Great progress has been made on the Church project in Esmerelda. The roof is well on its way to completion. We were sent some pictures of the project this week which I wanted to share with you all. Also, please continue to pray for the success of this project. It is a huge undertaking. Please remember to keep San Miguel de Cubitas in your regular prayers. We are sometimes sent prayer intentions from Cuba. In particular please prayer for: Eloisa, Natalia, Vilmay, Mariela, and Delia.





## FAITH FORMATION

### 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.
- 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 [hector.bautista@saintambroseofwoodbury.org](mailto: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.

### 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

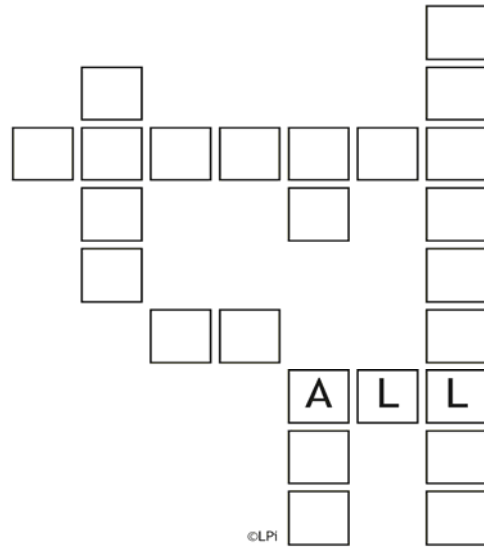
Registration Information Packets were sent home with the youngest child in each Faith Formation family this spring. We would like to encourage you to send your registration form in as soon as possible so that we can begin to make plans for the fall. If you did not get your registration packet, you can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

## FUN & GAMES

### Puzzle

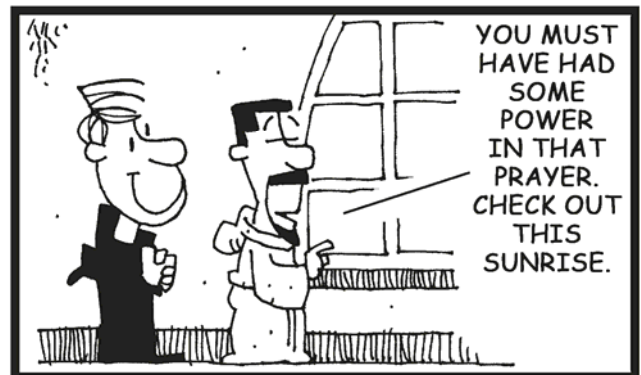
Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Go and make disciples of all nations.**



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## FATHER FLOOD



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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:

- Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

To sign up for the session go to [www.virtus.org](http://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.

### AMBROSIAN BBQ SUMMER SPRING FLING

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" 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 event, to be held on Thursday, June 8th in Fellowship Hall. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. Menu will be: Old fashioned picnic – hamburgers, brats and with your favorite fixings, corn on the cob, french fries, salad and fresh fruit - Please call in your reservations to Jerry and Mary Ann at 651-739-0342 or Lorraine/Mary at 651-735-1290. Sorry we can not accept reservations after Tuesday, June 6th!

Warmly,  
LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President

### 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 has moved Wednesday's for the summer months. 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.



"ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MT 28:18B-19