

# Saint Ambrose Cathedral

Diocese of Des Moines | Most Reverend William M. Joensen, Bishop

Jan. 9 & 16, 2022 | *Baptism of Our Lord & 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 | phone 515.288.7411 | SaintAmbroseCathedral.org



*Celebrating Mass & the Sacraments*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:30am & 11:00am (Rosary at 8am in the chapel)

Monday-Friday | 12:10pm (Rosary at 11:45am in the church)

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday | 11:00am—12:00pm (noon) & after 12:10pm Mass

Saturday | 2:30-3:30pm or by appointment

### Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for baptism arrangements. Other initiation sacraments (First Communion & Confirmation) are planned through our RCIA or Religious Education programs.

### Marriage

One party of the engaged couple must be a baptized Catholic. Please contact the parish office, at 515.288.7411, ext 200.

### Other Sacraments & Pastoral Care

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange other holy sacraments or pastoral care. Contact information for parish ministries, faith formation programs, committees, and offices can be found on page 4A.



*With joy and thanksgiving,  
our parish community recently  
welcomed William into the  
Catholic Church!*



## Parish Mission Statement

We St. Ambrose Cathedral parish of the Diocese of Des Moines are a diverse community of the rich and poor, disadvantaged and hungry, young and elderly, visitors, and those seeking refuge. We are a Eucharistic community of many cultures.

We strive for unity in our diversity expressing our love of God through prayer and worship, justice and service, the ministry of hospitality, and through catechesis, evangelization, and ecumenism. We pursue this mission faithfully by following the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts and talents of our faith community.





***New Year's Message and Appeal to educate kids in South Sudan***

Sisters and brothers, fellow parishioners and dear people of God, Happy New Year to you all and blessings from above to your families. This is the beginning of another New Year of grace, and a great time we always spend asking for blessings and the best things from God. Wishing someone a happy new year in a religious way sometimes becomes difficult for us. That is why I pray and hope that God will shower you with His uncountable blessings throughout the year. May 2022 be a year of joy, peace, unity, love and success for your families and your loved ones. May it also be a year where God will answer our prayers and free the world from the monster pandemic known as Covid. As we thank God for his many blessings, care and protection in 2021, may this New Year be an excellent opportunity to seek His forgiveness for our past mistakes, in order for us to receive his unconditional mercy and uncountable blessings. As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Holy

Family a Sunday after Christmas, I have this to say to those who are married; look your partner in the eye and say to him/her, "As I believe in God, I also believe in our love. As the family God is Holy, let us make our family to look like theirs in holiness." For those who want to give up their marriage because of challenges, I say to you, never give up! God is watching over you, you are capable of fixing anything wrong in it through His help in order to continue in this difficult journey together in 2022 and beyond.

This Sunday the Church Celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism illustrates new birth and the identification of those baptized with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 537 we are instructed that: "Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection..." That said, as the Baptism of Christ was a public act of faith, so should our baptism be likewise. That is why St. Augustine of Hippo insisted that, "baptism does not profit a man outside his/her unity with the Church." That is simply because, "Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he/she is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God" (St. Vincent Ferrer). We should also recall Jesus' words to Nicodemus in Jn 3:5: "Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Here, the Lord is reminding us of how important baptism is for our entrance into Heaven. Thus, may we all pray for those who are not baptized to seek these Holy waters that does not only cleanse original sin, but much more opens for us the gate of Heaven.

Through Baptism we are above all invited to serve our needy brothers and sisters, especially the vulnerable among us. Together, our kindness and generosity can make this world a safer place, and one home for poor children in particular. For the past four years we have been taking the second collection in January or February to assist the orphans and poor students in South Sudan. Our collections for these past four years, gave hope to many children in the war-torn country of South Sudan. On their behalf, I take this opportunity to thank you and your families for your help and generosity. For these children, you are all special type of people that changes lives, lifts people up, and makes the world a better place. Thank you for your donation and your love for South Sudanese children. That said, ***I now appeal that we will take the second collection for the Tuition Fees and school supplies for these children the week end of February 5-6, 2022 at all of our Masses.***

Fr. Ambrose Ladu Daniel

*Fruits of Your Giving*

**CATHEDRAL TITHING SUPPORT**  
 Amount Needed for December—\$34,917  
 Amount Received in December—\$60,492

*Parish Calendar Highlights*

- Monday, January 10**  
5:00pm | Holy Hour (Cathedral)
- Tuesday, January 11**  
6:30pm | Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Friday, January 14**  
7:00pm | Youth Adoration (Cathedral)
- Sunday, January 16**  
11:00am | Pre-K/K Classes (Parish Hall)  
3:00pm | Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
- Monday, January 17**  
5:00pm | Holy Hour (Cathedral)
- Wednesday, January 19**  
5:00pm | Finance Council meeting (Parish Hall)  
7:00pm | Healing Service with Tim Jameson (Cathedral)
- Sunday, January 23**  
11:00am | Pre-K/K Classes (Hall)
- Monday, January 24**  
5:00pm | Holy Hour (Cathedral)



**ST. AMBROSE CATHEDRAL  
 MONTHLY HEALING SERVICES WITH  
 TIM JAMESON**

All are invited to attend a monthly healing service here at the Cathedral, every third Wednesday at 7pm. Information about these special healing services will be announced during Masses in the coming weeks. Next service is January 19 at 7pm.



**HOLY FAMILY  
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES**

- January 14**  
\$1 Jeans Day
- January 17**  
No School—Teacher Professional Development
- January 26**  
2nd Round—2022-23 Registrations

**ENROLLMENT FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES**

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*“When it is all over you will not regret having suffered; rather you will regret having suffered so little, and suffered that little so badly.”*

—St. Sebastian, Patron Saint of Soldiers and Athletes

**THE BISHOP WANTS TO HEAR FROM US**

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future.

To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or click on the QR code (print the QR code image next to this note). The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



**THE GIFT OF FOOD & ESSENTIALS: ST. AMBROSE CATHEDRAL LAUNCHES FIRST SUNDAYS PANTRY COLLECTION**

During the first weekend Masses each month, the Cathedral community is invited to donate food and hygiene items to share with those in need. For this First Sundays Pantry Collection, look for the baskets on each side of the altar, where you may offer cash, food that does not need a refrigerator or freezer, or any items that keep bodies and homes clean (shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers, etc). The items we give will be distributed through the two St. Vincent de Paul food pantries in our city; learn about these pantries by visiting [SVdPdsm.org/social-services/](http://SVdPdsm.org/social-services/). Questions about this new monthly collection? Contact Anita at [anitaogara@gmail.com](mailto:anitaogara@gmail.com) or 515-249-4490.

*Notes From the Parish Office*

**Tithing Envelopes.** Some parishioners did not receive their most recent quarterly tithing packets in the mail. If you need to order temporary tithing envelopes, please call Justin at 515.288.7411 (ext. 200).

**Parking.** During Principal’s fall construction project, parking remains available in the Diocesan lot west of the rectory; in our parish lot directly behind the Cathedral; in metered spots on surrounding streets; and in the gated lot west of St. John’s Lutheran Church (entrances on 7th Street and Watson Powell Jr. Parkway). We appreciate your patience.

**Online Giving.** St. Ambrose Cathedral is offering online giving. This service will be offered through Faith Direct. A promotional mailing recently went out to all contributing parish households with information on how to sign-up. Parishioners can contribute in a safe, secure and convenient manner. We thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral. The following url will allow parishioners to sign up: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/ia1147>

*Readings for the Week of January 9*

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

*Readings for the Week of January 16*

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2  
**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-2



*Mass Intentions & Observances*

To have your deceased loved one(s) remembered during a scheduled Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

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| <p><b>Saturday, January 8</b><br/>4:00pm Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 9</b><br/>8:30am For the People<br/>11:00am Benjamin Arellano</p> <p><b>Monday, January 10</b><br/>12:10pm Rosemary Inman</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 11</b><br/>12:10pm Theodore Wieland</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 12</b><br/>12:10pm Special Intention</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 13</b><br/>St. Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of Church<br/>12:10pm Ed Reveiz</p> <p><b>Friday, January 14</b><br/>12:10pm Edward Ochylski</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 15</b><br/>4:00pm Special Intention</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 16</b><br/>8:30am Lawrence Sackie<br/>11:00am For the People</p> | <p><b>Monday, January 17</b><br/>St. Anthony, Abbott<br/>12:10pm James Crowley</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 18</b><br/>12:10pm Joseph Nicholas Graff</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 19</b><br/>12:10pm Belford Aamere</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 20</b><br/>St. Fabian, Pope &amp; Martyr<br/>12:10pm Charles &amp; Babe Bisignano</p> <p><b>Friday, January 21</b><br/>St. Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr<br/>12:10pm Dolores Greenley</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 22</b><br/>4:00pm Jim Hampton</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 23</b><br/>8:30am Special Intention<br/>11:00am For the People</p> |
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DIocese OF Des MOINES  
OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*Our November prayer is that the witness of the saints may spur us on to follow Jesus and live the gospel. We also pray in gratitude for our Diocesan priests celebrating November ordination anniversaries!*

*Pastoral Offices & Ministry Contacts*

Parish Office Hours | Weekdays, 8:30am-4:30pm

**Pastor | Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines**

Most Reverend Bishop William M. Joensen, Ph.D. | 515.243.7653

**Rector**

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**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Ambrose Ladu Daniel | 515.288.7411, ext 204

**Deacons**

Deacon Francis Chan, Deacon Jim Obradovich, Deacon Chris Rohwer,  
Deacon Ly Pao Yang

**Administrative Staff**

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*Parish Councils & Committees*

**Finance Council**

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Cory Millmier; Ramona Peterson; Angela Burke Boston; Sol Rosenbaum

**Pastoral Visioning Council**

Antonio Bañuelos, Angela Burke Boston, George Brucks,  
Deacon Francis Chan, Dr. Barbara Decker, Chao Ly,  
Chris Rohwer, Samol Thlang, Martin Nawl, Margaret Niang Mang,  
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**Knights of Columbus**

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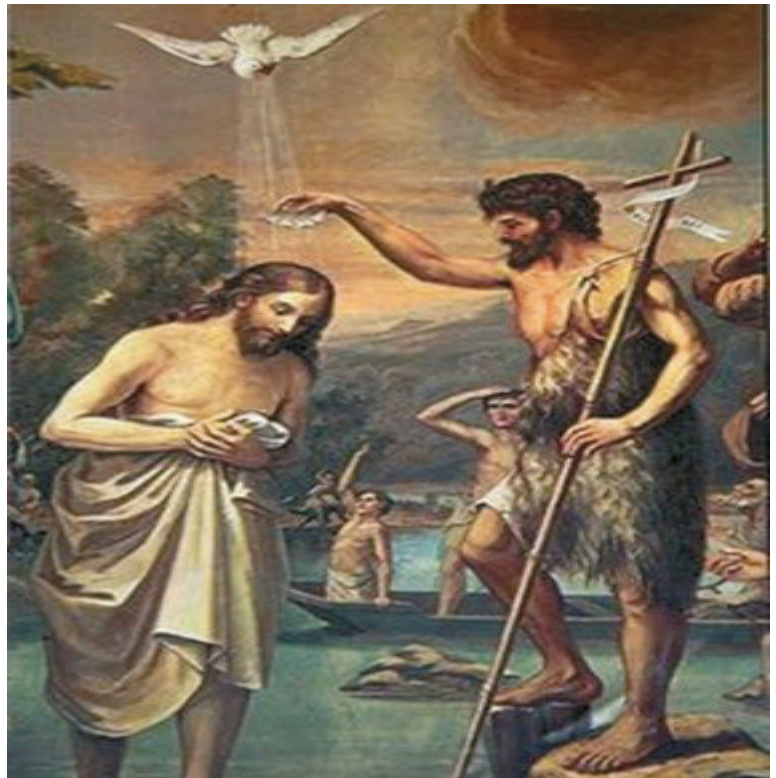
For information on joining our parish Knights of Columbus Council 15336, please contact Vincent at 319-493-2507, or visit our council website at: [sites.google.com/site/kc15336/home](https://sites.google.com/site/kc15336/home)



**INTRODUCING: BEN HOSKINS—  
ST. AMBROSE’S NEW MUSIC  
DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST!**

Ben Hoskins will continue the tradition of music excellence at St. Ambrose as we bid farewell to Debbie Rohrer, who gave her heart and soul to the Cathedral over the last few decades.

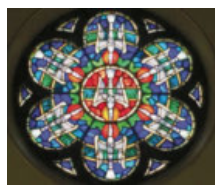
Ben (originally from Albia, IA) studied music at UNI, obtaining degrees in both Organ and Voice. Prior to coming to Des Moines and St. Ambrose Cathedral, Ben spent the last 8 years working for Dobson Pipe Organ Builders in Lake City, IA. Ben has also been the primary caretaker of St. Ambrose’s organ for the past several years. Ben looks forward and is excited to be serving at St. Ambrose Cathedral!



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*Welcome to St. Ambrose Cathedral!*

We are blessed by all parishioners, guests, and visitors who gather here for prayer, Mass, and the sacraments. **Registered parishioners** are asked to ensure that the Parish Office always has your current contact information on file. **Visitors** who

would like to join our parish are asked to complete a registration form and visit the Parish Office during weekday business hours, 8:30am-4:30pm. Thank you for being with us!



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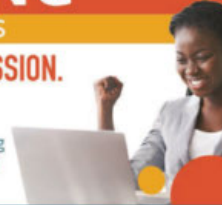
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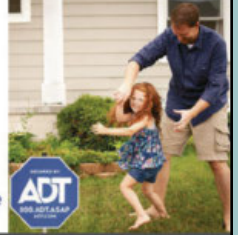
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