

A Message From Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Ben



#### **New Year's Invitations**

The New Year provides us with the opportunity to take stock, reflect, and ask God for guidance on practical steps for growing in the upcoming year. New Year's resolutions can be frustrating if we make them impossible to complete, but they also can be truly life-changing. Last

year, a number of people took a journey with Fr. Mike Schmitz and listened to the whole Bible in a year.

If you did that, way to go! We would love to hear how it went, how you are changed by this, what was hard about it, and what blessed you.

This year, I want to propose two very concrete resolutions whose power to bring life change and deep satisfaction are hard to even describe: Eucharistic Adoration and participating in a small group.

We are stewards. God has the given us the gift of time and invites us to use that time to be in relationship with Him and others. One of the very concrete ways that you and I can be good stewards of our time is to pray. When I give my time to a person, I literally am giving myself. I am giving him or her something that I cannot get back, as time is limited. In other words, when I give someone my time, I am telling them: "I love you. You are worth it. You matter." When you and I give God time in prayer, we are telling Him: "I love You. You are worth it. You matter to me. We matter."

This year, what if you gave God one hour a week in prayer through Eucharistic Adoration? What if you made that offering to Him and signed up? It's a commitment, it's real, and it says to God: "You matter. We matter. I want to make that investment in my relationship with You." We will speak about this more as the year goes on, but Fr. Peter and I have been doing Eucharistic Adoration daily or almost daily for years and years and the fruits of this time are immense. We want the joy and peace that it brings for you.

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

All of our Masses are celebrated in person. You may also watch our Masses via live stream every Sunday at 8:30 am and Monday through Friday at 8:00 am.



 Sunday
 January 2, 2022

 8:30 am:
 Pat Donaldson ⅓ 1

 11:00 am:
 Manuel DeVera ⅙ 1

 5:00 pm:
 Mass for the Parish

Monday 3, 2022 8:00 am: January 3, 2022 Charli Quevedo

Tuesday January 4, 2022

8:00 am: Jim, Mary Ellen & Mike Zachman #

Wednesday 8:00 am: January 5, 2022 Leroy Eischens

**Thursday** 38:00 am: January 6, 2022 Shirley Hale 1/1 Third Shirley

Friday 3 January 7, 2022 8:00 am: Joyce Vomastek

Saturday
8:00 am:

Mariana Lemus &
Juan Pablo Lemus #
4:00 pm:

Rudy, Clara & John Tronsen #

Sunday January 9, 2022

Sunday January 9, 2022
8:30 am: Geneva Barron 1
11:00 am: Thomas Corbett 1
5:00 pm: Mass for the Parish

#### RECONCILIATION

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 - 7:55 am
 Tuesday: 4:45 - 5:30 pm
 Thursday: 4:45 - 5:30 pm
 Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 Sunday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday:

Exposition @ 11:00 am Benediction @ 5:00 pm

Sunday:

Exposition @ 1:00 pm Benediction @ 4:45 pm

#### **MARRIAGE**

Contact Deacon John Vomastek at least six months ahead of time to prepare for marriage.

#### **BAPTISM**

Contact Janet Parker at least three months ahead of time to prepare for baptism.

The Epiphany ~ January 2nd, 2022

## **Our Parish Family**



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

Charlotte Joy Peltier
Daughter of Joshua & Molly

Joseph Kai Phillips Son of Joseph & Katherine

Elliana Marie Weis
Daughter of Drew & Makayla

**Teolina Joyce Degelmann** Daughter of John & Katherine

John Michael Degelmann Son of John & Katherine

Theodore Robert James Son of Kris & Marta

James Ndong Tangufor Chap Son of Lucas & Janny



#### **New Parishioners**

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Nicole & Bob McKevitt

Valvina Briseno

Mary & Patrick Cavanagh

Elizabeth Macioch

Charlotte & Jeff Bovee Children: Isabella & Jack

Sheila Speedling

Kristin & Justin Lueken Child: Rory

Michael Franssen

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Parish Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Building Hours:** 

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday: noon - 5:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

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#### **Saint Ambrose Catholic School**

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#### **Early Childhood Education Center**

Phone: 651.768.3031 Fax: 651.768.3090 Anne Huber, Director

#### **Promise to Protect**

For information about the commitment to create safe environments in our Archdiocese please visit <a href="http://safe-environment.archspm.org">http://safe-environment.archspm.org</a>.

Victim Hotline: 1.800.422.4453 Victim Assistance Program: 651.291.4475

Saint Ambrose Safe Environment Coordinator:

LeAnn Bauer-Staiger, <a href="mailto:lbauerstaiger@saintambrosecatholic.org">lbauerstaiger@saintambrosecatholic.org</a>, 651.768.3009

## Stewardship

#### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY Week of December 19th, 2021

 Adult Contributions
 \$19,287.81

 Votive Candles
 \$283.01

 TOTAL
 \$19,570.82

Special Collections:

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2021 - November 30th, 2021

November 2021 YTD Comparisons: 2021 vs. 2020

Source	2021	2020
ACH	\$312,579	\$299,369
Envelopes	\$273,585	\$268,664
Children's Envelopes	\$ 35	\$889
Plate Cash	\$ 56,975	\$ 29,336
Stock	\$ 13,243	\$ 3,938
WeShare App	\$ 88,870	\$ 67,720
Special/Misc	\$ 3,694	\$ 654
Holy Days	\$ 447	\$ 676
Returns/NSF	(\$1,330)	(\$1105)
	\$748,098	\$671,217

#### November 2021 Debt Payments:

 Payment Type
 Debt Balance

 Principal Payments
 \$26,077
 \$6,200,763

 Interest payments
 \$15,635
 \$41,712

## **Readings For The Week**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next 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 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Weekly Schedule



Sunday

8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Adoration - Church 4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Monday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

1:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

4:45 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Adoration

6:30 pm K-5 Faith Formation 6:30 pm Middle School Edge

**Thursday** 

6:15 am Men's Impact 133 7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

**Friday** 

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

Saturday

8:00 am Mass

2:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

8:30 am Mass

8:30 am Preschool Faith Formation

9:45 am Elementary & Preschool Faith Formation

9:45 am RCIA - St. Anne 1

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Adoration - Church

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Middle School Edge

6:30 pm Confirmation Year I & II Large Group

# T'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME

# Saint Ambrose Early Childhood 2022-23 School Year Preschool Program Registration Event begins:

Tuesday, January 11th from 6:30 –7:30 pm in the Early Childhood Center.

Families will also be able to register virtually online

@ https://ec.saintambrosecatholic.org

The registration period will be open for 1 week, closing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 18th. Beginning on January 19th, all enrollments will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

## Class Options are as follows:

3 & 4 year old's	4 & 5 year old's	
M/W: 8:45-11:30 am	M/W/F: 9-11:45 am	
T/Th: 9-2 pm	T/Th/F: 9:15-2:15 pm	

Saint Ambrose Early Childhood is dedicated to supporting families by providing a safe, nurturing and Christian early childhood education program. The Early Childhood is an outreach program of the Saint Ambrose Community. We provide care for the families of Woodbury and the surrounding communities.

The teaching staff is professional and highly qualified in preschool curriculum. The curriculum is age-appropriate with an emphasis on the Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional, Social and Physical development of each individual child.

We also have a Full-Day, Year-Round program that serves children 8 weeks to 5 years old (or until they leave for kindergarten). This program currently has limited openings and offers 2 – 5 days of care, year-round.

Call 651-768-3031 or 651-768-3032 with questions or if you'd like to tour our center!



## **Faith Formation**

#### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

#### Classes resume on:

#### Wednesday, January 5th:

Elementary students grades K-5:
 Middle School Edge:
 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

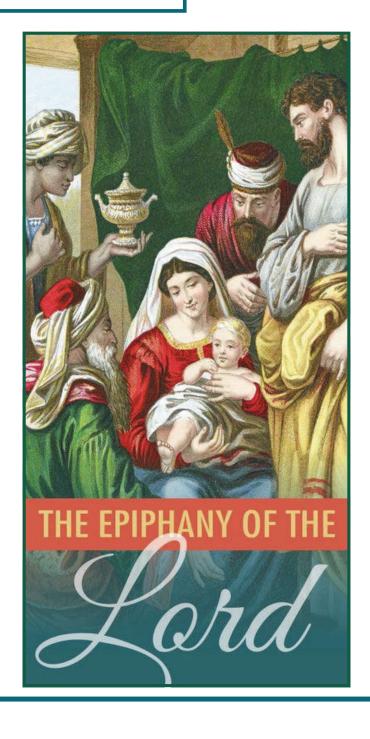
#### Sunday, January 9th:

Preschool: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Preschool & Elementary grades K-5: 9:45 am - 10:45 am
Middle School Edge: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation Year I & II Large Group: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREATS

We begin First Reconciliation Retreats on **Saturday**, **January 8th** and **Saturday**, **January 15th**.

Parents, if you have not already signed your child up for a retreat date/time, please go to the Sign-Up Genius link that was sent to you as soon as possible.



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Sign up for an hour @ https://saintambrose.weadorehim.com/

Or scan the QR code:



Secondly, God gives us time to invest in others. You and I were made for relationship. We were not meant to be anonymous Christians, coming once a week to a parish where you know no one and where no one knows you. That is not how we grow or flourish. There is almost no better way to meet others at a parish than to join some type of small group. In a small group, we have the privilege of meeting and getting to know others and in turn, we get to be met and known by others in our group. There are many opportunities for small groups here at Saint Ambrose. Please reach out to Patti Watkins for more information about small groups and how you can get connected.

Small groups are imperfect and oftentimes messy because we are imperfect and messy! Certainly, we will be imperfect and messy whether we join a small group or not. It's just that in a small group, I'm imperfect and messy and known and loved.

What if in 2022, you received the gift of time from God and invested it in Him in prayer and with others in a small group?

God bless you,

Fr. Ben

#### **WOODBURY OPTIONS 17th ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

The weekend of January 22nd & 23rd we will hold our annual baby bottle drive at Saint Ambrose. This supports Woodbury's very own pro-life pregnancy resource center. Plan to pick up a baby bottle - or two - to fill with change and a few virtual bottle drive cards to give out to friends and family who would appreciate the opportunity to help save lives in 2022! For more information on WOFW, visit them online at <a href="https://www.woodburymissionpartners.com/">https://www.woodburymissionpartners.com/</a>. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **AMBROSIANS**

The next Ambrosian gathering will be held on **Thursday, January 6th.** The menu will include pizza, (including gluten free pizza) along with salad and champagne vinaigrette dressing, and desserts. The evening begins at 5:00 pm for social hour and dinner begins at 6:00 pm. We will play bingo after dinner. Please call in your reservations to Marie N. @ 651.735.7762 or Diane K. @ 651.714.4548.

The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person and reservations are due by Sunday, January 2nd.



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6







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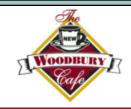
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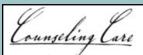
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