



#### A Message From Deacon John Vomastek

#### When I Was Being Made in Secret

One of my favorite Psalms in the Bible is Psalm 139. It speaks to me of God's creating love and knowledge of each one of us as a person. There is a part of the Psalm I would like to share with you, the part in which the psalmist is speaking to God about God creating him. He writes:

For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are thy works! Thou knowest me right well: my frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we again will mark the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in this country. I thought as I was writing this article that perhaps I shouldn't use this forum to shock anyone, but the more I thought about it, the more I think we need to be shocked. In 2017 (the last year of the Guttmacher Institutes findings), it was reported that over 862,000 abortions took place in this country alone. I had to check the data several times; I simply couldn't believe it: 862,000 innocent, defenseless lives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" (CCC 2271).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states the following: "Given the scientific fact that a human life begins at conception, the only moral norm needed to understand the Church's opposition to abortion is the principle that each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person."

We, as a parish, stand united in the fight for human life, each and every life. We contribute directly to two organizations that offer an alternative to abortion to women who might be considering it. These two organizations: Woodbury Options for Women and Options East, both try to do everything they can to preserve life, to offer help for the mother to make a choice to keep their child and to provide help and support to those mothers and their families.

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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 8:30 am: Lorenz Ertl ╬ 11:00 am: Kevin Roach ╬ 5:00 pm: Mass for the Parish

**Monday** January 17, 2022 8:00 am: Roger Zejdlik

Tuesday January 18, 2022 8:00 am: Jose Lemus & Family ∄

Wednesday January 19, 2022 8:00 am: Elias & Ester Lemus ∄

Thursday January 20, 2022 8:00 am: Glynn & Betty Pyfferoen #

Friday January 21, 2022 8:00 am: Camilla Jacobson #

Saturday Sanuary 22, 2022 8:00 am: Sharon Graham 非 4:00 pm: James O. Nelson 非

Sunday 3, 2022 8:30 am: Joe Huang 1, 11:00 am: John Wong 1, 11:00 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 Baptism of The Lord ~ January 16, 2022

## **Our Parish Family**



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

Lucy Jean Hartung
Daughter of Timothy & Hannah

Nathan Matthew Ortt Son of Matthew & Krystal



#### **New Parishioners**

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Jayme & Anh Pham Child: Ava

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Katlyn Price & Jacob Ledebuhr

Valerie Hockert

Erin & Kevin Frendin Child: Tommy

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## Stewardship

#### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY Week of January 9th, 2022

 Adult Contributions
 \$17,999.37

 Votive Candles
 \$251.80

 TOTAL
 \$18,251.17

Special Collections:

#### **Fiscal Year-to-Date Information**

July 1st, 2021 - November 30th, 2021

Did you know that many large companies have company matching funds for their employees to designate? 3M, Ameriprise Financial, Progressive Insurance, General Mills, and others all have matching funds programs.

In some cases, the company rules do not allow matches to be maid directly to a church or house of worship, but they can be made to a school or other non-religious focused area. Saint Ambrose School is a great place to direct these funds if you have the opportunity.

Your company may have a volunteer match for hours volunteered as well. If you volunteer at Saint Ambrose or Saint Ambrose Catholic School, check with your employer and see if these volunteer hours qualify for a match. What could be a better way to increase the impact of your gift than by making it larger.

Since 2022 has just started, please consider Saint Ambrose or Saint Ambrose School for your company match donation. Until next time.

Tom Schisler, Director of Stewardship & Advancement

### **Readings For The Week**

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 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## Weekly Schedule



#### 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

#### **Monday**

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

~ Parish office will be closed today; the building will close following Mass~

#### 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

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

4:45 pm Reconciliation

#### Friday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

#### Saturday

8:00 am Mass

2:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

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6:30 pm Middle School Edge

6:30 pm Confirmation Year II Small Group



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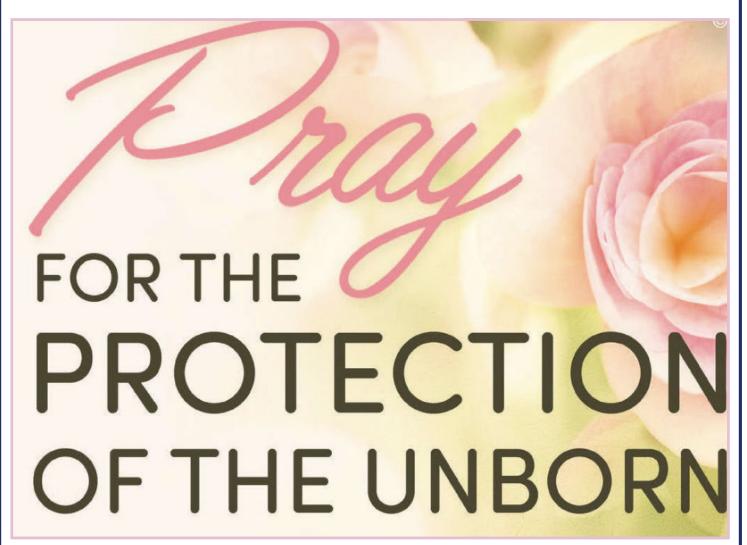
We have parish members working with Woodbury Options for Women on their Board of Directors, including myself, who are helping with a variety of work. Also, all of the proceeds from Our Lady of Peace bookstore go to help in these efforts to protect life.

We also have a prayer group dedicated to praying for life here at Saint Ambrose. In addition, our school is involved with art projects supporting life, and so much more. But we can do more. We can never let our efforts wane, we can never stop. Let us entrust all of it to Mary, she being a mother, our Mother.

As we heard in the Psalm: Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

In Christ,

Deacon John Vomastek



#### SUPPORT 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.

## **Faith Formation**

#### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

#### Sunday, January 16th:

Preschool: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
 Preschool & Elementary grades K-5: 9:45 am - 10:45 am

NO MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE

#### Wednesday, January 19th:

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

#### Sunday, January 23rd:

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

#### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

We will be holding an informational meeting on **Tuesday**, **January 18th** from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Anyone who has already turned in an interest form and anyone who is interested in joining a small group but hasn't turned in a form are invited to join us. We will be discussing the types of small groups that we are forming and then everyone will have the opportunity to join a small group that fits their interest and schedule! For more information and/or questions, please contact Patti Watkins at 651.768.3011.

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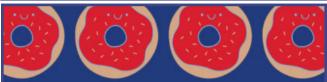
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#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who helped us take down the beautiful Christmas decorations on Tuesday evening. A nice group of confirmation students volunteered their time in addition to parishioners. We are grateful for your help!



## **Celebrating Catholic Schools**



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# 9th Annual Adult Trivia Night!

Saturday, January 29th
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Doors open @ 6:00 pm
Saint Ambrose Fellowship Hall
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8 per table maximum - \$160 / Table

Registration and payment can be made after Masses on: January 15th & 16th and January 22nd & 23rd Payment may also be dropped off to the parish office.

Pop, water, and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring food and adult beverages for your table.

Registration forms are also available in the commons area or on our website.

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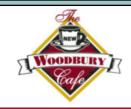
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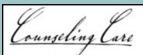
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