

A message from Father Jude Perera

My name is Father Jude Perera and I am a Franciscan Mission priest from St. Anthony's parish in West Virginia. I represent the Franciscan mission in Sri Lanka.

On April 21st, 2019 the world was shocked to hear that three churches were attacked on Easter Sunday while people were present for Mass.

One of these churches that was attacked, St. Sebastian's, is the Catholic hub (Negombo) in Sri Lanka. More than 129 people died in one parish called Katuwapitiya alone. Could you even imagine 129 funerals at one point in one parish? It was a great tragedy. There were more than 500 total casualties.

In almost every home there was a funeral following this massacre. In some houses there was often more than one coffin. In many families,

all the members were lost and there was no one to arrange the funerals. Altogether, more than 300 people died in all three churches.

Four years have passed, but the parishes are still under a gloomy cloud due to the pain of personal loss, trauma, depression, and suffering from the large number of casualties. Some people still don't eat properly, some cannot sleep at night, some are still in a



psychological coma, and some others have given up their hope of living and some have even given up their faith.

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 13th, 2023

Holy Mass Times

Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm Monday - Saturday 8:00 am Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

You may also watch our Masses via livestream every Sunday at 8:30 am and Monday through Friday at 8:00 am.

Holy Mass Intentions

August 13, 2023 Mass for the Parish The Argiro Family 뷰 Mary Shao 뷰

August 14, 2023

August 15, 2023

John Schneier 뷰

Mass for the Parish

Otto Sebald #

Monday 8:00 am:

Sunday

8:30 am:

5:00 pm:

11:00 am:

Tuesday 8:00 am: 5:30 pm:

WednesdayAugust 16, 20238:00 am:Turkisha Wind #

Thursday 8:00 am:

Friday 8:00 am: **August 18, 2023** Leo & Bernice Gau 뷰

SaturdayAugust 19, 20238:00 am:David Clayton \ddagger 4:00 pm:Francis Ludwig \ddagger

Sunday 8:30 am: 11:00 am: 5:00 pm: August 20, 2023 Mary Margaret Ecker 뷰 Remedious & Generoso Sibal 뷰 Mass for the Parish

Sacrament of Penance

•	Monday through Friday:	7:30 - 7:55 am
•	Tuesday in Chapel:	4:45 - 5:30 pm
•	Thursday in Chapel:	4:45 - 5:30 pm
•	Saturday:	2:30 - 3:30 pm
•	Sunday:	4:00 - 4:45 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Visit weadorehim.com to sign up or to request a sub.

Marriage

Contact Deacon John Vomastek in the parish office at least *six* months ahead of time to prepare for marriage.

Baptism

Contact Erin Walsh in the parish office at 651.768.3030 at least **three** months ahead of time to prepare for baptism.

Our Parish Family



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

Charlie Allen Guentzel Son of Natalie & Jake

Angeline Edem Wepiah Duvor Daughter of Celestine & James

> Etta James Weinzettel Daughter of Erin & Josh



Born Into Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers:

Keith Patrick Klaas Who died on July 18th, 2023

Kathleen Joan Beaudet

Who died on July 26th, 2023



New Parishioners

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Marie Laure Mbongo

Emilia Efesoa

Terri & Wade Underhill

Joshua Diaz

Allison & Shawn Genereau Children: Cora & Charlotte

Cindy Portner

Mary Schmitt & Danny Frerichs

Parish Office Closed - August 17th & 18th

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED The parish office will be closed all day on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th so that staff members may attend an off campus retreat together. Thank you!

Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm - summer hours

<u>Building Hours:</u> Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am - 5:30 pm Sunday: 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

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ahuber@saintambrosecatholic.org

Promise to Protect

For information about the commitment to create safe environments in our Archdiocese please visit <u>http://safe-environment.archspm.org</u>. Victim Hotline: 1.800.422.4453 Victim Assistance Program: 651.291.4475 Saint Ambrose Safe Environment Coordinator: LeAnn Bauer-Staiger, Ibauerstaiger@saintambr<u>osecatholic.org</u>, 651.768.3009

Stewardship

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY Week of August 6th, 2023

Adult Contributions \$16,552.90 /otive Candles \$297.16
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Special Collections:

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1 st , 2022 - June 30 th , 2023					
Sunday Stewardship Collected \$2,526,630.35					
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted \$2,342,387.00					
Difference					
June 2023 YTD Comparisons: 2023 vs. 2022					
Source	2023	2022			
ACH	\$820,652	\$772,512			
Envelopes	\$748,887				
Children's Envelopes		\$ ['] 97			
Plate Cash	\$185,588	\$166,137			
Stock	\$23,767				
WeShare App	\$366,184				
Special/Misc	\$312,987	\$97,703			
Holy Days	\$ 70,119				
Returns/NSF	(\$1,554)	(\$3,315)			
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	\$2,526,630	\$2,280,943			
June 2023 Debt Payments					
Payment Type		Debt Balance			
Principal Payments	\$26,306	\$5,708,566.34			
Interest payments	<u>\$15,406</u>				
	\$41,712				

Mission Appeal - August 12th & 13th Second Collection *This* Weekend

Each year, the Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis welcomes mission groups to our parishes of the Archdiocese. This year, the Archdiocese will welcome 59 mission groups.

These mission groups represent foreign and domestic mission dioceses, religious congregations, and lay mission organizations from five continents. The MCP provides us an opportunity to express our catholicity and stand in solidarity with the global mission of the Church by hearing and responding to one particular Catholic mission story.

Thank you for welcoming **Father Jude Perera**, a Franciscan mission priest from St. Anthony's parish in Follansbee, WV. Fr. Jude will be speaking at all Masses representing the Franciscan mission in Sri Lanka. Please give him a warm welcome in your support for the missionary groups who come to share their mission story and appeal for financial support in their efforts.

We will have a second collection after Communion at all Masses for this mission. You may write your check out to Saint Ambrose, write "missions" in the memo line, and one check will be forwarded to the Center for Mission. Saint Ambrose is grateful for your generosity.

<u>Ösummer schedule</u>

Sunday, August 13th

8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 4:00 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, August 14th

7:30 am Reconciliation 7:30 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 15th

Holy Day of Obligation:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary7:30 amReconciliation7:30 amRosary8:00 amHoly Day Mass4:45 pmReconciliation - Chapel5:30 pmHoly Day Mass

Wednesday, August 16th

7:30 am Rosary 7:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 17th

Parish office closed today

7:30 am Rosary 7:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am Mass 4:45 pm Reconciliation - **Chapel**

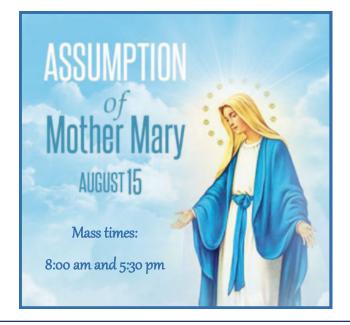
Friday, August 18th

Parish office closed today

7:30 am Rosary 7:30 am Reconciliation 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, August 19th

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7:30 am	Rosary
8:00 am	Mass
2:30 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass



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After the attacks, we held trauma counseling sessions for those who were in need of our help. Some of our licensed Franciscan Friars began this ministry. When the demand increased, we had to call for professional counselors as well.

Things became worse with the pandemic lock down in 2020 and 2021. The local benefactors who helped our project with financial aid were unable to help us or contribute to our projects. It was a very challenging time: it was difficult to find food and medicines and difficult to cater to everyone's needs. It was more painful that we lost the human touch with our victims and that we were unable to visit or meet for counseling.

We, as Franciscans, are called to heal the wounds of the people and to bring peace through forgiveness. It is very challenging



that there are very few resources to assist with a large number of psychological issues experienced by all the victims of this trauma: young and old, men and women.

This is when our Franciscan Community decided to appeal to the international community to help us to continue our mission for the Easter Victims. We are still in the process of recovery and healing is slow and time-consuming. We need your help to continue our mission of healing for our "latter day martyrs," who suffer for the sake of their faith.

Please consider contributing to this mission today. Thank you!

Parish Festival

All registered parishioners have a packet of ten raffle tickets to sell to friends and family. These are now available for pick-up in the Commons area. Please help us save postage costs by picking them up ~ thank you!!

FALLFEST will be here before you know it! **September 22nd and 23rd** are just around the corner, and we need your help to put on the big event.

Here are some ways you can help:

Donations - we are in need of silent auction items including:

- Professional/college sports tickets Vikings, Wild, Twins, Gophers, etc.
- Special Event Tickets Broadway play or Orchestra Hall, etc.
- Donate a weekend at a cabin or lake home
- Donations of specific services such as handyman, babysitting, pet sitting, photography
- Professional sports jerseys or other items autographed encouraged!
- Restaurant gift cards
- Spa/manicure/pedicure gift certificates
- Themed gift baskets: family game night, sports, movie nights, rainy day activities, beach basket, etc.

Sponsors - we are still looking for Business and Family sponsors for the event. Forms available in the Commons and on our website.

Volunteer - Sign up slots are now available, scan the QR code to volunteer.

More details can be found on our website at saintambrosecatholic.org under events/parish festival.



Scan to volunteer

Scan to donate to FALLFEST



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation 2023-2024: register today!

Our Faith Formation forms were due on **August 1st.** Please turn in your family's form, which can be found on our website and in Oehlke Commons, TODAY! Thank you! This helps us to plan the year accordingly with books, supplies, classrooms, and catechists.

Our Preschool and Elementary Faith Formation year will begin this September. Watch your email and our website in the coming weeks for our calendars and more details.



Please contact Kathleen Dierberger for more information at 651.768.3065 or kdierberger@saintambrosecatholic.org.



First Sacraments 2023-2024: Registration available this week!

First Sacrament registration will be available later this week. Check out our website for our form and more information.

All families need to fill out this separate First Sacraments form to register.

Reach out to Kathleen Dierberger at the email and phone number listed above.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Do you have a child or grandchild going into preschool and Kindergarten? We still have room in our Atrium – register this week to guarantee your child or grandchild has a spot! Find our form on our website or in Oehlke Commons.

- Sundays from 9:35 10:50 am
- Mondays from 2:00 3:25 pm

STAFF CGS CATECHIST POSITION NOW AVAILABLE. We are looking for a joyful and trained CGS catechist to join our parish staff as our head catechist throughout the week!

Check out our website for more information and to apply.

Contact Kathleen Dierberger at the email and number listed above for more information.





More Faith Formation catechists are needed!

We have received many Faith Formation registration forms in the last week and are needing many more catechists in our classrooms! Please join our team of volunteers today by filling out a form in Oehlke Commons or on our website to volunteer. We are especially looking for full-time, committed catechists with a love for Jesus to pass on the Catholic faith to our Preschool and Elementary students.

Please note: we have enough substitute catechists for Sunday morning Faith Formation. We do need more Wednesday evening substitutes.

Thank you for considering! Reach out to Kathleen Dierberger for more information.

To Be Truly Seen

The Saint Ambrose committee of **To Be Truly Seen** would like to invite you to donate your time to the homeless at the Dorothy Day Center. Contact **Kellee Wren at: wrenfamily94@gmail.com** so that she can add you to the email distribution list.

Visits to Dorothy Day are either once a month or every third Saturday. All participants need to be 18 years or older to participate in this ministry.

Thank you to everyone at Saint Ambrose Catholic Community for all you do to help and serve those who are homeless.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said,

"Many people talk about the homeless, but few talk to them."

Woodbury Options for Women

Oh God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the disabled and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity, and morality. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.



Woodbury Options for Women Gala is an annual fundraiser that will be held on **Tuesday, October 10th**. Watch our bulletin for the many ways you can contribute and be a part of this life saving mission.

Stephen Ministry You Are Not Alone

Many Saint Ambrose parishioners who are going through a challenging season are **rediscovering hope and joy** through the support of a Stephen Minister. Here is what one woman had to say upon learning of the care offered by Stephen Ministry: "I left with a sense of **hope** and a sense of **not feeling so alone**. I look forward to meeting my Stephen Minister and to starting the healing process to deal with this fear and grief." If you are in a hard place and would like someone to talk to, Stephen Ministers are here for you.

If you are interested in receiving the gift of confidential and life-changing Christ centered care, contact Mary Regnier, Stephen Ministry Leader at 952.484.9687.



Walking With Purpose "Opening Your Heart" Bible Study

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic women's Bible study group that deepens your faith and brings you into a vibrant community. The "Opening Your Heart" Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.

You can learn more about this 22-week study at:

https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/opening-your-heart-study-guide

Join us this fall on:

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or



Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm or

visit https://forms.gle/yg9bPT7NKy97quoP8.

• Fridays 9:30-11:00 am (no childcare available)

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm or

Questions? Contact Liz Reutter at reutter.elizabeth@gmail.com



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Mt 14:28-30



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