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Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm-Life Teen
Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
Communion Service: Friday 6:30am
Holydays and Holidays subject to change
(see bulletin)

CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE
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This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It marks the completion of our church’s liturgical year, as next week we will begin the season of Advent once again. The annual cycle is very familiar to us as we move through the various liturgical and religious seasons. We begin, of course, with Advent, as we prepare for the coming, or ‘advent’ of the Lord at Christmas. After Christmas and the new calendar year, we quickly move into the special season of Lent when we journey for forty days and nights in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We then celebrate the resurrection of Jesus for fifty days during the season of Easter, before marking the coming of the Holy Spirit and the “beginning” of the church and its mission at Pentecost. In the late Spring, through the Summer and into the Fall, we keep “ordinary time” when we follow our Lord’s ministry and mission, guided by one of our Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark or Luke). In 2016-2017 it will be Saint Matthew’s turn. As we listen to his Gospel, it will help us to be true disciples of Jesus: like Saint Matthew, we can receive Jesus’ invitation to follow Him and to do this with courage and daring!

The annual cycle in our church’s calendar has a number of purposes. It is, of course, to remind us of all the great events that have led to our salvation: it is rather like an annual cycle of remembrance. It also reminds us of the need to sanctify or “make holy” time: to see time not just as a thing or a commodity, but as a medium through which God is ever present and working and that time is therefore also a gift and something we are challenged to use well in love and service of God and our neighbor.

In fact, the people of the Bible had a very deep understanding of time: perhaps far deeper than we generally have today! There were three quite different meanings or ideas of what time is and all of them had a particular religious significance. The first was called chronos from which we have our words like chronometer or chronological. This is the simplest idea of time, where time is like a line or a series of things one after the other and it’s probably the main idea of time that most people have. But, there were also two other concepts of time in the Bible. A second meaning was called kairos: this refers to what we would call a right time or a special time. This had a very important religious meaning, because people were acutely aware that God acted when the time was right. So, for example, Jesus was born “in the fullness of time”: at the right time…when God chose. When we think about it, this second idea of time can be a great antidote to us being impatient with God, or of fooling ourselves that we are ultimately in charge of things, that we always chose the time. In the end, it is God’s time! It is also why anniversaries and annual memorials (such as feast days or saints’ days) are so important in our Christian calendar: we remember and celebrate those special or right times.

A final concept of time was also central to the people in the time of the Bible and also is really important for us as Christians. It was called telos and it means a final time, or a completion of something…a sort of final point or end when a project or plan would be completed. This idea is something we will celebrate during Advent (when we focus on the coming of Jesus not just at Christmas, but also at the end of time) and something we pray about at every Mass when we hear “we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ.” This understanding of time is also really important as we review our own lives and think of when our life’s journey is complete: when we reach our “telos” or end point. What was God’s plan or project for me? Did I follow it? Did I complete it and reach a good end point? In other words, did I reach the “telos” or purpose or end point that God had in mind for me during my life….? As Saint Ambrose wrote, death should not be feared, because it should be the “flowering of goodness.”

As our liturgical year comes to its end and we begin a church new year, let us also reflect upon time as God’s gift to us; rather than simply seeing it is as a burden, or as a commodity, or something that we just never have enough of. We might also be feeling anxious in these uncertain and new times after the election. Instead, let us be aware of God’s action and presence in our time and also be aware of those “right” times when God may call us to a special purpose or project. Finally, let us use the gift of time here and now well, so as to prepare for that “end” time when our journey through life comes to its completion.

Fr. Anthony
Suddenly, A great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and singing, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Anyone who would like to sing for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, there will be two rehearsals, Thursday, 12/15 and Wednesday, 12/21 at 7:00 PM in the choir loft. All are welcome. Any questions please email Mark at mlangel@gmail.com or see Tom after any Mass.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Week
Office Closings & Changes

Wednesday, November 23rd
Church & School offices will close at NOON

Thursday, November 24th
Church & School offices will be closed
There will be a 9:00 AM Mass

Friday, November 25th
Church & School offices will be closed
There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration
NO Communion Service at 6:30 AM
There will be a 9:00 AM Mass

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...
God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Thanksgiving Week Intentions

Monday — Nov. 21 — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM  Ann Carvill by Young at Heart
Richard Family by Madeleine
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday — November 22 — St. Cecilia
6:30 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM  Ruth Perry by Fr. Anthony & the People of St. Ambrose
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish

Wednesday — November 23 — St. Clement I
6:30 AM  Special Intention by Madeleine Richard
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday — November 24 — St. Andrew Dung Lac/Thanksgiving Day
9:00 AM  Vincent DeSess by Shirley
James Pender by Son
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Friday — November 25 — St. Catherine of Alexandria
6:30 AM  NO Communion Service
9:00 AM  Parish Intention
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday — November 26 — Weekday
4:30 PM  Rose Marie Oleymourryk by Bob & Theresa Puzier
Frank J. Cerqua by Dan Johnson
Carmela Babulas by Rita Bookhop
Thomas Zostant by Mary & Peter Riley
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday — November 27 — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 AM  Sam Aliberti by Children
Jean Tracey by Tracey Family
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM  Marie Hopko by Allen & Mary DeMarco
Jim Giff by Rose Kent
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
11:30 AM  Jack & Jan Riek by Bill & Rita Mohr
Holy Souls by Members of St. Ambrose Parish
5:30 PM  Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
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(Preparing the way to)

Prepare the Way!
Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent!
A couple of quick ways to prepare (to prepare):

• **Mark the date:** beginning on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 11th, 12th, and 13th)
  we welcome Rich Curran, who is leading this year’s parish retreat! Rich wowed our diocese at this year’s Spring Enrichment and we’re really blessed to have him here at St. Ambrose!

• **Do you have an Advent Wreath?**
  It’s a great way to keep the spirit of the season in our homes! Remember: Advent is NOT Christmas…our hearts are getting prepared to invite Jesus into our hearts in a special way at Christmas. Looking for some Advent prayers? Check out: http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers/

• **Pick up your copy of the Word Among Us at the back of the Church!**
  The parish wants to help YOU make Advent and Christmas spiritual and meaningful. Let’s make the most of this special time and let’s do it together!

“Rich is the best, most dynamic Catholic speaker to youth and adults in our country today.”

LIZ TINGQUIST
Director of Youth Ministry
Tickets for our Mission Trip Raffle will be on sale soon! They will be $25 each and there are 47 cash prizes to win. YES, I said 47 cash prizes which gives you a 1:12 chance to win! The first place prize is $5,000.00. Please get ready to buy your winning ticket. We’ll be out front of church soon with smiles on our face. Thank you so much for supporting this awesome ministry and mission work.

**CONFIRMATION**

Have you registered yet? Have you and your parents met with Mark yet?

Have you started the first phase, Parish Life, of prep yet?

Do you have your Sponsor?

Are you registered for the retreat yet?

If you answer no to any of these you are behind and need to catch up. Please contact the Lifeteen Office and see what you are missing. 785-1351 x309

**Mission2017**

Does mission work interest you?

Do you have a passion for teens?

Do you have a desire to combine those two things?

Give the Lifeteen Office a call and we’ll help make that happen. And if you know any high school teens who would like to join in on the mission trip have them give the office a call. Space is limited, call now.

**Parents Please Notice:**

On Sunday November 27th there is a very special EDGE meeting being planned that includes you. Please accept our very special invitation to stay from 10:15am to 11:15am that morning with your child for this great kickoff to our Advent season.

Being a part of a Parish Family is amazing and awesome in so many ways and on this day at this meeting we’ll embrace the joys and the anticipations all families have when something exciting is about to happen.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

VOCATIONS

NURSES’ NOTES...
NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN

Yay Young at Heart Group
Charolyn Chabot and her wonderful gang had quite a turn out this week at The Breakfast Buffet Meeting. The food was great, the company was amazing, and the conversation and planning was very fruitful.

I took many wonderful pictures of the nearly 50 attendees but due to the short week and bulletin deadline I will put them in next time. There were new members who definitely are coming back.

New and different activities are planned including a presentation about a Christmas Program and Dinner scheduled for the afternoon of December 20th at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga—Show and delicious Dinner included. Contact Carolyn or myself for further details. Transportation will be provided by a private bus. Don’t miss it.

Thank you for answering God’s call.
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- Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children
- Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE REQUEST

Name: ________________________________
Street: _______________________________
City: _________________________________
Zip: _________________________________
Phone No: ____________________________

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- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

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Invitation
The Presentation Sisters invite you to a Discernment Prayer Service
Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1:30 PM in the Presentation Chapel

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is federal regulations concerning patient confidentiality.

If you or a member of your family is a patient in any of the area hospitals, please call the Parish Office at 785-1351 so Father or Deacon can make a visit.

Please also inform the hospital that you are a member of St. Ambrose Parish. Hospital visitation is done on a weekly basis and it is important to us that all our parishioners are visited.

Savina DeSantis, Paul R. VanAlstyne, Sr. and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues. Counseling is available in the evenings at St. Ambrose.
A $25 donation is appreciated.
Contact Dave Dobkowski, Ph.D. at 859-4015 to make an appointment.

Advent Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
“The Light is On For You!”

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
December 5th from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center we will have several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament or have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a great opportunity to receive healing and forgiveness. To remind you about the parts of confession and the Act of Contrition, a brochure will be available to guide you. The Church will be open for prayer and adoration during this time as well...

“In Loving Memory”

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Savina DeSantis, Paul R. VanAlstyne, Sr. and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.
The Altar Rosary Society will be preparing the Church for the Advent/Christmas season and we would like to invite the parish family to participate. We will be decorating the altars in the church, chapel and McCormick Center with beautiful live poinsettia plants. If you wish to help us with this endeavor, for a small donation, you may purchase a plant in memory of a loved one or in your family’s name. Information on this project can be found on the handouts located at the Church entrances. Thank you and God Bless.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
March 21-31, 2017
$3,794 per person including air from Albany
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily
Mass daily at the Holy Sites
For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano @ 1800-773-2660.

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### Volunteer

#### Sacristan Ministry

Like altar serving, being a Sacristan is a very beneficial way to help out your church community, and an active way to participate in Mass. Sacristans perform the following duties:

- Setting up the church before Mass. Typically, sacristans arrive at church half hour before anyone else. They light the candles, arrange the books, ready the linens and basically perform a little simple organizing before Mass begins.
- Prepare the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass.
- Coordinate all Mass participants, make sure Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are ready.
- Cleaning the holy materials after Mass in the sacristy.
- Before the sacristan leaves the church everything is set back in its place and secured.

**Decide if this is something you think you can do.** Setting the table of the Lord is a ministry that is essential for the Mass. We are in need of sacristans for all Masses. Our schedules are flexible so after training you can let us know what Mass works for you. Our schedule is posted ahead several months at a time for your convenience. **Please contact the Sacristan Coordinator Pat Rayball 708-9615 for more information.**