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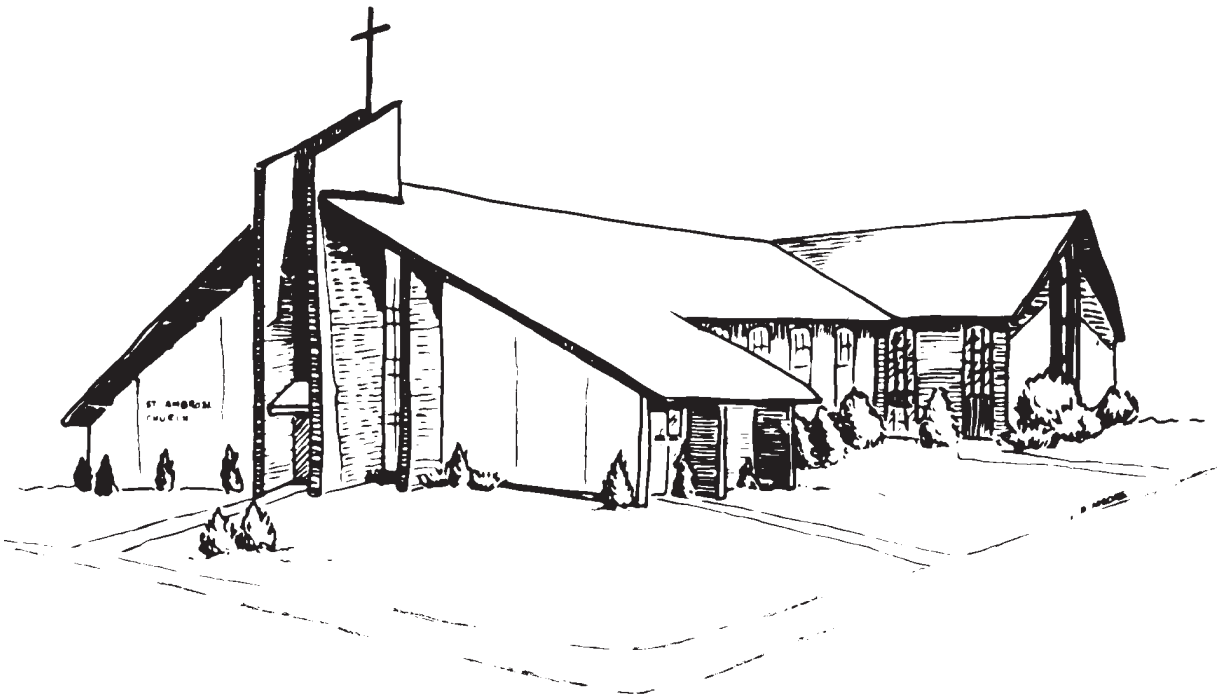

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on booking a Baptism date and the dates of upcoming Baptism preparation meetings.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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Praying for Our Dearly Departed

To ask "Where is Purgatory" is to presume that it is a location, a place one can find in space and time, in the physical universe in which we have our existence. The Church does not speak of Purgatory as a place.

Pope John Paul II, on a number of occasions, had spoken of Purgatory as a state of being, a condition in which we find ourselves. It has to do with the status of our relationship with God, a concept quite different than thinking Purgatory to be a place somewhere out there in the universe.

The notion of Purgatory is another way of saying that we not only have faith, we have hope. If ever God offers us hope it is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and the faith response of the Church in calling us to pray for all souls who have passed over from this life into the next. We pray for the dead because we hope. We hope not only for them but we offer ourselves and others around us the gift of hope. Hope is one of the greatest gifts that Christians can give to those around us who think that they live hopeless lives in a hopeless world. The Christian virtue of hope is real because the resurrection of Christ is real and because His extraordinary miracles are real.

Praying for the dead is not, as some claim, senseless. Praying for the dead is something that has been done by the Communion of Saints from the very beginning of Christianity. Praying for the dead is a statement of faith, of hope and of love. Just like as caring for the crippled, the lame, the blind, the oppressed, those cast aside by society and those forgotten is at the very heart of Christ's ministry. In all that Christ did and in all that He said, He was always drawing us to the forgotten, the left out, and those whom the world has cast aside. Praying for the dead is at the very heart of all that Jesus Christ was about.

More Ways to Pray

Visit a Cemetery: obtain a partial indulgence by praying at a cemetery during November or a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery each day between Nov. 1 and Nov. 8.

Go to Mass on Nov. 2: obtain a plenary indulgence after devoutly reciting the Our Father and the Creed.

Pray the Eternal Rest prayer (Requiem aeternam): Obtain a partial indulgence year-round, when reciting: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.* Amen.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 2 – All Souls Day
9:00 am + DECEASED INDIGENOUS CHILDREN
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, November 3
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
+ VIRGINIA REIS – Her family
+ INES & JOSE DeSOUSA – Noella and Elsa
+ FRANCISCO ALVES – Julieta
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF Bice & Frank Rinaldi and
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, November 4
7:00 pm + MARIA PALMIRA & EUGENIO PEREIRA – DeAlmeida family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, November 5
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 6 – First Saturday
9:00 am **+** GUIDO, DOMENICA and ELENA INCITTI – Bice & Frank Rinaldi

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + JOSE FIGUEIREDO – Filomena
+ MARIA LIMA – Maria Gouveia
+ DECEASED CHAVES FAMILY – Maria & Silvino
+ MARIA EMILIA DaCOSTA – St. Anne School staff

Sunday, November 7
9:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY – Irondina & Mary
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

Prayers for the Sick at St. Ambrose Church Weekly on Wednesdays

Myra Klaassen will be leading prayers for the Sick and will also pray the Rosary on Wednesdays, beginning November 3 at 1:30 pm.
Please enter the church using the side door on South Street (the Adoration Chapel entrance)

All Souls Day

Praying for Our Dearly Departed

Tuesday, **November 2nd** Catholics around the world will commemorate "All Souls Day".

At St. Ambrose Parish, there will be Mass at **9:00 am** and at **7:00 pm** to pray for the souls of our family members and friends who have died, and all the souls in purgatory.

Planning for 2022 – Donation envelopes:

If you do not currently use Church donation envelopes, but would like to do so for 2022, please contact Barb at the parish office to have this arranged. 2022 Donation envelopes will be available to parishioners at the beginning of December.
If you are currently actively using Church envelopes, another boxed set will be automatically provided for you.

Letter from Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Family is a powerful influence in our lives. The family models and lives the gifts of love, caring, compassion, humour, kindness and patience. It is in the family that we first learn about God and grow in faith, so we regard the family as the Domestic Church, the first community of faith for each person.

On March 19, 2021, Pope Francis officially opened a Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, celebrating and commemorating the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia. The exhortation both celebrates family and looks at the challenges families face in their everyday living. In his message launching the year, Pope Francis said that the family fulfills two main functions, "the frankness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment". These are crucial tasks and the Church supports families as they endeavour to live together in love, compassion, obedience and faith.

The Pope announced the upcoming year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 27, 2020. This year of Amoris Laetitia Family overlaps the Year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8, 2020. These two years are connected by the foundation of family so vital to each of us. We read at the end of the Apostolic Exhortation, "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love." (Amoris Laetitia, 325) The Pope goes on to remind us that support for this essential vocation comes by living in loving community with the Holy Family. St. Joseph played a pivotal role within the Holy Family as a faithful earthly father to Jesus and his life serves as a model for us all; the overlap of the two years unites the Holy Family and all families in their vocation.

The example of love, devotion, faith and trust in God that Mary and Joseph demonstrated in their daily living and care for Jesus should inspire us during this year. The family provides a safe refuge for us to develop ourselves fully and to cultivate the particular gifts God provides each person. The Church offers its full presence and support for families as they experience the highs and lows, the opportunities and challenges of domestic life. As you strive to teach and learn what it means to give and forgive, to work together for a common purpose, and to share both joys and sorrows, may you remember that by nurturing the gift of faith in your children they will be able to grow into mature Disciples of Christ. We look forward to offering you support through Diocesan initiatives over the coming months, including a family conference at the end of May 2022. May these events serve to provide assistance, learning and inspiration for you in your essential role as family.

Pope Francis ended his announcement of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year with the following: "May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity." Together let us continue to work in solidarity to strengthen and care for all families.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

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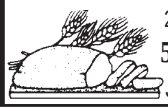
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