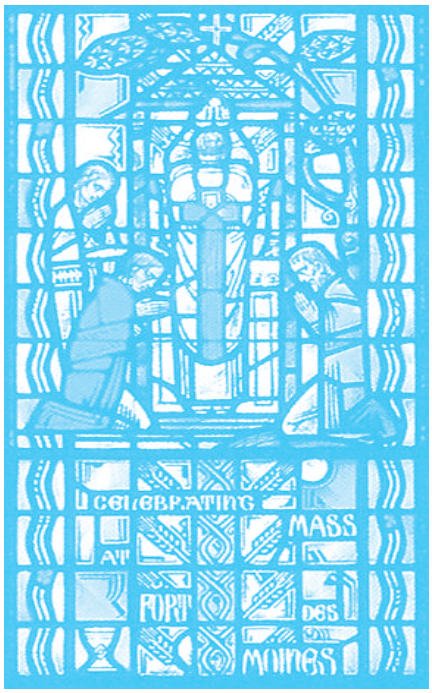

Saint Ambrose Cathedral

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Prayer of St. Ambrose

"Lord, teach me to see you, and reveal yourself to me when I see you.
For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me.
Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking.
Let me find you in love and love you in finding."

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Weekend Eucharist
4:00 pm Saturday
8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday

Week-Day Eucharist
12:10 Noon Monday – Friday
7:00 pm Thursday – Life in the Spirit

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 11:00 am – 12 Noon
and after the 12:10 noon Mass
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm
or by appointment.

Call the parish office for sacramental and pastoral needs.

Please alert the parish office When someone is ill, hospitalized or in a care facility. Fr. John is happy to offer any visitations requested.

Pastoral Visioning Council:
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Parish Mission Statement

We St. Ambrose Cathedral parish of the Diocese of Des Moines are a diverse community of the rich and poor, disadvantaged and hungry, young and elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge. We are a Eucharistic community of many cultures. We strive for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God through prayer and worship, justice and service, the ministry of welcoming, and through catechesis, evangelization and ecumenism. We pursue this mission faithfully by following the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our faith community.

Mass Intentions

Feb. 4, Sat	4:00 pm	For the Parish
Feb. 5, Sun	8:30 am	Lori & Joe Nanfito & Family
`	10:30 am	Patty Hoffman
Feb. 6, Mon	12:10 pm	Ruth Fangman
Feb. 7, Tues	12:10 pm	Joe Freml
Feb. 8, Wed	12:10 pm	Michael Sbrocco
Feb. 9, Thurs	12:10 pm	Mary Riehl
Feb. 10, Fri	12:10 pm	Gordon Formaro
Feb. 11, Sat	4:00 pm	For the Parish
Feb. 12, Sun	8:30 am	Thompson-Valdez Families
	10:30 am	Roger Tucker

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012
Feb. 5: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Feb. 6: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Feb. 7: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Feb. 8: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Feb. 9: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Feb. 10: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Feb. 11: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Feb. 12: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 5
•8:30-12:00, Knight of Columbus Burrito Breakfast, Parish Hall
•NO PRESCHOOL AT 10:30 AM
•11:30 am, Drake Concert Choir, Cathedral
•NO High School Youth Ministry
Wednesday, Feb. 8
•11:00 am-12:00 Noon , Reconciliation, Cathedral
Thursday, Feb. 9
•**NO** R.E. Classes, Holy Family School
•6:00-8:00 pm, Novos, Cathedral Chapel
•7:00 pm, Life in the Spirit, Parish Hall
Friday, Feb. 10
•7:30-11:30 am, Eucharistic Exposition, Chapel
•6:30 pm, GA, Parish Hall
Saturday, Feb. 11
•10:00 am-noon, Sudanese, Eritrean & Burmese Baptism Class for parents of newborn and small children, Parish Hall
•2:30-3:30 pm, Reconciliation, Cathedral
Sunday, Feb. 12
•10:30-11:30 am, Preschool, Parish Hall
•1:00-3:00 pm, Liturgy Workshop (Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Music)

Church Support January 29, 2012
Offering Needed: $13,509.00
Offering Received: $13,861.28

Office of Faith Formation
"Come and Journey with Us"

Classes for 1st thru 8th
Holy Family School
6:00 pm—7:15 pm

Thursday, February 16, 23

Pre-School
10:30 am—11:30 am in Parish Hall

High School/Youth Group
5:00 pm—6:30 pm in Parish Hall
Sunday, February 19, 2012
March 4 and 18, 2012

CANCELATION IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER—Religious Education classes will be canceled if:
· Schools let out early on Thursday or are canceled because of weather.
· There is a winter storm alert and the storm should be here by 7:00.
· There is a tornado watch or warning for our area….Polk County.

To find out if classes are canceled you may log into WHO (www.WHOTV.com) or KCCI (www.kcci.com) website and look for weather tab and cancelations under schools and activities. If possible it will be broadcast across the bottom of the TV screen. You may also call the rectory: 288-7411x203. There will be a message on my answering machine by 4:00 pm that will indicate if classes are canceled. Please do not hesitate to call and inquire. We want everyone to be safe. If you question the driving conditions, please plan on the side of caution. It would help if you called 288-7411x203 or my cell 515-306-2641 if you are not coming to class that evening. Thanks, Dorothy Miller

Eucharistic Exposition: We are always in need of people for prayer before the Eucharist on Friday's from 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m., especially from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Holy Family School Announcements— Please turn your registration packets in! All current families should have their packets, and they are due to the school by this Wednesday, Feb. 8. If you do not have a registration packet, please call Mrs. Goode at the school and she will be glad to assist you. An informational meeting will be held for all parents who are interested in their child attending Holy Family School's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in the 2012-2013 school year. This meeting will be held in the school gym on Thursday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m. Admission procedure, financial aid, immunization requirements, curriculum, and the school mission will be shared at this event. Please call the school @ 262-8025 to register for this very important meeting.

Next Sunday, an afternoon of recollection will be offered for those involved in various liturgical ministries in the Cathedral from 1—3 p.m. Dr. Tom Neal from the St. Joseph Educational Center will be the presenter. All current ministers are asked to be present. If you would like to become one of these various liturgical ministers, please take part in this afternoon. Dr. Neal is an engaging speaker with great insights. There is no charge for the event. This is another way to grow in our understanding of the Catholic faith and its liturgical tradition.

Next weekend I will address this year's Diocesan Appeal in my homilies. Our goal for the 2012 Appeal is $107,731.00. The goal amount is arrived at by taking the past 3 years of parish income and allowable deductions and balancing that figure over the 3 year cycle. The diocese wants to wrap up the 2011 Appeal. A reminder will be sent to those who have not honored their pledge. That mailing will be part of the Lenten/Holy Week schedule which will be sent to parishioners before Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012). Thanks to everyone who has helped with this past year's Appeal. Once all the pledges are honored and a final report is prepared, I will share final figures for the Appeal in my bulletin column.

Last week was a mixture of the Paschal Mystery for me. It was my difficult duty to bury a former parishioner a few parishes ago who committed suicide. Such tragic deaths leave more questions than answers with a lasting imprint upon the survivors. Such an experience is a reminder to deeply trust the mercy of God. In that same week, I preached at the Catholic schools Mass that brought together the schools of Holy Family and Dowling Catholic as is done every year. It was a great celebration. My message was taken from the word "Catholic" which comes from 2 Greek words, "cata" and "holos" which mean "towards wholeness." A Catholic is a Christian who strives to move and grow towards wholeness of body, mind and spirit. That goal is a lifetime process for all of us.

Welcome to the Drake University Choir under the direction of Aimee Beckman-Collier who are offering their prayerful song at the Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass. Aimee has been a faithful supporter of the role of the arts and fine arts shared at the Cathedral, especially in the Diocesan Centennial year. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who are starting our Super Bowl Sunday with a parish breakfast. Stop at the parish hall and support the Knights in their first parish event. Proceeds will go to our Catholic radio station, KWKY.

The parish Visioning Council met last Sunday to begin plans for Sr. Pat's retirement celebration. Keep June 17 (Father's Day) from noon to 3 p.m. open on your calendars. This is the day we will honor Sr. Pat for her many years of service to the Cathedral, especially to the Catholic refugees. The day will begin with Mass at 10:30 am. After Mass, we will gather at the Pastoral Center where leaders of the various parish groups will offer a few words of thanks. That will be followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome. I am grateful to the council with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus in helping with this important event.

Our 2nd reading today tells us that Paul is an agent for the gospel. May we continue to be instruments of the good news of Jesus in word and deed. We can be grateful for the great weather of this past week among many other God given gifts. I am thankful for the gift of all you are to the Cathedral.

Nice Things and Blessings,

Fr. John

Liturgical Ministers Workshop and Afternoon of Reflection— Please save Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 1:00—3:00 to attend a gathering with all those that serve in various ministries at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Hospitality, Ushers, Music Ministers, Sacristans are all invited. Dr. Tom Neal of St. Joseph Education Center will be leading the afternoon as we take time to ponder what our ministries look like from the inside, as well as, from the outside looking in. This day is offered for all those already involved and all those interested in becoming involved in any of the liturgical ministries. The afternoon will allow us to come together in prayer, in song, in conversations and talks, sharing who we are as Church and how we serve.

Drake Choir— The Drake Choir invites you to its benefit cabaret concert on Saturday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., in Sheslow Auditorium. They'll bring you a wide variety of music, from Broadway musicals and jazz to pop, opera, and original compositions. Tickets are $25 for non-students and $5 for anyone with a student ID. For further information and to purchase tickets, contact tricia.atterberg@drake.edu or call 271.2755.

DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Leaders for life. Centered on Christ.

Dowling Catholic High School Concert at St. Ambrose— The members of the Choral Division of the Dowling Catholic High School Performing Arts Department will present a choral concert at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Thursday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. The Chamber Choir and Mixed Chorus will perform several sacred selections followed by the A Cappella Choir presentation of the Seven Last Words of Christ, a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois. There is no admission for the concert. Please plan to arrive early, as seating will be limited. Doors open at 6:45 pm.

Dowling Catholic's "Deep Maroon Serenade"! Beat those winter blues with an evening of great music, fun and festivities! Dowling Catholic's Performing Arts Department presents "Deep Maroon Serenade" on Sunday, February 12, at the Sheraton West Des Moines (1800 50th Street). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with formal, cabaret-style seating. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. The entertainment includes performances by Dowling's symphony and concert bands, jazz ensemble and stage band, clarinet and flute choirs, jazz combo, percussion groups, and vocal jazz choir. For more information contact Madeline Meyer at iowameyer@aol.com

"Pride makes us forgetful of our eternal interests. It causes us to neglect totally the care of our soul."-- St John Baptist de la Salle