



Saint Ambrose

CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Cleveland

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Thank you for you joining us for our first Murder Mystery Dinner. We are so grateful for the support of members like you who attend our events and worship with us each week here at St. Ambrose. For those who attended the Clambake in the fall, last Saturday's event and other fundraisers throughout the year, we are most thankful. We hope to serve as ambassadors during our time in Italy and will keep you in our prayers daily. God bless you!



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THIS WEEK MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Doors open at 5:30!
Bingo begins at 7:30 pm**

COSMIC BINGO

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67

Saturday, March 8th

It's Cosmic BINGO!!
JOIN US AT SAINT AMBROSE
FOR "Luck of the Irish" COSMIC BINGO! GET IN ON THE FUN!
Doors open at 5:30 pm!
Bingo begins at 7:30 pm!
Tickets \$25.00
INCLUDES: All BINGO Games & cosmic dauber
PLUS Buffet Dinner & Dessert!
Ten BINGO Games! \$300 & \$400 pots!
\$1,000 Overall Instant!
DJ, Music, Black lights!
Tickets on sale NOW!
 Call or stop by the Parish Office to purchase.
 (330.460.7300 or msumner@StAmbrose.us)
Please 18 years and older only.

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CALENDAR KEY:

C	Church	HH	Hilkert Hall
CC	Church Chapel	LCCR	Lehner Center, Conference Room
S	School	LCMT	Lehner Center, Matthew
R	Rectory	LCMK	Lehner Center, Mark
HHG	Hilkert Hall Gym	LCLK	Lehner Center, Luke
		LCJN	Lehner Center, John
		LCFM	Lehner Center, Fr. McGivney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00-10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (CC)
 9:00-10:00 am Journey with Jesus Pre-School (S)
 10:30-11:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (CC)
 10:30-11:30 am Journey with Jesus Pre-School (S)
 1:00-5:30 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
 6:00-8:00 pm FIAT (HH)
 6:00-8:00 pm Girls' Soccer Practice (HHG)
 7:00-9:00 pm Men's Renewal Team (LCLK)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00-5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (CC)
 2:30-4:00 pm Girl Scouts (LCMT)
 2:30-5:30 pm CYO (HHG)
 6:30-8:00 pm PSR
 6:30-8:00 pm Scripture Study (LCLK)
 7:00-8:00 pm Community Outreach Mtg. (LCJN)
 9:00-10:30 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00-11:00 am Sarah's Circle (LCMK)
 11:00-12:00 pm Adult Servers (C)
 12:30-2:00 pm Digital Literacy Workshop (LCLK)
 2:30-3:30 pm Zumba Atomic Fitness Class (HHG)
 4:00-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
 5:30-6:30 pm Music Ministry | Angels Choir (C)
 7:00-8:00 pm Fitness Club (LCJN)
 7:00-8:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (LCMT)
 7:00-9:00 pm Golf Outing Mtg. (LCCR)
 7:00-9:00 pm Companions on a Journey (LCLK)
 7:00-9:30 pm Knights of Columbus (LCFM)
 7:30-8:30 pm Souper Bowl of Caring Recap Mtg. (LCMK)
 9:00-10:30 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:45-11:00 am Familia for Woman (LCLK)
 9:00-10:00 am Yoga (HH)
 9:30-11:00 am Scripture Study (LCJN)
 1:00-2:00 pm Fr. McNeil Book Club (R)
 2:30-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
 4:30-6:00 pm PSR
 6:15-7:15 pm Adult Zumba (HH)
 7:00-8:30 pm Music Ministry | Adult Choir (C)
 7:00-8:30 pm Scripture Study (LCMT)
 7:00-8:30 pm RCIA (LCJN)
 7:00-9:00 pm Parish Finance Council (LCCR)
 7:00-9:00 pm FIAT Teen Leaders Mtg. (LCLK)
 9:00-10:30 am CYO Basketball (HHG)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:30-12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LCMT)
 4:00-8:00 pm Cornerstone of Hope (R)
 5:30-9:00 pm Music Ministry | Bell Choir (C)
 6:00-7:00 pm Legion of Mary (CC)
 6:30-8:30 pm ALPHA (HHG)
 7:00-9:00 pm Son of God Movie | Strongsville Cinemark
 7:00-9:00 pm Grief Share Group (LCCR)
 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (HH)
 9:00-11:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (HHG)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts (LCMT)
 5:00-11:00 pm Bingo (HHG)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00-10:00 am Special Education PSR (LCMT)
 9:00-10:30 am PSR
 4:30-5:00 pm Children's Liturgy of the Word (CC)



...“For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is

unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus is calling us to learn the nature of unconditional love. We are called to give without counting the cost. This will call and challenge us all our life to keep stretching our hearts to a greater, deeper love for all of God’s people. The good news is that we have abundant opportunities to love unconditionally. Spouses, children, co-workers, neighbors, and the list could go on and on, challenge us to a more accepting, unconditional love each and every day. Each person and opportunity is God’s way of helping us on our path to holiness and salvation. **Who can you love more unconditionally today?**

...This weekend we all have an opportunity to give without counting the cost through our commitment to **Catholic Charities. One in Christ – we are called to be one in continuing the care and compassion of Jesus Christ.** Your commitment will allow 400,000 people to find the support and compassion they need through the programs and outreach of Catholic Charities. **Please do what you can to continue this important and essential work in our region.**

...I am in our mission community this weekend. We are working to identify five new families to move in to the homes that were completed two weeks ago by our mini-mission team. Part of the blessing of visiting some of the poorest of the poor living in terrible situations is the humble realization that they have no way to ‘pay back’ what we are giving to them. **It’s a blessing to be able to have this opportunity on our behalf to love unconditionally.** We met a woman today who is suffering from cancer who has a special needs daughter living in a very rugged tin shack. It was gripping to watch her grip her stomach in

pain as she worried about who will care for her daughter when she passes. Please keep her in prayer as we explore ways to help her and her family.

...Many thanks to the 43 people who came forward last week for the Blood Drive. It’s a simple and life giving way to love unconditionally. You have no idea who you are helping...but coming forward is a way of giving life and sharing love to those in need. **Special thanks to our Boy Scouts** for orchestrating this effort for our community.

...Speaking of Scouts, **Sunday is the annual Blue and Gold dinner for our Cub Scouts.** We are blessed to have such a strong Scouting program for our young people. **Thank you, leaders and parents for your great work with our troops!!**

...Next week, we have the opportunity to premier the Son of God movie on Thursday evening at 7 pm at the Cinemark Theatre at Southpark Mall. It promises to be a powerful movie that will retell the stories of Jesus. As I write the bulletin, I am listening to the soundtrack which is amazing. **Please join us next Thursday night. Contact the Parish office for ticket information.**

...By the time you read this, the mold remediation of the rectory should be complete. **Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers of the Building and Grounds committee** for their help and great efforts on this and so many other projects. I am moving back in on Monday!!! Very exciting.

...If all goes well, we should be able to submit a contract for the new **Parish Center** this week for diocesan review and approval by Bishop Lennon. Once we have a signed contract, we can schedule start dates. Please keep this important effort in your prayers. **Thank you for your sacrificial giving to our parish** both in the weekly collection and our parish building fund/capital campaign. **Your sacrifice is an expression of your unconditional love for God. You are making these greatly needed improvements possible for our parish community.**

...Last Sunday, our parish community provided 324 meals for those in need through our monthly **Community Meal** efforts. God bless the team of people that cook, clean, welcome, and deliver great meals to those in need.

...We are quickly approaching the **30th anniversary of the dedication of our Church – March 4th.** In order to mark this special day, and to recall the great sacrifices so many made to build the Church, **I have asked Father John Carlin, who led the building of the Church, to preside at the 10:30 am Mass on March 2.** He’s thrilled to be coming back to his first assignment as a priest. **Please join us for Mass and then Coffee and Doughnuts afterward in Hilkert Hall.**

...On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 (the actual dedication day), all of our members 60+ are invited to come to the 8:15 am Mass followed by a great breakfast. Call Helen for details/reservations 330.460.7322.

...As the weather breaks....and it is...plans are in the works for our **Saint Ambrose Golf Outing on Sunday, June 1, 2014.** It promises to be a great day of golf with wonderful people and a great cause (students in need scholarship funds). **If you are a golfer, please join us.** For more information, check out our website: www.StAmbrose.us/golf.

...The 2015 Mass Book has arrived and is up and running. Offering a Mass Intention for a loved one is a blessed way of remembering their birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion. So many of our families come together in prayer regularly to remember their loved ones. It’s a beautiful way to celebrate their life, and their eternal life with the Lord. **Stop by the Parish Office to schedule your 2015 Masses.**

...The scriptures today call us to a deeper love – unconditional love both for God and others. May God’s faithful, unconditional love bless you and fill your heart with abundant love and peace.

INTENTIONS > REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:15 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:15 am & 4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 5 pm

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

JOIN IN THE "20 MINUTE CHALLENGE"!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. What is this challenge? It is praying the Rosary. It takes less than 20 minutes to pray the Rosary. Challenge yourself to spend 20 minutes of prayer this Lenten season.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30	Bryan Gannon (<i>James DeFranco Family</i>)	GH
9:00	Don Placek (<i>Grace Barnes-Filo</i>)	GH
10:30	John McDonagh (<i>Music Ministry</i>)	DM
12:00	Jeffrey Chava (<i>Bill & Judy Vaccariello</i>)	DM
5:00	Carlene Whelan (<i>Family</i>)	BW

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:15	Loretta Schuessler (<i>Renewal Sister</i>)
5:30	Angela Scotta (<i>Rich & Sue Maroslan</i>)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:15	Cy Reffert (<i>SA Senior Group</i>)
5:30	Lydia Hausler (<i>Joanne & Bob Frances</i>)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15	Anthony Gill (<i>The Sheridan Family</i>)
5:30	Bryan Gannon (<i>Family</i>)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:15	John & Janette Polk (<i>SA Senior Group</i>)
5:30	John Madigan (<i>Son</i>)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:15	Parishioners of Saint Ambrose
5:30	William Howell (<i>Family</i>)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:15	Rich Golan (<i>Friend</i>)
4:30	Arthur Jaskiewicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 | 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30	Bryan Gannon (<i>Mother</i>)
9:00	Carol Carloss (<i>Tracy Carloss Begley</i>)
10:30	Rosella Pietro (<i>Friend</i>)
12:00	Jack Pylick (<i>Carol Pylick</i>)
5:00	Betty Shannon (<i>Lanzarotta Family</i>)

REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR PARISH...

JoAnne Abramczyk	Shirley Cimera	Lorrie Sirocky
Virginia Adams	Elaine Clayton	MJ Sirocky
Bob Andrassy	Bob Howski	Joyce Span
Kimberly Banko	Sherr Joy	Robert Stanko
Kathleen Barta	Marci LaMarca	Mildred Stead
Austin Belaska	Larry McClure	Dian Saunders
Josephine Belaska	Valerian -	Francis Verchick
Lena Betti	Nechzatel	
Charlotte Burns	Sandy Price	
Deacon Clem -	Leona Roschival	
Belter	William Shultz	

To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Parish Office at 330.460.7300 or Connie at 330.225.9236.



WE WELCOME INTO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM...



Reid Matthew Long
Nolan Robert Piskur
Bryson Christopher Tokar

THOSE CALLED HOME TO THE LORD...

Mary Frieg

Born into Life: July 4, 1919
Called to Eternal Life: February 17, 2014



Richard Golan

Born into Life: June 27, 1939
Called to Eternal Life: February 18, 2014



Ludmila Minjarik

Born into Life: July 10, 1946
Called to Eternal Life: February 16, 2014



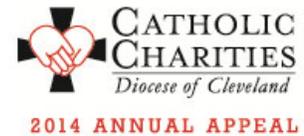
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES | ANNUAL APPEAL...

THE 2014 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY WITH AN IN-PEW COMMITMENT PROCESS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEKEND.

This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Lennon requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.



Something wonderful happens when we unite ourselves through Christ with others. Over 399,000 people from every suburb and city in Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs and services each year. Please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities 2013 Annual Appeal, and please pray for the success of this important Appeal.

We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more information at www.catholiccommunity.org/2014Appeal.

HELP WANTED | GUARDIAN ANGELS AIDE

St. Ambrose Parish is looking for caring people to work at our before and after school care program called Guardian Angels. You will be working with the day school children. The program is open from 6:30-7:25am and 2:30-6:00pm. This is a part-time position with scheduling flexibility to meet your needs. Please send resume to irogers@stambrose.us.



EUCCHARISTIC PEOPLE

"IS THERE SOMEONE SICK AMONG YOU..." JAMES 5:13-16

If you don't know, Gladys and Richard Kemski know.



These two people, parishioners since 1957, not only faithfully receive Eucharist, but also help make sure that those who are sick and shut-in receive Him too.

Richard does his share by faithfully ushering at Eucharist each week at the 12 o'clock Mass, through his work with the Knights of Columbus and also helping out with Bingo.

Gladys coordinates the Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound through our Good Samaritan Ministry, by calling some of our shut-ins to remind them when Eucharist will be brought to them, and by reaching out to support those ministers who take them Eucharist. She is also past president of our Ladies Guild and helped to start and now bakes for our funeral luncheons.

After 58 years of marriage and eight children later, these two people remain as active as ever. Richard and Gladys really are Eucharistic People.... and continually try to **become** the Eucharist they receive. Thanks, you two!!

	Feb 16, 2014	July 1, 2013 Feb 16, 2014	July 1, 2012 Feb 17, 2012
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$36,473	\$1,076,030	\$1,070,669
AMOUNT NEEDED	(\$29,200)	(\$992,800)	
OVER/(UNDER)	\$7,273	\$83,230	
BUILDING FUND	\$331	\$16,177	
ACH Collection (Weekly)	\$2,186	(Monthly) \$15,173	
Children's Envelopes		Amount \$66	Used 69
Monday Counting Crew:	4	Friday Bingo Team:	4
Vision 20/20	Week of Feb 2	Week of Feb 9	
Total Pledged	\$3,920,768	\$3,920,768	
Pledge Payments	\$12,748.00	\$3,189.33	
Total Payments Received	\$1,697,529.54	\$1,700,718.87	
Total # Pledges	845	845	
# Increased Offertory	16	16	

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS

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YOGA | ALL WEDNESDAYS, 9-10AM

All are welcome | No contracts to sign | \$5.00 per session

- March 4th Breakfast | 9-10am
- March 12th Parish Penance
- March 16th End of Life (Living Will) Workshop-1pm
- March 30th Health & Wellness Fair 8am-1pm

(Watch for information for Sunday April 27th – Pot-Luck Lunch, Safety Talk & live entertainment “Grassroots Connection Cloggers.”)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

LAST SATURDAY WE HELD OUR 2ND ANNUAL WORLD MARRIAGE DAY.

This special event is celebrated throughout the world on the 2nd Saturday in February. This week when scheduling the event for 2015, I noticed WMD and Valentine’s Day falls on the 2nd Saturday. What a great way for couples to come together, celebrate with Mass, dinner and dancing. Perfect evening for a Date Night! Mark your calendar now!



MARRIAGE: Just think about the life we can bring to our marriage with an ever flowing stream of affirmation. Hearty affirmation is a key ingredient in unconditional love. It’s like a magnet. It draws us in; it attracts us.



PARENTING: Remember, your children are not a reflection of you. They are souls placed on this earth by God with their own unique purpose. Our job, as parent and guide, is to help them identify this purpose through example, prayer and witnessing our love of Christ and Church.

END OF LIFE (LIVING WILL) WORKSHOP

SUNDAY MARCH 16

Please let our parish help you and your family make good, holy choices for your life, your care, and the decisions that need to be made at times of sickness and death. Dr. Iezzi is the best resource we can bring to our parish to assist you. Take advantage of this important opportunity before a crisis occurs in your household. **Do you have a Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney?** Do you understand advance directives? Can and will they help one’s family make life/death decisions and give a family member the ability to make decisions when their loved one is not able. **Please don’t wait!** Workshop held Sunday, March 16, 1pm-2:30pm. RSVP Helen 330-460-7322 or hsheridan@stambrose.us.

RENEWAL REUNION | MARCH 2

Calling all past Men’s and Women’s Renewalists!

You are invited to a special 30 years of renewal reunion celebration on Sunday, March 2nd, from 2-5:30. Come and reignite the flame, reconnect with your team, reminisce and RENEW your spirit with a prayer service followed by fellowship and food in Hilkert Hall. For further information, contact Bob Marzola (bobmarz2@hotmail.com) or Alan Bartholemew (alanbart613@yahoo.com).

PARISH LEADERS PROFILES

EACH WEEK DURING FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE PROFILING MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAMS AT ST. AMBROSE AND THEIR THOUGHTS ON OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

Frank Gati – School Advisory Board

Frank, his wife Marlane, and children Sarah, Nick and Emma have been members of St. Ambrose Parish for the past 26 years. He is a member of the St. Ambrose Boy Scout Troop 513, sings in the Choir and is a Eucharistic Minister. Frank also is an active member of the Brunswick Knights of Columbus. Frank says that “as a Parish community, we need to educate and enrich our children. Providing a Catholic education is one way we can provide an environment that addresses the whole person, integrating academics and faith. Serving on the SAB allows me to help the Parish to provide the best school environment for our children to grow spiritually and academically.”

Tracy Conn – Parish Finance Council

Tracy has been at St. Ambrose since 1994. She has 3 sons; Austin, Alex and Aaron who all play basketball for Brunswick. Tracy serves on the Brunswick City Schools Finance Advisory Council, is a trained Strengths Coach and has been on two mission trips to the Dominican Republic. She says that “serving on the PFC has deepened my appreciation for the all the good that our parish does for the community. We get a chance to review every detail of the monthly parish financial reports, and there is always a story behind the numbers in the various line items - all you have to do is ask and the answer is provided. Seeing and hearing about the generosity of our parishioners and the good work of the parish staff in this way is truly a rewarding experience.”

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Solidarity - You ARE your sister'/brothers' keeper!

We are **one human family** whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has **global dimensions** in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

We need to move to an understanding that we are interdependent, not independent; and that Christian love and justice implies concern for **ALL** people, but especially the poor. So we need to continue to work for **just** social and economic structures that work for the good of **ALL** people, not just wealthy people. How can a lasting peace be possible as long as glaring economic and social imbalances continue?

Scripture: Psalm 72 Matthew 5:9 1 Cor. 12: 12-26

Questions: What do you think the poor of our country **AND** of third world countries think and feel when they see what the wealthy, the rich and famous, the athletes and actors, the multi-million dollar CEOs have, that they do not and cannot have? What would **you** feel? When you purchase products, do you ever check to see if they were made in a sweat shop?

Want more information? Go to www.usccb.org and search for *solidarity, global dimensions, one human family*

REMEMBER | FAST FLICKS ON FAITH?

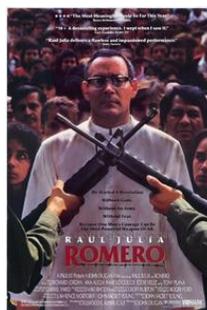
Those were the 10 minute DVDs we would talk about in the chapel over the past three years.... Well, before I leave St. Ambrose June 1st, I'd like to offer **three** movies for your "viewing pleasure". Three full length movies (**ADULTS ONLY**) that are entertaining but also thought provoking on **social justice**. The **SECOND MOVIE** will be "**Romero.**"

Romero | March 17 | 6:45pm

Before I was stationed in El Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot to death while he was saying Mass in 1980. He was murdered for standing up for the poor and against violence. He said: "If they kill me, I shall rise in the Salvadoran people."

Please join us (bring your own popcorn!) at **6:45** on **March 17th** in Lehner, John room.

We will start right **on time** to make sure you get home at a decent hour. See ya there! **Fr. Bob Wenz**



DEPRESSION & YOUR TEEN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 7PM | IN THE CHURCH

National statistics reveal that, almost **1 in 20 teens is suffering from depression**. Parents need to know about depression and how it impacts their teens. The presentation will be presented by Fr. Bob's brother, David Stec. Mr. Stec is the Principal of Padua Franciscan High School and has a degree in Counseling from John Carroll University. He did a great job a few weeks back for our parents, and promises to offer both good information and practical advice to help you in parenting your teen.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FROM MARCH 5 - APRIL 13, YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER CHRISTIANS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR AN END TO ABORTION.



You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Cleveland Surgi-Center abortion facility 4269 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. The St. Ambrose Pro Life Group will be praying on Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 from 11 AM -12 PM.

If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to pray - please contact: Trish Shaw at 440-590-0083 or visit the website www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

MARCH 30 | 8AM-1PM

JOIN US FOR A HEALTHY BREAKFAST!

Sunday morning, March 20, after Masses join us for the Health and Wellness Fair and healthy breakfast! Bring your family and tell your friends—young and old! Learn what things you can do physically, mentally and spiritually to stay fit, healthy and full of life! Saint Ambrose Parish cares about you... your spiritual and physical health. We need you healthy and fit so you can best serve the Lord! Please join us. For further information, contact Helen Sheridan at 330.760.7322.





*Blessed are they who follow
the law of the Lord!*

~ Psalm 119

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

www.usccb.org

Mon Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tues Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wed Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thurs Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
Fri Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

A MESSAGE FROM JAKE BIHARI IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC....



I have a vehicle I've been driving down here in the DR. For anyone that's ever been here, you know that when driving, you're taking your life in your own hands.... The motorcycles outnumber the cars easily 4 to 1, and they're not exactly careful when passing, and they

don't exactly adhere to stop signs or stop lights. As if that's not enough, the streets aren't exactly clearly marked. And for me, who is as directionally challenged as they come (even with street signs, GPS and SIRI in Brunswick), it's a recipe for disaster. So I was driving to the hardware store on the other side of town for supplies for the group that was just here and, by some miracle, I was able to get there with no problem – so getting back to the work site should be no problem, right? Wrong... I made a wrong turn and found myself lost in not such a good neighborhood. It was close to the river, in one of the many 'tin cities.' I was at the bottom of a hill and, when I looked up, I saw the arch of the basilica. And then I remembered what we tell everyone who comes on a mission trip. "If you're ever lost, find the basilica and meet there." Once I remembered this, I heeded my own advice, found the basilica and slowly began to work my way there.

Since that moment of being 'lost' I've used the basilica as my constant reference point. It's in the center of the city and it is the tallest structure around. I use it to get my bearing to figure out where I am and where I need to go... I haven't been lost since. Then I happened to think of our parish mission statement "We are a Catholic community CENTERED on Jesus Christ who is everything for us." Maybe I'm making more of it than what it is, but it is a great reminder: when we hold Christ at the center of our lives, we can never be lost. Or if we do happen to get 'lost,' we always know where to look and He will show us the way. All it takes is remembering to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

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BAPTISM: Sundays at 1:15 pm.

Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class for their first child. Please call Helen Sheridan to register.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations!

Please call a priest or deacon at the Parish Office at least six months prior to proposed date to begin your wedding preparations.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Come and learn more about the Catholic faith- call the Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners are invited to call the Parish Office and make an appointment to register. Current members are asked to notify the Parish Office when they move.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:30 – 4 pm and by appointment as well.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: In the Church Chapel Mondays from 9:00am to 5:30pm. The Chapel is open daily from 7:30am-6:00pm.

DAY SCHOOL



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
FAMILY AND FRIENDS NIGHT

Thursday, March 6, 2014: Only \$119!!
(NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7)

Mark your calendar to take a break!! Support your school while having fun!

Get away without going too far from home to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark and enjoy a special rate for families and friends! Rooms are ONLY \$119 and feature 2 Queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit St. Ambrose PTU. BOOK EARLY to avoid being shut out. For reservations call: 1-877-525-2427.

AUCTION TUITION RAFFLE MONTHLY WINNERS

Congratulations to our tuition raffle monthly dress down winners for December and January! **The winner for December is the Galata family** and the **winner for January is the Schroeder family.** Maybe your family can be the February winner! Thank you to all of those that have already participated in the tuition raffle. Keep those ticket sales going!

ANGELS ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

Padua Franciscan High School is pleased to announce the following students who have achieved the distinction of being placed on the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2013-14 academic year:

Kristian Abood, Elizabeth Byram, Bianca Frech, Lucas Herman, Kayla Jancewicz, Amanda Jancewicz, Megan LoFaso, Amanda Peloso, Erika Rogers and Nicholas Schley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 24 | 12:30pm | Gr. 7
"Real money/Real World presentation
- February 25 | Gr. K-4 Mass at 1:30pm
- February 26 | Gr. 8 Mass at 8:15am
- February 27 | Preschool spring pictures
- February 28 | Preschool spring pictures
- February 28 | Gr. 1 retreat

PSR

WINTER WEATHER SERVES TO CALL US TO SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER INSIDE WITH FAMILY! ENJOYIT!

The past couple of weeks have revealed, in some dramatic ways, God's gift of winter. While the change of seasons reminds us of the rhythm of life, each season brings unique blessings (and challenges—especially winter driving!). As families watch the news channels and search the websites, seeking up-to-date announcements regarding cancellations and closings, the option of what to do with "extra time" unfolds.

Taking time to watch a movie, play some card or board games or just sharing a hot cup of cocoa can provide some of the best opportunities to pass along our Catholic faith and share how important God is in your life. It's in these "special" everyday moments, that stories can be shared, values and priorities explained. As you reminisce about memorable moments, consider talking about your child's Baptism. Share why you chose their godparents. Tell about who all was present at the celebration—priest, deacon, grandparents, family members or friends. Find the candle given to you at your child's Baptism and light it as you share the story. What better way to bring warmth and light—to a cold wintery day!!

May God protect you and your family on these cold, winter days!

Patricia

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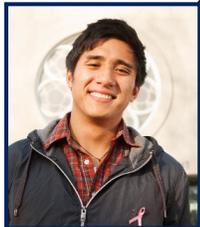
JOURNEY WITH JESUS PRESCHOOL

- ◆ Our Journey With Jesus students enjoy learning about Jesus through stories, crafts and, best of all, making friends!! And it's not too late to join!!



- ◆ Please contact Erica Horman, Journey With Jesus Sunday Preschool Coordinator, at hormane@yahoo.com to find out more about Journey With Jesus or the PSR office at 330.460.7302. Help your child age 3, 4 or 5 (including kindergarteners) find great friends at Journey With Jesus! Enroll them today!

MESSAGE FROM JURELL



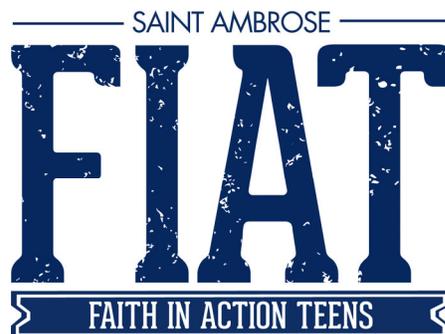
I had the pleasure of meeting Corey McComas during my first week at Ambrose. It was in the midst of all the messiness that comes with transition. The pain of "being new" is always real. I'll never forget Fr. Bob's 25th anniversary of his ordination. I was at the reception and I hardly knew anyone at the parish. When I went to sit down, Corey came by to introduce herself and she *stayed with me*. We chatted and got to know each other on the surface level, but I know in my heart that it must have been difficult for her to let go of Alexa (former youth

minister) and try to welcome me.

Regardless, it was a moment I'll never forget because she took a leap of faith to welcome the stranger—to show goodness to the outsider. So, Corey, I'll be forever grateful that you stuck by my side and in that moment, you were an example and a witness of the ever-important "*ministry of presence*." This is what it means to be Eucharistic. So may we all strive to be like more like Corey, a young person profoundly in love with Jesus and doing her best to be "really, truly, and *physically*" present to those in need.

With gratitude,

JURELL SISON
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 23RD

FIAT NIGHT IS BACK!

Join us for our weekly FIAT Night. Dinner, friends, and fun activities. This week we welcome a special guest, seminarian Vince Roman.

MARCH 2ND

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

This session is **MANDATORY** for any Confirmation candidate. If you are signed up for the 2PM Mass, please meet at 3PM. If you are signed up for the 5PM Mass, please meet at 6PM. **Main Church.**

MARCH 9TH

CONFIRMATION DAY

Please keep the Confirmation students in your prayers throughout these weeks. Please contact Jurell if you'd like to give them anything personally.

APRIL 11-13

FIAT SPRING RETREAT

More info coming soon! Tell all your friends!



"To worship God in truth is to recognize Him for being who He is, and to recognize ourselves for what we are."

— Brother Lawrence

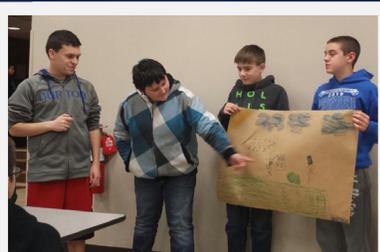
[www.StAmbrose.us/
FAITHFUL HEART](http://www.StAmbrose.us/FaithfulHeart)

ABLAZE

Set our Hearts on Fire!

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Our Junior High students have been busy learning about physical, emotional, and behavioral boundaries, through Called To Protect. They created cartoon skits to depict how they can best share information with an adult if they or a friend is in need.



Thanks to the Brunswick Police who spoke to our students and shared ways to stay safe at home and strategies for making good decisions when faced with peer pressure.

AnnMarie

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Bullies Never Go Away

BROOKS GIBBS
YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Wednesday
March 12th, 2014

THE PRESENTATIONS (50 mins)

8:30am Saint Ambrose Day School

5:00pm Jr. High PSR

6:30pm Parents and High Schools

Held in Hilkert Hall Gym



WOMEN'S GUILD | NUT ROLL SALE

LET ST. AMBROSE WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE YOUR EASTER NUT ROLLS FOR YOU!

Price | \$11.00

◆ Each Nut Roll is approximately 12"

Order Deadline | March 16

◆ Send order form to The Women's Guild
at the Parish Office

Pick-up | April 6

◆ After all Masses in Hilkert Hall

Limited Quantity | No Phone Orders



SAINT AMBROSE WOMEN'S GUILD NUT ROLL ORDER FORM

_____ AT \$11.00 EACH = \$ _____ (Pay at Pick-up)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

*"If you like our cabbage rolls and Festival foods...
You'll Love our Nut Rolls!"*

Calendar of Events

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

MARCH 2, 2014

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Join us for Mass at 10:30am | Fr. Carlin to preside

MARCH 4, 2014

MASS & BREAKFAST FOR ALL SA SENIORS | 8:15AM

As we celebrate the dedication of our Church

▶ March 2014

For a Complete schedule of spiritual opportunities during Lent, Holy Week & Easter, please go our web-site at www.StAmbrose.us

*Lead us
into the desert*

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	LENTEN FISH FRIES! Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing every Friday during Lent from 4:30-7:00pm in Hilkert Hall.			STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm		1
2 Renewal Reunion 2-5:30pm	3 7 Steps of Financial Freedom Begins	4 "913" 20 Something Night 7pm	5  ASH WEDNESDAY	6	7 	8 Cosmic Bingo
9 Confirmation	10	11 Diocesan-Wide Penance Celebration 5-8pm	12 Brooks Gibbs 6:30pm in Hilkert Hall	13	14 	15
16 Donut Sunday & Community Meal	17	18 Ladies First 6:45-8:15pm	19	20	21 	22 PTU Auction & Gala
23 Baptism Class 1:00-3:00pm	24	25	26	27	28 	29 Ablaze Spring Dance
30 Health & Wellness Fair	31	<div style="background-color: #800040; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SAVE THE DATES!</p> <p>Parish Mission with Father Larry Richards April 7-10, 2014</p> <p>Father Larry will help our parish grow in our love for God and give us hope and direction in our daily lives!</p> </div>				