

MARCH 23, 2014  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# SA Saint Ambrose CATHOLIC PARISH

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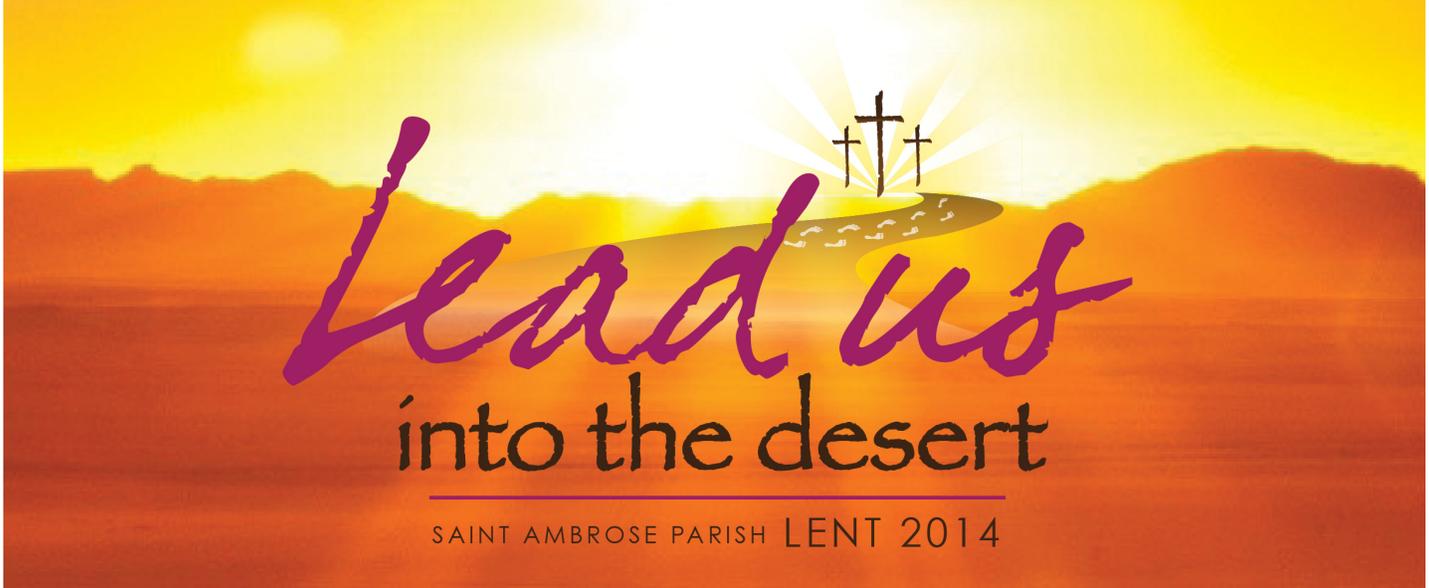
## Passiontide Concert



Join our **Adult Choir and FIAT Instrumentalists** as they present a special concert during Holy Week. From Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to the tomb, we will **journey the final steps of Jesus** through Scripture, Story and Song. Do not miss this prayerful and moving event as our choir joins with a small orchestra to help us prepare for the Paschal Triduum. The concert begins at 7:00 pm in Church and is **FREE!**



**Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM**



*Lead us*  
into the desert

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2014

# THIS WEEK > MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## FISH FRY | FRIDAYS 4:30-7:00PM



### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH BAKERY DONATIONS!

We need cakes, cupcakes, pies or any great baked goods. Please consider baking for one or more Fish Fries. Please drop off your donations at the kitchen at Hilker Hall after 1:00 on any Fish Fry day.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

### THURSDAYS MARCH 27

Gather for a simple meal of delicious home-made soup and bread starting at 6 pm for our final Soup Supper on **Thursday, March 27**, in Lehner center Fr. McGivney Room. Dinner is followed by talks about Pope Francis, discipleship and prayer, and the parish CARE program. Come for great company and to learn more about our new Pope and his message for us all ... and enjoy great dialogue and food!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7 PM

Part of the rich Lent tradition of our Catholic faith is praying the Stations of the Cross, as we remember the journey of Jesus to the cross. It's a wonderful way for families to focus the season of Lent in prayer together. **Join us every Friday at 7!**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sun 9 am - 12:00 pm      Phone | 330.460.7300  
 Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 8:00 pm      Fax | 330.220.1748  
 Fri 8:30 am - 6 pm      Web | [www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us)  
 Sat 8:30 am - 2:30 pm      Net | [Together.StAmbrose.us](http://Together.StAmbrose.us)

### CALENDAR KEY:

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
- 11:30-1:00 pm RCIA Brunch (LCJN)
- 1:00-3:00 pm Baptism Class (HH)
- 3:00-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
- 6:00-8:00 pm FIAT (HH)
- 6:00-8:00 pm Men's Renewal Team (LCLK)

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:00-5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (CC)
- 6:30-8:00 pm PSR
- 6:30-8:00 pm Scripture Study (LCLK)
- 7:00-8:00 pm Stewardship Committee (LCCR)
- 7:00-8:30 pm Pro Life Group (LCMK)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00-11:00 am Sarah's Circle (LCMK)
- 5:00-8:00 pm Girl's Soccer Practice (HHG)
- 5:30-6:30 pm Music Ministry | Angels Choir (C)
- 6:00-6:20 pm Legion of Mary 20 Minute Challenge (CC)
- 6:30-8:00 pm FIAT Lenten Bible Study (S)
- 7:00-8:00 pm Fit Club (HH)
- 7:00-8:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (LCMT)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Worship Commission (LCMT)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Companions on a Journey (LCLK)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 7:45-11:00 am Familia for Women (LCLK)
- 9:00-10:00 am Yoga (HH)
- 9:30-11:00 am Scripture Study (LCMT)
- 1:00-2:00 pm Fr. McNeil Book Club (R)
- 3:00-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
- 6:15-7:15 pm Adult Zumba Class (HH)
- 6:30-8:30 pm Music Ministry | Adult Choir (CC)
- 6:30-8:30 pm Natural Family Planning (S)
- 7:00-8:30 pm RCIA (LCJN)
- 7:00-8:30 pm Scripture Study (LCMT)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Parish Finance Council (LCCR)
- 7:00-9:00 pm FIAT Teen Leaders Mtg. (LCMK)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Ministry Of Consolation (LCLK)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:30-12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LCMT)
- 3:00-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
- 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)
- 6:00-8:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper (LCFM)
- 6:30-8:30 pm ALPHA (LCJN)
- 6:30-8:30 pm Natural Family Planning (S)
- 7:00-8:30 pm Scripture Study (LCMK)
- 7:00-8:45 pm Men's Fellowship (LCLK)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Grief Share Group (LCCR)
- 7:00-9:00 pm FIAT Core Team Mtg. (LCLK)
- 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (HH)
- 9:00-11:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (HHG)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

- 4:30-7:00 pm Fish Fry (HH)
- 5:00-9:00 pm Mission Possible Mtg. (LCJN)
- 5:00-11:00 pm Bingo (HHG)
- 6:45-9:00 pm Fr. Wenz Movie Night (LCFM)
- 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:00-10:00 am Special Education PSR (LCMT)
- 1:00-4:00 pm Virtus Training (HH)
- 3:00-9:00 pm CYO Basketball (HHG)
- 4:30-5:00 pm Children's Liturgy of the Word (CC)
- 7:00-9:00 pm Junior High Spring Dance (HH)



*...“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at*

*the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person, one might even find courage to die, but God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”* Our second reading, from the Book of Romans, is a powerful testimony to the great love that God has for us. This love is the source of our hopeful confidence. This love should compel us to act in the ways of Christ. This love should stir in our hearts a desire to die to old ways so we can rise to newness of life in Christ Jesus. This love should give us the desire to prove our love for God. **This love should be our motivation and strength to do the work of Lent – to enter the desert with the Lord.**

...There’s a powerful new movie out titled, **God’s not dead**. Some of our members are going to see it this Saturday at Hickory Ridge. The title gives away the gist of the movie. The need for the movie speaks most powerfully to the challenges of our time. We are living in a world, and a culture, that is devoid of God. You can see this by the lack of hopefulness and joy that often permeates our world, the news, and the people you see driving to work each day. **Hope in the Lord does not disappoint.** We need to allow the Holy Spirit of God to pour into our hearts so we can witness to the love of God. This witnessing will require heroic courage. God needs witnesses to testify to the joy, and love, and hope that can only be found in the Lord.

...There’s a great reflection song for Lent from the movie: **“God’s not dead” by the Newsboys**. Well worth a listen. **The sound track for the Son of God movie is also well-worth the listen.** BTW – The Son of God movie is a powerful Lenten reflection.

...We are called to be holy and to take care of the gifts that God has entrusted to our care. **Next Sunday is our annual Health and Wellness Fair after all the morning Masses.** We have 52+ displays/vendors and six demonstrations. It promises to be filled

with timely and helpful information on how we can best take care of ourselves and our families. Please take some time to stop by next **Sunday from 8 am until 1:30 pm.** **Thanks to Marc’s, all are invited to stop by for a healthy breakfast and some great door prizes.**

...In the spirit of our second reading, I was able to announce some extremely hopeful news this past Wednesday. **We have a new principal for Saint Ambrose School. Mr. Nathan Baxendale** comes to Saint Ambrose after teaching at Saint Joseph Academy and, most recently, serving as the assistant principal at Saint Hilary School in Fairlawn. Mr. Baxendale was raised in North Royalton and is a product of (and a believer in) the value of Catholic education. He and his wife, Sara, and their two daughters live in Medina. He is a strong man of faith who is eager to help our school continue to grow and thrive. His vision for Catholic education resonates our commitment at Saint Ambrose School. We want to be Everything, every day, for every student. **Please go online to learn more about Mr. Baxendale: [www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us). He will be a great addition in our school community.** I am very hopeful about his passionate commitment to lead and serve our school community. **Welcome Mr. Baxendale!**

...**We are blessed with very solid enrollment for the upcoming school year** at Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool. Mrs. Mitchell (our amazing Preschool director) still has some openings for the young ones. We also still have some kindergarten openings. Please contact Nancy Monnin to set up a time to tour the campus and learn more about how we can address the needs of your child(ren). [nmonnin@SaintAmbroseSchool.us](mailto:nmonnin@SaintAmbroseSchool.us).

...**Lead us into the desert....the chapel is open every weekday from 7am until 7:30pm.** The bookrack is refreshed with books and CD’s to help you grow closer to the Lord in these days of Lent.

...**Coming in your mail this week is a mini-newsletter** outlining all the programs and events for April, along with the Holy Week and Easter schedule. Please watch for it. **You can always find good information online at: [www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us).**

...BTW....thanks for all the feedback about the **new website**. Glad you like it and,

hopefully, will find it helpful in learning more about the good things going on at Saint Ambrose.

...No surprise...I stopped by the **Women’s Guild** meeting on Tuesday. They were ‘worried’ no one would order **Nut Roll**.....really. **They have orders for 200+ orders!** call Kathy Jake at 330.273.3741. Trust me – this group can bake and cook!!!

...We are at the front door of starting our **Prison Outreach Ministry**. We had a great meeting earlier in the week. If you want a summary of the meeting or to learn more, please go online to: [www.StAmbrose.us/prison](http://www.StAmbrose.us/prison).

...Over the past few months our parish has developed a team of folk who are doing **community outreach and service for people in our area**. They are great at some basic home repairs for those who are on limited income or homebound. It’s one more way of extending the care and compassion of Christ to those in need. If you know someone or a neighbor who struggles and needs some basic repairs (front steps fixed, plugs that don’t work, etc.), please let us know so we can help. Send me an email so we can reach out to them and offer support ([frbob@StAmbrose.us](mailto:frbob@StAmbrose.us)).

...Last week I visited a few of our members and for both they had their **Community CARES poster** hanging for all to see....Concerned – Alert – Responsive == Everyone Safe.

...**Father Larry Richard is coming to Saint Ambrose in a few weeks to lead our parish mission.** He’s a powerful speaker and preacher. His four day mission is the centerpiece of our Lenten Season. **Please see today’s bulletin and mark your calendars.** This time will stir a deeper awareness of the love of God in your life.

...In anticipation of Father Larry’s arrival, our **Building and Grounds volunteers are doing an amazing job of “fixing up” the guest suite in the rectory.** We are blessed with such a generous and talented group doing such good work for our parish.

...Hope does not disappoint. Place your hope and trust in the abiding love of God. Take some time this third week of Lent for the Lord.

# INTENTIONS > REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## LEGION OF MARY

### 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.

## 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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30	Tom Bogdas (Family)	GH
9:00	Veronica Hurajt (Hurajt Family)	BW
10:30	Deceased of Neff & Pipak Families	RS
12:00	Chris LaMarca (Marlene, Cheryl & Gloria)	DM
5:00	Ray McKean (Family)	RS

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

8:15	JoAnn Molik (Daughter)	
5:30	The Priests at St. Ambrose (Stead Family)	

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15	Ercelle Sarazin (Daughter-in-Law)	
5:30	J. Brooks & K. Kerkez (Brooks Family)	

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:15	Leo & Rose Bender (Behrend Family)	
5:30	Emery Nagy (Virginia Armaro)	

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:15	Deceased of Busher & McNeil Families	
5:30	David Hopkins (Family)	

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:15	John & Annebelle Fahey (Family)	
5:30	Deceased of The Shaw Family	

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:15	Margarita Reyes (Marieta Schell)	
4:30	James Ely (Ed & Marilyn Plitt)	RS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30	Joyce Marko (Family)	DM
9:00	Viola Majbe (Len & Marcia Kaminski)	DM
10:30	Barbara Sweeney (Sockol Family)	RS
12:00	Kelly Nae (Family)	BW
5:00	Vincy Culotta (Music Ministry)	AT

## REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR PARISH...

Lisa	Shelly Cobb	Sonia Missal
JoAnne Abramczyk	Sarah DeBerti	Jack Newell
Bob Andrassy	<b>Jimmy Fajfar</b>	Rose Riggerbach
Kimberly Banko	Jean Kurtz	Lorrie Sirocky
Austin Belaska	Luke Levandusky	MJ Sirocky
<b>Josephine Belaska</b>	<b>Mary Luks</b>	<b>Mary Jo Straslicka</b>
<b>Dawn Bertuzzi</b>	Lou Madar	Francis Verchick
<b>Mary Cipollones</b>	Amy Mahges	<b>Dorothy Welsh</b>
<b>Joan Clement</b>	Larry McClure	<b>Helen Wokoun</b>
<b>Helen Wolkoun</b>	Scarlett Meade	

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



## "IS THERE SOMEONE WHO IS SICK AMONG YOU..."

*James 5: 13-16*

AS A COMMUNITY OF **FAITH**, WE ARE CALLED TO BE A COMMUNITY OF **COMPASSION**, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE **SICK**. We need your help to tell us about any members of our community who are shut in or sick that you know about but our staff does not. Please give the parish office a call to let us know if there is someone who is sick who would like a call or visit from our parish staff. Thank you!

## CONFESSIONS

**THROUGHOUT LENT, FR. MCNEIL WILL BE HEARING CONFESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 8:45-9:30AM (excluding Holy Thursday).** Also on Fridays during Stations of the Cross (unless he is leading the Stations).

## THOSE CALLED HOME TO THE LORD...

### Barbara Deltondo

~ Sister of Goldie Mack

Born into Life: April 6, 1924

Called to Eternal Life: March 9, 2014

### Rudolf Laszlo

~Father of Nancy Kleinhans

Born into Life: October 20, 1923

Called to Eternal Life: March 12, 2014

### Emery Nagy

~Uncle of Virginia Armaro

Called to Eternal Life: March 15, 2014

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



**GRACE BEFORE MEALS WITH FATHER LEO**

**APRIL 12 | 5:30PM**

Parish Pot Luck and Presentation.

Experience Fr. Leo’s dynamic presentation! He travels the world bringing messages of hope and meals that satisfy.



The simple act of creating and sharing a meal can strengthen all kinds of relationships. With just a few simple ingredients and a few hours of time, your kitchen can become the perfect setting for honest, engaging and memorable conversations to build up your family and your relationships.

Grace before meals: It’s more than a prayer before you eat. It’s a moment and an experience that can satisfy our hungers for a lifetime!

**BUNNY BRUNCH | APRIL 5**

**JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5, FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM.** Brunch includes: Pancakes, sausages, eggs, hot dogs, mac and cheese. Fun games and crafts for kids and pictures with the Easter Bunny! Sponsored by The Little Angels Preschool and FIAT.

	March 16, 2014	July 1, 2013 Mar 16, 2014	July 1, 2012 Mar 17, 2013
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$38,736	\$1,199,905	\$1,198,228
AMOUNT NEEDED	(\$29,200)	(\$1,09,600)	
OVER/(UNDER)	\$9,536	\$90,305	
BUILDING FUND	\$597	\$17,753	
ACH Collection (Weekly)	\$2,267	(Monthly) \$15,560	
Children's Envelopes		Amount \$74	Used 83
Monday Counting Crew: 4		Friday Bingo Team: 4	
<b>Vision 20/20</b>	<b>Week of Mar 2</b>	<b>Week of Mar 9</b>	
Total Pledged	\$3,920,768	\$3,920,768	
Pledge Payments	\$10,309.88	\$4,835.02	
Total Payments Received	\$1,727,700.52	\$1,732,535.54	
Total # Pledges	845	845	
# Increased Offertory	16	16	

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

**EUCCHARISTIC PEOPLE**

DAVID WOLANIN IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS TO BE EUCCHARISTIC PEOPLE.



David is an active member of FIAT, a member of TLT (Teen Leadership Team), plays Trumpet in the FIAT Band, is a Lector and helped planned the Metanoia Retreat back in November. David also served as a team caption for Souper Bowl of Caring and played a major role in helping our students raise nearly \$11,000 for our Community Meal!

David is one of the most thoughtful and caring teens that you will ever meet. Whenever one of his friends may be going through a difficult time, he finds a way to help remind them that they are never alone, especially with God on our side. David also knows how to make others feel welcomed. Whenever someone is new to FIAT, he always takes time to introduce himself and help them feel included in the events going on around them.

Thank you, David, for always being the caring and welcoming person that you are! God Bless you!

**LENTEN RICE BOWLS**

**SMALL CHANGE...BIG DIFFERENCE...IF WE DO IT TOGETHER!**

Please continue to collect change/dollars for your Lenten Rice Bowls. (Rice Bowls are available at all entrances of the Church and in the Rectory if you still need one.) If everyone does something like this for forty days – the change will allow us to build a home or two (\$7500 each) for the poorest of the poor in our mission community. Small change...BIG Difference...if we do it together!



**WOMEN’S GUILD | NUT ROLL SALE**



**NUT ROLL PICK-UP APRIL 5 & 6** after all Masses (except 5pm) in Hilkert Hall. For further information, contact Kathy Jake at 330.273.3741.

**SAS +**

**YOGA | ALL WEDNESDAYS, 9-10AM**

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

• **MARCH 30 | HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR 8AM-1PM**

• **APRIL 27 | SR. POT LUCK PLUS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Spring forward and kick-up-your heels..... Members of the Grassroots Connection Cloggers will show-off their dance...all in the name of a good time, while we enjoy a variety of food shared by those attending along with good conversation and opportunity to meet new people. Come join us from 1-3pm. RSVP to Helen at 330-460-7322 or hsheridan@stambrose.us.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

**MARRIAGE:** Couples that age together often find a deepening love. Many couples who have been married for twenty, thirty, or forty years say that they are even more in love in the later years of marriage than in their early days. This phase of marriage may also be called the “best friend” phase because spouses rely on one another and enjoy spending time together. [www.osvparish.com](http://www.osvparish.com).

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES, “HAPPY TOGETHER” | APRIL 11**

Part Two of a Six part Series- What Keeps You Together? “See God’s Gifts in Each Other.”

- *What is the good that you saw in your spouse when you first met?*
- *Share a few qualities you appreciate in your spouse today.*
- *What do you like the most about being married?*
- *How do you think that you meet your spouse’s needs for a companion, helper, lover, and mate?*

This is a parish based marriage-building program for couples married a few years or longer. Great opportunity to meet other couples, view a 10 minute video session by couples. We meet from 7-8:30pm in Lehner Center upstairs-babysitting is provided. **RSVP required, contact:** Helen Sheridan 330-460-7322/hsheridan@Stambrose.us. Monthly sessions are held on Friday’s-what a great Date Nite!

**MEN’S RENEWAL | APRIL 5 & 6**

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH 2014 MEN’S RENEWAL IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CATHOLIC MEN AGE 18 OR OLDER.**

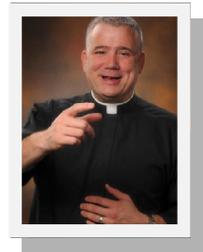
The objective of the Men’s Renewal process is to provide the men of St. Ambrose Parish with the spiritual tools needed that will bring clarity on how to effectively blend Church, Family and Community. If you have not experienced a “Christ Renews His Parish” renewal you don’t want to miss your chance!

For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Tom at the rectory, Vince Berardinelli (216) 210-4115 or via email at [vmberardinelli@gmail.com](mailto:vmberardinelli@gmail.com) or Tony Rumler (330) 721-0195, via email at [marineAJR@aol.com](mailto:marineAJR@aol.com).

**PARISH MISSION | APRIL 7-10**

**FATHER LARRY**

**RICHARDS**



Fr. Larry, a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master and author from Erie, PA, will conduct a four day mission to help our parish grow in our love for God and give us hope and direction in our daily lives. Fr. Larry promises two things: One, you will never be bored and two, your life will be changed forever. Come and experience this truth for yourself! **EACH NIGHT HAS A DIFFERENT THEME:**  
**MONDAY** | Knowing God’s love and practical information on how to pray  
**TUESDAY** | The gift of the Mass, and the importance of family  
**WEDNESDAY** | The passion of Jesus Christ and how because of that we have freedom from, and forgiveness of, our sins  
**THURSDAY** | Focused on Eucharist, and a healing service as part of Eucharistic Adoration

**MAKE THE CONNECTION!**

**FROM OUR BULLETIN TO YOUR COMPUTER!**

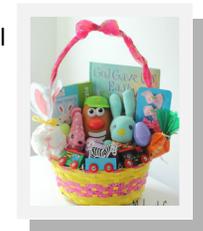
There’s some good information on our website! Visit [www.stambrose.us](http://www.stambrose.us) today!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**EASTER BASKET COLLECTION**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Easter baskets that will be given to needy families during the week of Easter. We are collecting baskets, candy items, small toys, coloring books, etc. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to church beginning this weekend there will be plastic bins at the entrance of church. **If you would like to assist in assembling the baskets, please help us on April 13th after the noon Mass in Lehner Center.**



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING...

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Over the past months we have talked about the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching. It's up to each of us to decide how we can best put them into practice. Over the next few weeks we will offer some ideas for you to think about. Like:

⇒ **EDUCATE** yourself and others....With so much information and misinformation out there, sometimes it's really difficult to decide what's true. All we can do is try. Try to read as much as we can in newspapers and on-line web-sites whose information is probably more reliable. Some you might consult:

- [educationforjustice.org](http://educationforjustice.org)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.ohiocatholicconf.org](http://www.ohiocatholicconf.org)
- [justiceforimmigrants.org](http://justiceforimmigrants.org)

## LEGION OF MARY

THE LEGION OF MARY IS SPONSORING THE COLLECTION OF RELIGIOUS MATERIAL FOR THE MEDINA COUNTY JAIL. Collection bins will be at all the entrances of the Church thru Palm Sunday.

## DO YOU 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 **third and last** movie will be "Invictus."



This movie is about **Nelson Mandela**, former president of South Africa, who just died. He was imprisoned for 27 years for his fight against apartheid and for justice. He forgives and gives hope...through rugby.

Please join us (bring your own popcorn!) at **6:45** on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** in Lehner Center Fr. McGivney room. We will start right **on time** to make sure you get home at a decent hour. See ya there!  
**Fr. Bob Wenz**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THROUGH 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.



Please join the St. Ambrose Pro Life Group as we peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside of Cleveland Surgi-Center abortion facility 4269 Pearl Rd, Cleveland on Mondays in March and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM -12 PM. Please contact Trish Shaw at 440-590-0083 or visit the website [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland).

## 7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

RESCHEDULE SESSIONS MAY 5 – JUNE 16 | 7-8:30PM

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free is the popular program that provides the direction, strategies, and practical guidance every Catholic needs to manage their God-given resources well. This one-of-a-kind program provides a step-by-step approach to guide you from concept to reality.

**Joe Smith and Kelly Reddy from Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union** will facilitate The 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free materials in a group session at Saint Ambrose Church from May 5 – June 16, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. During this 6-week long course you will learn about:

- The critical link between faith and finance
- The advantage of setting goals
- Creating a financial plan that works
- Wealth: how to create it and how to use it
- Understanding and managing debt
- Marriage and money
- How to be a savvy consumer
- The role that generosity plays in your financial and spiritual life
- And much more

If you would like to be a part of this life changing program, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 330.460.7300. Babysitting may be provided upon request.





*If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

~ Psalm 95

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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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tues Is 7:10-14;8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Wed Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thurs Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
 Fri Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
 Sat Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

## BINGO-LINGO

WE HAVE OUR \$30 DISCOUNT PACKAGE  
AND \$1 PIZZA THIS WEEK!



Like us on Facebook and see the photos from our Luck of the Irish Cosmic Bingo! Looking for a way to volunteer in the parish? Help out at Bingo one Friday night a month! Questions/comments, please contact Michele at [msumner@stambrose.us](mailto:msumner@stambrose.us) or direct at 330.460.7324.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new members who LOVE Saint Ambrose and would like to help others reflect on how to spend their time, talent and treasures to help build up the Kingdom of God. The Stewardship Committee focuses on how to help current Saint Ambrose Parishioners become more involved within the Parish and welcome new members of Saint Ambrose into our community.

For more information, please contact Megan Lowes at 330.460.7334 or [mlowes@stambrose.us](mailto:mlowes@stambrose.us)

## HEAVENLY ANGELS

### CHANGE OF APRIL CLEANING DATES | APRIL 12

Please note that the cleaning dates for April have been changed to Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 and Thursday, 24, from 4-5:30pm.

Please contact Megan Lowes at 330.460.7334 or [mlowes@stambrose.us](mailto:mlowes@stambrose.us) to RSVP.

## MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

**THE MEN'S 2014 GOLF LEAGUE BEGINS ON APRIL 29!** We play on Monday evenings at Cossett Creek (formerly Brunswick Hills), and we have 52 opening this year. If you are interested, please contact Dan Wish for more information at: [danielwish@aol.com](mailto:danielwish@aol.com) or 216.337.6218, or visit our website: <http://stambrosemensgolf.webs.com>

**DAY SCHOOL**



On March 11, ten representatives from Saint Ambrose School presented their science projects at the 61<sup>st</sup> Northeast Ohio Science & Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) held at Cleveland State University. Over 700 students from over 100 schools in the area set up their science fair displays, discussed their projects with 350+ judges and competed for almost \$50,000 in prizes. During the fair, students had the opportunity to discuss their research with professional scientists and engineers from the local area. Students were selected based upon presentations and scores they received at the Saint Ambrose Science Fair during Catholic Schools Week.



*(Pictured l-r: front row: John Monnin, Delaney Hanlon, Jessica Koeth, and Rachel Russo. Back row: Molly Main, Jack Hlucky, Clare Harley, Charles Herman, Anna Krizsa, and Alexandra Balassy.)*

**LIFEWORKS OHIO**

Congratulations to Logan Seifert who won second place in this year’s LifeWorks Ohio Respect for Life Art & Essay Contest out of 2,500 entries. This year’s theme was “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.” The winners will be honored at The Art & Essay Awards Ceremony the end of March.

**DAY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT**

St. Ambrose School is accepting Open Enrollment for students in preschool through Grade 8 for the 2014/2015 school year. For more information or to schedule a personal tour, call 330-460-7318 or [admissions@staschool.us](mailto:admissions@staschool.us).

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join our faculty, staff and students on April 11 at 1:30 pm for the Living Stations presented by grade 5.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 25 – 1:30 Gr. K-4 Mass
- March 26 – 8:15 Mass – Gr. 7
- March 27 – Gr. 7 & 8 Lunch Scripture Study
- March 31 – April 6 - SPRING BREAK!

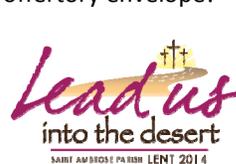
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**LENTEN PRACTICE OF “ALMSGIVING” TAUGHT BY CHILDREN USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.**

During this season of Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving which help us turn our hearts toward God and strengthen our relationships with others. Conversion is accomplished in daily life by examination of conscience, asking for forgiveness, forgiving others, and acts of charity. Almsgiving calls for sacrifice and generosity. Offertory envelopes provide a means of helping children learn about both sacrifice and generosity.

Each offertory envelope has a place for children to write how they have used their God given talents for good works each week, as well as offer up prayers of intention for themselves or others. It is more important that a child puts in a nickel, dime or quarter from his or her own allowance than that a child puts in five dollars from mom’s or dad’s wallet. Helping children learn what good can come about when we all work together helps them understand what sacrifice is all about.

Working together we all support the good works here at Saint Ambrose. Help your child learn about almsgiving this Lent—by reminding them to sacrifice a little in their offertory envelope!



*Patricia*

330-460-7323  
[pbatchman@stambrose.us](mailto:pbatchman@stambrose.us)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 14-18, with three options to participate:

- ◆ Mornings, 9 am to 12 noon
- ◆ Afternoons, 1-4 pm
- ◆ Family Night, Tuesday, July 15, 6-8:30 pm so parents can see what all the fun is about at VBS!!



Save the dates and plan on joining us!!

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Ann Marie Frattare ([afrattare@StAmbrose.us](mailto:afrattare@StAmbrose.us)) or Lynn Metzger ([lmetzger@StAmbrose.us](mailto:lmetzger@StAmbrose.us)) or the PSR Office 330-460-7302.

## MESSAGE FROM JURELL



I told you we'd be talking about **EVANGELIZATION and CULTURE**, right? Well sometimes a picture can capture it all. On your left is a picture of two different papal elections. The one above is from **Pope Benedict's 2005 election**, and the one below is from **Pope Francis' 2013 election**.

We can't ignore culture. So, how can we make it a friend of faith? Stay tuned.

# SAINT AMBROSE FIAT FAITH IN ACTION TEENS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TONIGHT

#### JOIN US FOR FIAT NIGHT!

How will you know if you never come? **SEE YOU TONIGHT.**

### MARCH 25

#### FIAT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our second Lenten Bible study for teens. **Room 201 in the school.** Use the entrance closest to the Church. 6:30-8PM

### APRIL 11-13 | THE VINE

#### FIAT SPRING RETREAT

Want to go on another retreat? Grab a friend and join us for lots of good food, crazy games, prayer. Make new friends and grow closer to God than you ever have before. April 11-13th at Camp Cheerful. Info and forms are on [www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us).

**FINAL DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2014.**



"The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit."

— Psalm 51:17

[WWW.STAMBROSE.US/  
FAITHFULHEART](http://WWW.STAMBROSE.US/FAITHFULHEART)

# ABLAZE

*Set our Hearts on Fire!*

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS



Saint Ambrose presents the...

## Ablaze Spring Dance & Social!

Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade day school and PSR students! Dress attire is casual.

DJ Kris Koch will be providing the music and Ms. Burkey will be teaching us some new dance moves!

**Contests  
Prizes  
Pizza  
and a Photo Booth!**

**Saturday, March 29  
7pm - 9pm in Hilkert Hall**

Teens are welcome to  
bring a friend!

Everyone must complete a Permission Form. Friends of teens must also complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form. Both Forms are available in the Rectory Office.

We still need parent chaperones! Please contact me if you are able to help!