

Advent Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2013

We live in a fast paced, somewhat instant world. We turn on our TVs and watch the movies we want – on demand. We expect service and want what we want, for when we want it. Waiting, especially patient waiting, is not something we do well. In this fast paced, somewhat instant world, Advent is extremely radical and different. These four weeks call us to focus on waiting – patiently – for the Lord. Instead of instant results and rapid fulfillment, we are called to yearn and have a pregnant expectation for the Lord.

We need Advent, and we need the Lord. How can you use these days to strengthen your patience and develop a real sense of expectation? How can you mark out these four weeks by seeking what is most important in our lives – the Lord?

Enter into these radical days that call us to a better, holier way – patience – peace – expectation – yearning for the Lord. Our parish has wonderful opportunities to help each of us use these days well in prayer and service to the Lord. Our prayer and focus this season is simple – **Lord, we WAIT for You.**

God bless you and your loved ones in these holy days.



Father Bob Stec
Pastor



LORD, WE
Wait
FOR YOU.
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“Wait for the LORD, take courage;
be strong and take heart, wait for the
LORD!” (Ps. 27, 14)



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CHRISTMAS MASS *Schedule*

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 p.m. Church and Hilkert Hall
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. &
12:00 Midnight in Church

Christmas Day - December 25

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

NEW YEAR'S *Schedule*

New Year's Eve - December 31

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God
4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - January 1

Mary, Mother of God
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF *Reconciliation*

Saturday, December 7, 14, 21

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
During the Advent Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Confessions are regularly heard every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and always by appointment (330.460.7300).

ADVENT *Communal Penance*

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 p.m.
Many priests will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance to hear individual confessions.



Family Table Prayer

O God of wonder,
you sent your Son, Jesus,
as a blessing upon all who dwell upon the earth.
Send your blessing upon the food we are about to share,
on those who provided it for us,
and upon those who prepared it.
As we enjoy this meal,
keep us mindful of those who have nothing to eat.
May the sharing of this meal
renew our efforts to bring the good news to the poor.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT *Tree*

Help us share Christmas joy with those who are in need throughout our region. Our parish adopts over 100 families from the area. The Advent Giving Trees at the entry doors of the Church are filled with tags listing items for these families. Pick up a tag or two to share the Spirit of Christmas – the spirit of giving from the heart to those who are in need. The tags will give you all the directions and details. Last year at Saint Ambrose, EVERY ONE of the over 1000 tags was returned! God bless our good members for your care and compassion for those in need.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Singing Angels and Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Tree Lighting! There is no better way to prepare your heart for the Lord than to gather with family and friends for these Advent and Christmas celebrations. Our parish grounds will once again come to life with Christmas trees glowing with lights highlighting our parish ministries and in memory of loved ones at home with our Lord. Following, join us in the Church for a wonderful concert provided by Cleveland's Singing Angels. Please join us for this wonderful celebration on Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. outside of the church. This follows our regularly scheduled Saturday evening mass at 4:30 p.m.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS *Concert*

Thursday, December 12, at 7:00p.m. in Hilkert Hall

Feliz Navidad - A Mexican Celebration of the Christmas Season

SPECIAL EDUCATION *Program*

Saturday, December 14, at the 8:15 a.m. Mass

We are very blessed to have a wonderful Special Ed program for the members of our community. All students participate in the Mass, which also includes a special presentation of the Christmas story. There will be a reception after Mass for family and friends. All are welcome.



Live Nativity Family Activities Caroling

LIVING *Nativity*

Saturday, December 14

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.
Live nativity, family activities and caroling.
Refreshments to follow.



THE PERFECT RECIPE FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Cookies for a Cause

Teens for a New Tomorrow (TNT): Philippine Relief!

Support the high school students of our parish as they work hard for a "new tomorrow" in the Philippines. TNT is spending hours baking cookies with Bill and Dawn Rini and the Taste of Excellence crew. Your favorite Christmas cookies will be made with the greatest of care using the Taste of Excellence secret recipes. **Cookies by the dozen (1,000 dozen available) will be FREE after all masses on December 15th (Donut Sunday).** We are simply asking for a donation for each dozen in support of all those who were affected by the tragic super typhoon Haiyan. GREAT cookies – NO work for you – Supporting our teens – making the world better for all in need this Christmas.



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Brunch with St. Ambrose, St. Nick and friends

**Sunday, December 8th
 10:00a.m. – 1:30p.m.**

**Proudly sponsored by our Knights of Columbus,
 FIAT and Littlest Angels Preschool!**

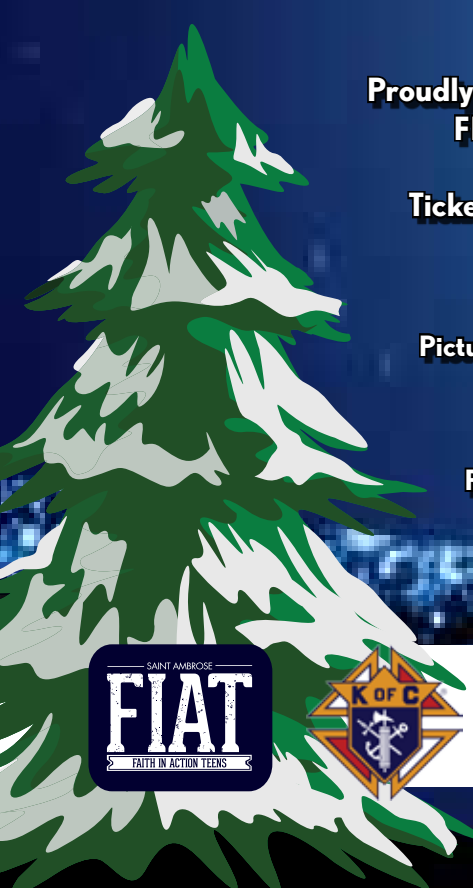
Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 children (under 12)

TICKET INCLUDES:

- Craft for each child
- Picture with St. Ambrose, St. Nick and Santa!
- Brunch Meal

MEAL INCLUDES:

- Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries,
- Hot Dogs, Mac 'n Cheese, punch,
- coffee and water



**Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool
 Open House for Prospective Students**

Sunday, December 8 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm
www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us