

WE ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH CENTERED ON JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS EVERYTHING FOR US

To you Lord, I return...

The season of Lent is an invitation to you, to me, to all of us – to return to the Lord...to come home to a comfortable, peaceful place with God.

While there are all sorts of Lenten practices, mostly this Lent we are invited, called, and encouraged, to return to the Lord. In so doing, we can give to the Lord our hopes and fears, our struggles and pains, our joys and prayers for our family and our future.

“To you Lord, I return” is part of a radical prayer by St. Ignatius of Loyola called the Suscipe which when translated is “receive.”

We are called to give it all to the Lord and in so doing, receive from the Lord all that we need. The prayer reflects the invitation and the promise of Lent. As Christ gave “it all” for us, we are called to give it all – good and difficult – to the Lord.

Make this classic prayer a part of your daily prayer this Lent. Hear the invitation to return to the Lord – to give it all to the Lord – and find a fullness of life and joy in Christ.

Take some time to review this newsletter and check out our website for a complete listing of programs and opportunities to help all of us return to the Lord this Lent.

Prayers always for you.



Father Bob Stec

P.S. Don't forget to pick up a Little Black Book with a two-minute daily reflection. They are at the doors of the Church.

P.P.S. Please pray for the fourteen adults who are preparing to come into the Family of God at the Easter Vigil. May they know the embrace of God and the welcome of our parish community.

Checklist to Have a Meaningful Lent

- ✓ Join a Lent Faith Sharing Group
- ✓ Use a Little Black Book
- ✓ Come to Adoration Mondays (9:00 am-9:00 pm) or Ministry of Praise Prayer Group Tuesdays (7:00-8:30 pm)
- ✓ Make a sacrifice or do something for your spiritual growth
- ✓ Participate in our Mission Rice Bowl campaign
- ✓ Read the Bible daily
- ✓ Commit to going to Confession

Check out the website for all Lent Activities at www.StAmbrose.us/Lent



Lent Events

Every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry

Lenten Movie Night

March 1: Ash Wednesday

Masses at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm. Special Fish Fry

March 2, 9 & 16

Lenten Soup Suppers

March 3

Marriage Enrichment Series

March 4

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

March 5

Health and Wellness Fair

March 15

Diocesan Evening of Confession

March 18

PTU Auction

March 18-19

Men's Renewal

March 19-22

Lenten Parish Mission

March 31

Afternoon of Penance

April 1-2

FIAT Spring Retreat

April 7

Marriage Enrichment Series

April 8

Bunny Brunch

April 9: Palm Sunday

Extended Confessions

April 12

Passiontide Concert

April 13: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross in Church

and at North Park

Passion of Our Lord

FIAT Living Stations

April 15: Holy Saturday

Food Blessing, Egg Hunt, Easter Vigil

April 16: Easter Sunday

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join us for Mass.

LENTEN EVENTS 2017

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thursdays, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th

6:00-8:00 pm | Parish Life Center,

Mother Teresa Room

Please join us as we gather together for a delicious soup dinner and spiritual reflections and discussion. Topics include:

MARCH 2: Immigration with representatives from the Migration and Refugee Services at Catholic Charities

MARCH 9: Human Trafficking with representatives from the Collaboration to End Human Trafficking

MARCH 16: Living Justly in an Unjust World with Dr. Anthony Iezzi



Come for great food, fellowship and wonderful speakers this Lent. Please contact Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us for more information.

Men's Renewal Weekend

March 18 & 19

Christ Renews His Parish 2017 Men's Renewal is free and open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Men's Renewal will allow you to make new friends while growing your relationship with Christ. Join us for our next Men's Renewal weekend. For more information, or to register, contact Vic Preisel at 440.915.2330 or victorpreisel@gmail.com, or Alex Molchan at 216.926.0440 or amolchan001@defiance.edu.

A Lenten Parish Mission

Living a Eucharistic Life with Rev. John Thomas Lane, SSS

March 19-22 at 6:45 pm each evening in the Church

Learn to grow in your desire of Eucharistic living, worship and prayer during our Lenten Parish Mission. Fr. John Thomas Lane (Pastor of Saint Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights) will allow us to dig deeper into our faith during this holy season of Lent. A reception will follow each evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19: To You Lord, I Return: Power of Coming & Serving the Table of the Lord

MONDAY, MARCH 20: Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation & Entreaty (Intercession) including Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TUESDAY, MARCH 21: Power of Forgiveness

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22: Reflecting on Living a Eucharistic Life with Mary, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

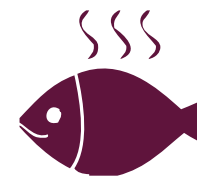


Lenten Family Movie Nights

Every Friday Night

Back by popular demand, our Lenten Family Movie Nights will again be in the PLC Mother Teresa room every Friday during Lent. Join us after the Friday Night Fish Fries for Christian movies that will inspire you. Our movies—including new films such as Miracles from Heaven and I'm Not Ashamed—will begin approximately at 7:45 pm.

Friendliest Fish Fry in Town!



Starting March 1, Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent!

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Great meals all under \$10!

Come for the food...

come back for the friendship!

Extra seating in the Mother Teresa Room!

Shrimp, White Fish, Pierogis, Cabbage & Noodles, Mac & Cheese, Clam Chowder, Pizza, French Fries, Steamed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Rolls & Butter

Dine In or Take Out!

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Bunny Brunch

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mark your calendars for our annual Bunny Brunch! Join us as we celebrate the Easter season at Saint Ambrose with family and friends. Delicious food, holiday crafts, and the Easter Bunny will be on hand. You won't want to miss this GREAT event!



Family Friendly Brunch

delicious brunch will be served including scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hot dogs, & mac and cheese

Easter Bunny

dress in your Easter finest and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny

Spring Crafts

create Easter crafts to share with your family

Bake Sale

RSVP to Front Office at 330.460.7300

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Luke 15:7

FYI: Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onward. - USCCB.org

The Sacrament of Penance

Christ is generous in His mercy and forgiveness

...and Lent is the perfect time to experience the love of God for us through the Sacrament of Penance. Whether you go every month or haven't been to Confession in years, we warmly welcome you to participate in this beautiful Sacrament:

- Every Saturday, from 3:30-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 15 (Diocesan Evening of Penance), from 5:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 31 from 1:00-2:30 pm
- Palm Sunday Weekend, April 8 and 9: Extended Confessions ...or anytime by appointment.

Adoration and Chapel Hours

Spend time in prayer with the Lord over these 40 days.

CHAPEL HOURS:

6:00 am until 10:00 pm Mondays-Fridays
6:30 am until 8:00 pm, Saturdays
6:00 am until 7:00 pm, Sundays

ADORATION HOURS
Every Monday from
9:00 am-9:00 pm

In a special way, we invite you to worship Christ during our all-night Adoration on Holy Thursday into Good Friday. After Holy Thursday's 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration will take place in the PLC Mother Teresa Room. This will last until 8:15 am Morning Prayer on Good Friday. We are in need of two adorers per half hour. To sign up, visit www.StAmbrose.us/Lent or see the sign up boards at all the entrances to the Church.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Instead of giving something **UP** for Lent,
DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
something that will help you truly grow closer to the Lord.

Lent Faith Sharing Groups

It's easy...meaningful...

and will be a great blessing in your life.

- Four gatherings of just over an hour each.
- Connect the Word of God to your daily life.
- Reflection and discussion on Lent Scriptures.
 - Takes place in homes of our members.
- No pressure...it's designed to be easy to do.

Questions? Get more information by
reviewing the F.A.Q. on the website at
www.StAmbrose.us/LentFaithSharing.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to www.StAmbrose.us/LentFaithSharing
or stop by the front desk at the PLC
to fill out the sign up form.



Passiontide Concert

Join our **Music Ministry** for the fifth annual Passiontide Concert, featuring our Adult Choir, Angels Choir, Handbells, Instrumentalists and FIAT band during Holy Week. This year's concert will reflect through scripture, story and song on Christ's journey to the cross through the eyes of those along the way. Every year, we are blessed by the response to this prayerful and moving event. The concert begins at 7:00 pm in Church and is **FREE!**



Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 PM

To you, Lord,
I RETURN 

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