

Second Sunday of Advent

As we await the birth of Jesus
Help our busyness recede
Turn our dark days into brightness
Peace and Joy the gifts we need.
O Come, O come Emmanuel
Love Divine, come into our lives
Be The Light



Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24

4:00 pm Church and
Hilkert Hall
6:00 pm, 8:00 pm,
12:00 Midnight in Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon

**Thank you to our Knights of Columbus, FIAT and
Littlest Angels Preschool for a wonderful breakfast
with St. Ambrose and St. Nick!**



Please invite your family and friends to join us at Saint Ambrose!

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THIS WEEK • MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Breaking Open The Word (PLCJPII)
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Donut Reception (PLCMT)
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	12 Days of Christmas Assembly (HH)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FIAT Leadership Team Meeting (LCFM)
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	FIAT Nights (HH)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Men's Renewal (LCLK)
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Women's Renewal (LCMT)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction (CC)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Senior Christmas Breakfast (PLCMT)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Divorce Care (LCMK)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Divorce Care For Kids (LCJN)
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	School Advisory Board Meeting (PLCJPII)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Scripture Study (LCLK)
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Catholic Works of Mercy (LCMT)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Sarah's Circle (LCMK)
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Music Ministry Cantor (C)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	12 Days of Christmas (PLCMT)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Cookie Making (HH)
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Brownie Troop (LCLK)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Preschool Concert (C/HH)
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Music Ministry Angels Choir (C)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Pastoral Council (LCJN)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Ministry of Praise and Prayer (C)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bell Choir (PLCJPII)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Knights of Columbus (LCFM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am - 10:00 am	SAS Yoga (HH)
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Building and Grounds (PLCJPII)
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Scripture Study (LCLK)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Griefshare (LCFM)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Women's Guild Monthly Meeting (HH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30 am - 11:00 am	Scripture Study (LCLK)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (C)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Griefshare (LCJN)
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Senior Activities (PLCMT)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Legion Of Mary (CC)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Men's Renewal Christmas Potluck (PLCJPII)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	K-3 Christmas Concert (HH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Grade 3 Retreat (HH)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Heavenly Angels (C)
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm	BINGO (HH)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Summer Festival Meeting (LCJN)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Generations of Faith Cookie Baking (HH)
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Breaking Open the Word (PLCJPII)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Rite of Acceptance (PLCMT)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Knights of Columbus (LCFM)



CALENDAR KEY

C	Church
CC	Church Chapel
S	School
PLC	Parish Life Center
GYM	Hilkert Hall GYM
HH	Hilkert Hall
LCMT	Lehner Center Matthew
LCMK	Lehner Center, Mark
LCLK	Lehner Center, Luke
LCJN	Lehner Center, John
LCFM	Lehner Center, Fr. McGivney
PLCJPII	Parish Life Center, John Paul II
PLCMT	Parish Life Center, Mother Teresa

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun.	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mon.	8:30 am - 8:30 pm
Tues. & Wed.	8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Thurs. & Fri.	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Sat.	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Saturday Confession



As you know, with Fr. Adam being made pastor of St. Marks, it falls on Fr. Bob and me to make sure there are priests available for confessions on Saturday afternoon.

We have found that with the numerous liturgical events that fall on Saturday on and off campus, it is a very packed and rushed period (not leaving for much time to get ready for the Vigil mass). Over the past few weeks, we have been asking those coming to Saturday Confession if a new time for confessions would be helpful. The overwhelming majority of people responded yes.

Starting on Saturday, January 5, Saturday confessions will move to 9:00 am - 9:30 am. As always, we will still hear them by appointment and make sure that additional opportunities for confession are made available during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Thank you for your understanding and may ***Our Good and Loving Father watch over us and give us the peace and strength to build up the Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.***

- Fr. Rob

Readings for the Week

www.usccb.org

Mon	IS 35:1-10; LK 5:17-26
Tues	IS 40:1-11; MT 18:12-14
Wed	ZEC 2:14-170; LK 1:26-38
Thurs	IS 41:13-20; MT 11:11-15
Fri	IS 48:17-19; MT 11:16-19
Sat	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; MT 17:9A, 10-13
Sun	ZEP 3:14-18A; LK 3:10-18



...**"Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from**

the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." The letter to the Philippians on this Second Sunday of Advent speaks powerfully to our parish community. Saint Paul confidently proclaims that God will bless our efforts and work for the Lord and...bring it to completion. It's a partnership – us and God – better said, God and us...working as partners to build a better world for all of God's people. And, God will take our efforts, bless them, and complete them. We have to do our part – and God will do the rest.

...You are amazing partners with the Lord in caring for our brothers and sisters this Christmas. It was humbling to see the Advent giving trees pretty much picked clean last weekend after Masses. **God bless you for all you do for those in need.** There are a few more tags on the trees representing a few additional families that have been 'adopted' by the care and compassion of our community. God bless you partners with the Lord.

...**Many thanks to all who responded last week to our request for some help cleaning the Church.** Given the construction and the need to clean the Church for the weekend, many hands are greatly appreciated. If you can offer a few hours any time over the next few weeks, send me an email and we will let you know when we are cleaning between now and Christmas. Thank you so much.

...**All the pews need to come out of the Church on Wednesday, December 26. We need your help.** We are trying to do this ourselves instead of paying the contractors \$20,000 for the work. If you can (even a little), send me an email (frbob@StAmbrose.us) and we will get you time and all the details. **BTW.... you are welcome to take your favorite pew home with you!!** We are partners in renewing the house of God.

...This coming week, all of **Littlest Angels Preschool Families** will be gathering to see their children and grandchildren in

their Christmas concert. They will also be the first to see the renderings and floor plan for **the new building that will be built across the street to create a new home for our thriving preschool program.** Our parish is NOT building the new facility or paying for the building, rather we will pay a modest rent which will allow our preschool to grow and respond to the needs of our families. The other exciting news is that this new facility will have a complete sport court/gym that can be rented by our parish for CYO games and other sport events. As many know, we are always out of gym time. This new facility will help serve our parish community and our region. We are blessed to have a strong partnership with the developers which will be a great blessing for our parish. The property will be cleared next week and the houses demolished in anticipation of starting construction in early spring.

...**Next week you will see the trees removed from the front of our parish (by Pearl Road).** Painfully, we are cutting these trees down because they are splitting and dying. Last year's snow broke branches on cars. We will eventually re-landscape the area.

...Speaking of trees...have you taken the time to view the **Christmas Trees inside the Church.** They are loaded with ANGEL ornaments from so many families in our parish community. We have collected them for the past ten years....representing hundreds of our families. They are simply beautiful, and even more a beautiful, a representation of the goodness of our community --- our parish family – made up of so many who do the work of the Lord – like angels! **There's always room for your family ornament on the trees.**

...Last weekend's **Breakfast with Saint Ambrose and Saint Nick was a great event...**truly wonderful for about 600 of our members. This **Saturday, December 8,** our music ministry is setting the tone for the season by a wonderful **Advent/ Christmas concert.** Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Church. **Next Sunday is our Living Nativity....**with live animals and a wonderful presentation of the Birth of our Savior. It's a perfect moment to help your children and grandchildren remember the reason for the season.

...**Next Saturday afternoon is all about partnerships.....working**

together to make lots and lots of Christmas cookies...to share best recipes and techniques....and bring all the generations together for a fun afternoon of Cookie Making. See the bulletin for details.

...**This past week one of our long-time members left a lasting gift to our parish community** by remembering Saint Ambrose (our parish) in her WILL. We received a generous gift to our parish building fund that will help us renew and repair our Church. Please remember Rose McNulty who is now with the angels, in your prayers. May her goodness inspire all of us to leave a gift to our parish family.

...**Please remember to invite your family and friends to join us for the Christmas concert and Living Nativity.** They are wonderful ways to share the joy of the season and the goodness of our parish community.

...Thank you for your continued support for our parish community. **Together we are doing great good for the Lord and our community.** In this season of gift giving, please consider a generous gift to our parish community this Christmas. We are partners with the Lord. God will bless all of our offerings and efforts.

...Please join us on **Tuesday evening for our Communal Penance at 7:00 pm.** There will be several priests available for reconciliation. We will also have priests available for Reconciliation on Friday afternoon at 1 pm. Come experience the peace and mercy of the Lord.

...**Check out the display board with the selections for the Church (colors, carpet, etc.) in the Parish Life Center. It's all coming together....Praise be God.**

...May these days of Advent be filled with God's peace. **We are partners with the Lord. As we walk with God, God walks with us!**

Have a blessed one!

P.S. Thank you for the GREAT collection. It really helps us 'catch up' and also have the resources we need for our community. **God bless you.**

INTENTIONS • REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:15 am and 5:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 8:15 am
Saturday: 8:15 am and 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 9 | 2nd Sunday Of Advent

7:30 † Ianus Matei (Daughter) **RR**
9:00 † Emma Warkovich (Wolanin Family) **RS**
10:30 † Florence Ravo (The Pillatt Family) **GH**
12:00 † Jeff Jones (Robert & Andrea McAvoy) **GH**
5:00 † Patrick R. Coughlin Sr. (Wife) **RS**

Monday, December 10

8:15 † Rosella Pietro (Friend of Family)
5:30 † Rose Strebler (Fr. Rob Ramser)



Tuesday, December 11

8:15 † Josephine & Joseph Landolfo (Children)

Wednesday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 † William Albaugh (John Louderback)
5:30 † Dale Anthony Weishuhn (Mother)

Thursday, December 13 | St. Lucy

8:15 † Kaye Haga (Family)

Friday, December 14 | St. John of The Cross

8:15 † Patricia Polz (Rudolph Polz)
7:00 † Theresa Gipson (Sisters)

Saturday, December 15

8:15 † Richard Tomasz Bujnarowski (Bujnarowski Family)
4:30 † Samuel Wagner (Wife) **RS**

Sunday, December 16 | 3rd Sunday Of Advent

7:30 Saint Ambrose Members **RR**
9:00 † Magdalena Lanzarotta (Family) **RS**
10:30 † Anija Dogger (Music Ministry) **RR**
12:00 † Mildred Dobrosielski (Family) **RR**
5:00 † Debra Bugos (Family) **RS**

Help Wanted



Saint Ambrose is in immediate need of an individual to assist with event setups, teardowns, cleaning, and minor custodial duties on weekends. This is a part-time position, which will require someone to work flexible hours on Saturdays and Sundays and occasionally on evenings or after school. This person must be dependable and in good physical condition to handle the duties of the job. If interested, please stop in the Parish Life Center to fill out an application.

You can also call Mike Mascio in the parish office at 330.460.7344, or email him your resume with a letter of interest at MMascio@StAmbrose.us.

Children and Teen Envelopes

Our Young People's Incredible Gifts

Every week, our young people contribute to Saint Ambrose—not only through monetary gifts, but through their actions. Here are some of the ways our kids have been like Christ in our community.

"I helped my mom and dad paint the hallway."

"I donated toys for others."

"I helped to clean up at kindergarten."



Week of December 2

Sunday Collection	December 2, 2018	July 1, 2018 - Dec. 2, 2018	July 1, 2016 - Nov. 3, 2017
Sunday Collection	\$41,454	\$709,841	\$720,609
Amount Needed	\$(33,500)	\$(770,500)	
Over / (Under)	\$7,954	\$(60,659)	
Building Fund	\$1,030	\$20,604	
ACH Collection	\$3,267 (weekly); \$13,632 (monthly)		
Children's Envelopes	\$80 with 61 collected		

In this season of gift giving and end of year donations, please prayerfully consider a special gift in service to the work of the Lord and our parish community.

Your generous support makes it possible for our parish to do all the good work we do for the Lord and our community.

Please consider a generous gift to Saint Ambrose.

Pray for Our Sick

<i>Collin Apicella</i>	<i>Lisa Gannon</i>	<i>Donna Madar</i>
<i>Jordan Belaska</i>	<i>Mary Holland</i>	<i>Karen Pencek</i>
<i>Nancy Craig</i>	<i>Lillian Johnson</i>	<i>Sheila Reagan</i>
<i>Brian Daly</i>	<i>Joy Keller</i>	<i>Shirley Rehman</i>
<i>Barbara Droll</i>	<i>Colette Keenan</i>	<i>John Roth</i>
<i>Shannon Fitz</i>	<i>Veronica Kossuth</i>	<i>Emerson Sholtis</i>
<i>Laverne Frohlich</i>	<i>Baby Ariana Krakora</i>	<i>Warren Simmons</i>
<i>Victoria Gabriel</i>	<i>Earl Lauerhahs</i>	<i>Diane Spott</i>

If you would like your loved one's name on the prayer list, call Connie at 330.225.9236. **We publish the names of our sick in the bulletin for 3 weeks.** Visit www.StAmbrose.us/PrayerList for the complete list.

Those Battling Cancer

Please Pray for Them and Their Families



Bob Close
Alyce Hanlon
Marie Hein
Shannon Hilpon
Mark Hogan
John Paul Kelly
Bob Klaehn
Dolores Lauerhahs
Terri Leitner
Helen Mancuso
Cindy Montonaro

Collin Nemet
Nancy Niemesch
Paul Rehman
Carol Sabo
Jerry Sipan
Andy Stamper
Angelo Stavole
Joanne Walsh
Bob Williams
Chester Yanke
Rick Zevchik





LIVING Nativity

Live Animals • Food • Fun • Perfect Family Night

Enter into the Advent season remembering where it all began.



Sunday, December 16

5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to join the Saint Ambrose community as we re-enact that joyful night where Heaven and earth collided and God gave us His most precious gift.

Followed by fun in Hilkert Hall with family activities, crafts and a chili bar with all the toppings! Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share.

Invite your friends and family to join you!

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BAMBINELLI *Blessing*

December 15/16 ...All Weekend Masses

A thirty year old tradition that was started in Rome at the Vatican. Every family is invited to bring their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to all weekend Masses and receive a blessing. The Bambinelli Blessing will bring us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus.



Stephen Ministry



"We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all. See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all."

– 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

If you would like more information contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381, JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315, LHomady@StAmbrose.us.



#WeGiveCatholic

Thank you!



On November 27, 2017 from 12:00 am – 11:50 pm, Saint Ambrose participated in #WeGiveCatholic, an online day of Catholic Giving in Northeast Ohio. Thank you for all of the people who made online donations or stopped by our #WeGiveCatholic station to drop off donations. We were blessed to raise \$2780. All funds received will benefit our 12 Days of Christmas Ministry.

The 12 Days of Christmas is a project where Saint Ambrose elves help those in need by providing gifts and support. Last year we adopted 60 families, and this year we have almost 75. If you would like to still make a donation, please contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381

2020 Pilgrimage

Switzerland, Germany and Austria



Join Fr. Rob and other St. Ambrose members **from May 25 – June 5, 2020 on a Pilgrimage to Switzerland, Germany and Austria**, as we experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau, performed once every 10 years.

The play takes us through the final days of Christ's life in a grand style that truly makes it a once in a lifetime experience!

We will also spend time in Upper Bavaria, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and Prague. There is an optional two day extension to Berlin available. **The cost for the trip is \$5,399 per person in a double room.**

Call Fr. Rob at 330.460.7311 or Jerusalem Tours (888.373.8687) for more information. Due to high demand **only 50 seats available.** Itinerary and Registration forms available at the front desk of the Parish Life Center.

Unsung Hero

Spiritual Care Ministry

Meet Robert Meade, Judy Piorkowski, Andrea Reppa and William Zarefoss. You see them often around our Church in the many ways that they serve our parish community. You may not know that they also make regular visits to Southwest General Hospital as members of the hospital Spiritual Care Ministry. On average, there are around seventy-five Catholic patients in Southwest General Hospital on any given day. Through this ministry, they join others from Catholic parishes around the area to bring caring visits, prayer and Holy Communion to Catholic patients. This is but one dimension of the hospital ministry provided by St. Ambrose. Deacon Frank Weglicki leads another team of parishioners who make regular visits to Medina General Hospital. Our parish hospital ministries are just one more example how we/you generously bring the Gospel message of love, peace, and compassion to those most in need. To learn more about our hospital ministries please contact Deacon Frank or Deacon Gary.



God bless...

- Deacon Gary



Angels Make a Difference

Unsung Heros

God Bless Tom Serafin!

Tom is the perfect example of engagement! Over the past several months and throughout the construction process, Tom has attended every meeting, taken notes and brought a career of project management experience to our construction team. Whether it is reviewing 97 pages of specification sheets on lighting, reviewing and providing thoughts and feedback on the liturgical art, pews and seating or helping us stay on task and on schedule, Tom has been invaluable throughout the process! We are beyond grateful for his incredible help and hard work!

If you know about an Angel that walks among us here in our community, go to www.stambrose.us/unsunghero and submit your story.





SAINT AMBROSE

Christmas Cookie Baking CLASS

Young and old, bring all of your generations together to do something special together this Christmas season!

We have a fun class planned to learn more about Christmas Cookies, Baking and Family Traditions. And of course... **MAKE COOKIES TOGETHER!**

Have a favorite recipe? Bring it to share!

December 15, 2018
1:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

GENERATIONS of Faith & Family SAINT AMBROSE

Fun for the whole family!

Saint Ambrose Friday Night Bingo The Friendliest Game In Town



Our Progressive Jackpot last Friday evening was still at **\$10,000**, with a limited number of chances left. Don't miss out on your chance to win not only the Progressive, but over **\$6,000** in other cash prizes! We also guarantee a minimum payout of **\$1,000** on our Coverall Game,

with a chance to win up to an additional **\$2,199** if you win on our bonus jackpot.

In addition to 22 games of bingo and a wide variety of instant tickets, this Friday we are selling our Caller's Choice Mystery Game at the discounted price of only \$1 each and raising the jackpot to \$200.

We will also have \$25 bingo gift certificates available at the ticket window. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers for a family member or friend.

A guaranteed fun evening, free popcorn and coffee, large payouts, fun instant tickets, generous door prizes, and delicious food at a very reasonable price. The doors open at 5:00 pm and the Early Bird games start at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you this Friday at the **"Friendliest Bingo Game in Town"**.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS:



A few weeks ago, one of our members heard that our 35 year old bell system needed to be replaced. They heard a bit about the new system and the different bells, tones and songs it can do. They were so excited to hear about it. They approached us the next day to say they would like to pay the \$12,000 to cover the expense of the new system... Simply inspiring!

As we approach the end of the year, if you are inclined, interested or able to make a gift to the Generations of Faith Campaign, we have several items that can be 'sponsored'. If you are interested, please contact: JBihari@StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015

GENERATIONS of Faith TOGETHER for the GLORY OF GOD

Landscaping	\$25,000
Mother Mary Patio (outside the new family room)	\$20,000
Family Room (new cry room and bridal room)	\$15,000
Sacristy	\$15,000
Pascal Candle Stand	\$15,000
Ambry	\$15,000
Welcome to Saint Ambrose Parish sign	\$12,000
Family Room finishes (blinds, furniture, monitors)	\$10,000
Stations of the Cross (only a few remaining)	\$10,000
Chapel Ambo	\$10,000
Mary Statue (Chapel)	\$7,500
Joseph Statue (Chapel)	\$7,500



Simply inspiring!

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
Winter Fun Days
at The Brunswick Rec Center

Each night from 5:00-9:00PM

Saint Ambrose Parish is excited to bring you family fun days to shake the winter blues!

January 5: Day School K-5 / PSR K-5
BLIZZARD BASH

Come with your family for a dance party, swimming, basketball and snacks.

February 2: Preschool / Journey with Jesus
PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL

Come with your family for fun activities such as face painting and games.

February 23: Day School 6-8 / PSR 6-8
BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS

Come for a dance party, swimming, basketball and snacks.
If parents are dropping students off, cell phones must be checked at the door.

March 9: FIAT / Confirmation
OPEN POOL AND GYM NIGHT

High School teens are welcome to join us with friends to enjoy food, games and more.

March 23: Adult Gathering
GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Bring your whole family for movies, swimming and games in the gym.



Brunswick Recreation Center



BRUNSWICK

Day Pilgrimage

Friday, December 28



On Friday, December 28, join Fr. Rob as we travel to the **Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, St. John Cantius and St. Patrick** to experience these ethnic churches at their Christmas best! We will tour the churches and learn about their beautiful Nativity scenes. Lunch will be at Hofbräuhaus Cleveland (lunch included in price of trip).

The cost for the day is \$40 per person. (Due to the logistics of the bus rental, there can be no refunds. **If you are unable to make it after your reservation is made, please find a replacement.** Thank you for your understanding). Daily Mass will be celebrated as part of the pilgrimage. We invite you to travel with us as we celebrate our faith and the legacy left to us in these monuments to the Lord and the hope of the

Christ Child during the season of joy. The bus will leave Saint Ambrose at 8:15 am and will return at 4:30 pm. To register or have any questions answered, call Helen Sheridan at 330.460.7322.

Active Military

Please continue to pray for all the men and women serving our country, for their families who miss them dearly and for their safe return home. If you have someone to add, please contact Michele Sumner: MSumner@StAmbrose.us



Pray for Those Serving and Their Families:

SSG	Michael Duniec	Air Force
MAJ	David M. Elliott	Marine Corps
LT	Travis Elliott	Navy
LT	Serena Gerfy	Navy
PO	Rob Hartman	Navy
MAJ	Brad Klusmann	Marine Corps
MAJ	Jared Klusmann	Marine Corps
AIT	Mitchell Knirnschild	Navy
CPL	Nicholas Levitsky	Marine Corps
SPC	William Mortensen	Army
LCPL	Christian Nowak	Marine Corps
SSGT	Matthew Pyzik	Air Force
LCPL	Lukas Robison	Marine Corps
BG	Stephen Sklenka	Marine Corps
2ndLT	Zachary Taylor	Marine Corps
CW2	John A. Tevis	Army

Advent Season

We pray that this is a time of peace, reflection and gratitude and we invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts this Advent season. We invite you to attend our celebrations of the season over the next few weeks, for a complete list, visit: www.stambrose.us/advent.



May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

-Romans 15:13





Saint Ambrose Catholic School

It's Our Time!

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. - James 1:17

So many wonderful memories are being made at SAS!

Last week our students and staff enjoyed "PJs and Popcorn" in celebration of the great success of our fall Read-a-Thon. The students read over 100,000 minutes and raised over \$21,000 in two weeks. Many thanks to all who supported this effort and many thanks to Lionel for popping his DELICIOUS popcorn for us!

Our Fifth and Seventh Grade students participated in a Science Fair with projects rich in research, experimentation, critical thinking and creativity. As examples, students studied topics such as: "What Would Happen if the Keystone Pipeline Would Break?", "Is Rocket Fuel Affected by Temperature?",

St. Nicholas visited our students on his December 6th feast day and treated the students and staff to chocolate, an orange and a candy cane. Such fun to see all sizes of shoes in the hallways, waiting for a special treat! St. Nicholas, pray for us.

St. Ambrose also visited us on his feast day of December 7. In celebration of our great patron saint, "the honey-tongued preacher," students learned more about him and his work for the Lord and our Church, as we all enjoyed donuts to start the day! St. Ambrose, pray for us.

Also on December 7, our Third Grade students spent the rest of the day in retreat as they learned ... (I'll add this tomorrow too!)

Know that we keep you in our prayers as we praise and thank God for your goodness and support!

As we enjoy the beauty and bustle of the season, we also pray that this special season of Advent brings a deeper love, peace and joy of Jesus to your hearts and homes.

- Lisa Cinadr
330.460.7350 | LCinadr@StaSchool.us



Littlest Angels Preschool

A Note from Catherine Mitchell: Jesus, Me and My Christmas Tree is the name of a wonderful book by Crystal Bowman as well as the name of our

family event coming up this week. We are excited to help the children and families make the connection between decorating their Christmas trees and the birth of Jesus. Little ones can't wait to put up the Christmas tree- a clear sign of exciting things to come. What is the meaning of this tradition? We will share the symbolic meaning from the lights and ornaments and the star on the top to the blessing of presents underneath.

The children will sing songs about stars, bells, mangers, lights, angels and the gifts that God has given us and what we can give back to Him. One of our moms shared with me that when her daughter came home from preschool she made some gifts for Jesus, boxed them, wrapped them and placed them under their tree because He should have a gift because "He does so much for us." "My Christmas tree story is simple but true, for all those who seek him, will find Jesus too. So as you gather around your tree, remember Christ came for you and for me."

Advent Blessings,



- Catherine Mitchell
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PSR News

Advent in Action

Our PSR students have been actively preparing their hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ during this Advent season.

Advent Wreath Workshop

Students created their own Advent wreath to take home and share with their families.



Jesse Tree Project

Our Advent project this year is the Jesse tree. Students learned about the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.



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Women's Guild Christmas Party

December 12



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our Christmas party will take place on December 12 at 6:30 pm in Hilkert Hall for our members. Please remember to bring any hats or gloves. This will be our last get together until February, so we hope you can join us for a jolly good time!



SENIOR CORNER LET'S GET TOGETHER



"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Yoga: Every Wednesday from 9:00 am - 10:00 am
(No Yoga on December 26)

December 10 Senior Christmas Breakfast

December 16 Living Nativity – 6:00 pm

December 16 Community Meal – 1:00 pm

December 21 Off-Site Lunch – European (RSVP)

Senior Breakfast on December 10th will be available at 9:00 am in the Mother Teresa Room along with the voices of our pre-school children singing Christmas songs as we prepare for the arrival of Our Savior. RSVP is required by December 5.

NOTE: We will not host senior social activities during December through March, per your request. We will however continue our coffee and donut social first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

**For Questions or to RSVP,
please contact Helen Sheridan:
330.460.7332 or HSheridan@StAmbrose.us**



Catholic Charities Counseling

Schedule An Appointment Today



We have collaborated with Catholic Charities to offer their services here at St. Ambrose for you. If you find yourself struggling and in need

of additional support, please call Catholic Charities to schedule your appointment. We will have space reserved here on campus **every Wednesday between the hours of 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** If this time does not work for you, then you can schedule another time and we will reserve space for you.

You can contact Catholic Charities at 330.723.9615 for your appointment. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7315.



Parish Grounds

Keeping Our Community Safe

Timber!!!

In the coming weeks, you will see the 6 large trees along Pearl Road being cut down. It is going to be a very different look for our parish grounds, but it is only after much thought and conversation with our landscaper and a few other experts. Most of these trees are split at the trunk and are a safety concern. Last year, after several storms, major branches came down and parts of the trees split down the trunk and broke off. In one case, one landed on a vehicle and fortunately no one was hurt. The condition and severity of the split trunks has gotten worse over the year. We've determined that it is best for safety to cut them down.

Catholic Works Of Mercy

Kindness Pines



Knowing we all have so much to be grateful for as we look around our parish, as we come to the table at St. Ambrose, we are all aware that there are many neighbors in need. With that, as we enter the season of Advent,

the Kindness Pine trees are present and have tags for items our families can use to stay warm this winter and various other items as well. As you take a tag, please sign in on the sheet provided near the tree. Please plan on returning your unwrapped items with the gift number attached before December 12. **You are appreciated.**

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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class for their first child. Call Kim Nemet at 330.460.7316 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.

JOURNEY TO EMMAUS:
Come and learn more about the Catholic faith. Call the PLC.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm and by appointment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Call 330.460.7300 to register.

Sacraments



Weddings

Congratulations Newlyweds!



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Casey Houdek
Married: 12.1.18

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



Baptism



We Welcome into the Waters...

Eila Quinn Grzyeowski
Graham Douglas Maag
Joseph Robert Novicki
Grayson Nicholas Preisel

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JOIN US FOR ADORATION

Bring your prayers to the Lord at our weekly Adoration, beginning at 9:00 am every Monday in our chapel. The day concludes with Benediction at 7:30 pm.

Prayer Requests

Let Our Parish Community Surround You in Prayer

Please pray for healing in all areas for four people with very serious illness and their families. Please pray for God's guidance and protection and for them to fulfill the calling that they have on their lives. Lord, we would like to lift these four people in prayer and ask that you Bless them with courage and strength to overcome their illness. Amen.



Junior High News

Save The Date!

Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm
"The Greatest Christmas Social of All Time"
 Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with joy and learn about the different events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

The evening will be filled with faith, fun, music, games and of course food. Wear your cheesiest Christmas sweater for a chance to win a special prize. We will be collecting socks at the doors to be given to the homeless. Make sure to invite your friends to share in the fun!



Our junior high students spent time this week preparing for Advent. Father Bob challenged the students to find ways to clear out the clutter in their lives and find time to center on love and family. Each student wrote their own Advent reflection to use throughout the season.



SAINT AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS

As we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this weekend, let us also take some time to ponder Mary's fiat; her 'yes' to God - during this Advent season. Through all her fear of the unknown, Mary found the courage to accept God's plan for her life, and was greatly rewarded.

During this Advent season, consider talking to God about His plan for your own life - asking for the wisdom to discern it and the courage to follow it.

"I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

-Luke 1:38

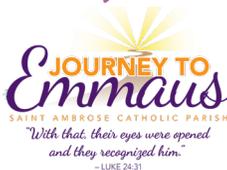
FIAT (Faith In Action Teens)

Join in on our Journey!

Thank you to our many, awesome, teen volunteers for spreading Christmas Cheer and making our annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas, St. Ambrose and Friends a success!



Journey to Emmaus



Our parish is blessed to have a group of adults committed to learning more about our Catholic faith and preparing for the Easter Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers this Advent season!

Questions?

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Journey With Jesus

Advent Season

We continue to teach our young children about the spirit of Advent and the peace that comes along with the season. If you would like your child to attend Journey with Jesus in 2019, please reach out to Janet Majka at JMajka@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.3321.

CLOW

Second Week of Advent

December 9



In today's Gospel, the children will learn about Saint John the Baptist and how he told the people to clear a path for Jesus... How can Jesus come to us if we put things in his way? Encourage your child to join the CLOW leader during Mass.