



Saint Ambrose
CATHOLIC PARISH

January 20, 2019

*"As the family goes, so goes the
nation and so goes the whole world
in which we live."*

- St. John Paul 99



GENERATIONS
of Faith & Family
SAINT AMBROSE

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

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Wedding Fair Luncheon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

1:15-3:30 P.M.

**SAINT AMBROSE PARISH,
MOTHER TERESA ROOM**

MEET NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES AND FUTURE WEDDING COUPLES TO SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

PLEASE RSVP TO HLANZAROTTA@STAMBROSE.US

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR WEDDING AND WANT THIS TO BE A BLESSED AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

OUR TIME TOGETHER WILL OFFER YOU GOOD FOOD, MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WILL HELP MAKE YOUR WEDDING AN AMAZING CELEBRATION OF FAITH, FAMILY, YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR EACH OTHER AND GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU.

Please join us.

WEDDING TEAM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS:
LYNN ROGERS, BARB YAUGHER,
MATTHEW FODOR, HELEN LANZAROTTA

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Sacred Steps

Fridays at St. Joseph Parish



Anyone who is separated or divorced is invited to attend the Sacred Steps Program at St. Joseph Parish: 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville. This program is to help those separated or divorced deal with the trauma and grief that comes with it. The group meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Bethlehem room. For more information contact Deacon Bob Lester at 440.238.5555 or rlester@sjohio.org.



Saint Ambrose Friday Night Bingo

The Friendliest Game In Town

Our Progressive Jackpot last Friday evening was still at **\$10,000**, with just six numbers left. In addition to the Progressive jackpot, don't miss out on your chance to win 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 **\$2,199** more if you win on our bonus jackpot.

In addition to 22 games of bingo and a wide variety of instant tickets, this Friday is our always popular \$30 Package night. For just \$30, you get a large computer, a pack of 9-ons, and a small early bird.

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"**.



Would you like to be part of something that is both fun and meaningful? Members are single, married, divorced and widowed. We plan on offering activities and events that enrich our minds, bodies, souls, and spirits. These events will allow us to get together with others in our parish family on and off campus.

We are looking to restore Faithful after 50 Club! We invite past members to share your experiences and for new members to help us plan your ideas. Contact Helen Sheridan at 330.460.7322 or HSheridan@StAmbrose.us for additional information.





...“Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are

different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Saint Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, offers us a great message of hope. Each of us – **every one of us – is uniquely equipped by God with amazing gifts and talents.** Our talents and unique abilities are a blessing from God – a gift from the Lord. No one is more or less equipped. Each of us are uniquely made from some very particular work of the Lord. These gifts are for some benefit – not just for ourselves – but for the glory of God. **What are the unique talents and gifts God has given you?** How can you share them with the Lord and our community? Who you are is God’s gift to you. Who you become is your gift back to God.

...Over the past ten years, 800 of our members have taken advantage of the **Living Your Strengths Program.** It’s based on the CliftonStrengths and works off the premise of our scriptures today. Each of us are uniquely made by God – wonderfully equipped for some exceptional work. The Living Your Strengths inventory helps ‘name’ those gifts and talents so you can better understand and use them. **You are at your best when you do what you are naturally best at.** The LYS experience is so helpful. We use it with all our staff at SA, along with so many of our students. It’s great for everyone. If you would like to sign up for the next LYS program, please contact Carol Maline at cmaline@StAmbrose.us.

...Coming this Lent is **Strengths for your marriage.** It’s a great tool to help you understand yourself and your spouse. Interested? Contact Carol for more info.

...Next week we are blessed to host **Coaches Training for the CliftonStrengths Program.** About 40 people from our Diocese will come together to help better equip themselves to best understand their gifts and talents from the Lord. This is a great blessing for our community.

...Speaking of gifts and talents, over the past few weeks you’ve been reading and hearing about some of the needs we have

as a parish community. Even more, how each of us are equipped by God and need to share our God-given gifts and talents in service to the Lord. **Over the past week: four members** signed up to help with Bingo. **Two people** stepped forward to be ushers. **Two people** offered to knit/crochet prayer blankets. **Ten people** offered to visit our homebound. These are great blessings for our community and a good reminder that all of us can find a way to do something for the glory of God and our community. **How will you serve? What can you share?**

...World Marriage Day will be celebrated at Saint Ambrose on Saturday, February 9. We are inviting ALL couples of our parish to a **special Marriage Mass at 6:00 pm** followed by a great reception/social. It’s all FREE...the perfect couple’s night out. I’ve invited Fr. Dan Schlegel to come and offer a great message on marriage. Fr. Dan has spent twenty years helping couples refresh their married love. **Please make plans to join us.** Imagine if a few hours could enrich your marriage and make every day just a little more joyful...happy...hopeful. To help us plan, please RSVP to hsheridan@StAmbrose.us. Invite all your family and friends. Prayer...GREAT message...Plenty of food...all as a gift for you. It’s also the perfect Valentine Gift!!!

...Last Sunday Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool had **an amazing Open House.** About 30 new families came and learned about all the great things taking place in our school community. This coming week is **Catholic Schools Week.** Please take some time to learn about our school. Help us spread the word especially about our Littlest Angels Preschool which will be moving to new and better facilities in the Fall with some increased programming and services for parents. For more information, please contact Breaune Logue at blogue@StAmbrose.us.

...This past week we received word that our school principal, Lisa Cinadr, has been selected by the National Catholic Education Association for the most prestigious Innovation Award. It’s a high compliment and affirmation for her leadership in our school. It is also a strong affirmation of the quality of work and dynamic learning taking place every day by our faculty and staff. **Mrs. Cinadr will receive this award in Chicago in April. Congratulations.**

...One way you can serve.....our School Advisory Board is always looking for people who can serve on the working committees

to help our school remain strong and dynamic. It takes all sorts of backgrounds to create a thriving school. **We need you.** Contact Mrs. Cinadr to learn more (lcinadr@StAmbrose.us).

...This is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the Gospel of John, chapter 17, Christ’s fervent prayer is that all of us would be one in the Lord and work together to build up God’s Kingdom for all. Please take some time to pray that all Christians may work together to bring the hope and promise of Christ to all people. For prayers for unity, or to learn more about the John 17 efforts in our region, go to www.John17NEOMovement.com.

...This coming Tuesday, all Parish Staff will be participating in a special Trauma Training session. It’s an opportunity to learn best ways to keep all of our members and staff safe from every harm and danger. It’s one more way we are striving to CARE (Concerned, Alert, Responsive – Everyone Safe).

...Speaking of CARE (Concerned, Alert, Responsive – Everyone Safe), **please take care of your senior neighbors in the winter months** (shovel walks, make sure they have food, etc). These last weeks of January always bring the ‘winter blues’ and depression for people of every age. Be concerned, alert, and responsive. Let us know if we can be of help and support.

...What are the gifts that God has given you that you can share with the Lord and our community? Who you are is God’s gift to you. Like to sing? Join the choir. Play a musical instrument? Join the music ministry. Like to talk and do public speaking? Become a lector. **Let me know your interests and I will make the connections for you (frbob@StAmbrose.us).** BTW...I’m an activator. Just let me know and I will make it happen for you!!

...Have a blessed week. **Pray that together we can build up the Body of Christ.** BTW...the Church is really coming along. Watch for pics on FACEBOOK and on our parish website (www.StAmbrose.us/vision2020).

*Take Care -
Lisa Cinadr*

CONTACT US • *Our Staff is here to help!*

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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 9:00 am – 9:30 am and by appointment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Call 330.460.7300 to register.



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BAPTISMS

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WEDDINGS

Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kim Barty

Married: 1.19.2019

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

Chapel Hours

6:00 am-10:00 pm, Monday - Friday
6:30 am-8:00 pm, Saturday
6:00 am-7:00 pm, Sunday

JOIN US FOR ADORATION

Bring your prayers to the Lord at our weekly Adoration, beginning at 9:00 am - 5:30 pm every Monday in our chapel.

Save The Date

February 10

We are excited to bring **Le Puy-en-Velay French Chorale** to Saint Ambrose. Their main piece is called "Cantique de Jean Racine", in French by Gabriel Faure. It is a sort of ode to Christianity in general. Plan on attending the **12:00 pm Mass for this beautiful performance.**

We Remember...

THOSE CALLED HOME TO THE LORD

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Paul J. Vekas Sr.

Father of Janet Lukacs

Born into Life: August 1, 1934

Called into Eternal Life: January 12, 2019

THIS WEEK • Mark Your Calendars

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

9:45 am - 1:15 pm 10 Minute Teaching (PLCJPII)
 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Journey to Emmaus Retreat (LCJN)
 10:30 am - 11:30 am Breaking Open the Word (PLCJPII)
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Community Meal (HH)
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting (LCLK)
 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, JANUARY 21

9:00 am - 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (CC)
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Scripture Study (LCLK)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am - 11:00 am Sarah's Circle (LCMK)
 10:00 am - 11:30 am Bible Study (LCLK)
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Liturgical Ministers (CC)
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Angels Choir (CC)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Bell Choir (PLCJPII)
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Quilting and Sewing Ministry (LCLK)
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Ministry of Praise and Prayer (CC)
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Knights of Columbus (LCFM)
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm FIAT Core Meeting (LCJN)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 am - 10:00 am SAS Yoga (HH)
 9:00 am - 10:00 am Building and Grounds (PLCJPII)
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Scripture Study (LCLK)
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Book Club (LCFM)
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Liturgical Ministers (CC)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Choir (CC)
 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Care Calls Ministry (PLCMT)
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parent Partnership Meeting (HH)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Journey to Emmaus (LCJN)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Griefshare (LCFM)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (CC)
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PLCMT)
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Griefshare (LCLK)
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (CC)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Stephen Ministry (LCMT)
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PLCMT)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Fellowship (LCLK)
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Boy Scouts (HH)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 am - 10:30 am Armor of God (LCFM)
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Liturgical Ministers (CC)
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm BINGO (HH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 am - 10:30 am Souper Bowl of Caring Prep (HH Kitchen)
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm VIRTUS Training (PLCMT)

CALENDAR KEY

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

Beauty & The Beast The Musical February 7



Based on the academy award-winning animated feature, this classic story tells of a young woman in a provincial town and the Beast, who is a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed. **Tickets are \$20.00 per person and cover the show and dinner** at the Brunswick High Performing Arts Center.

Reservations can be made with Dawn 330.416.3680. This event is sponsored through the Medina County Office for Older Adults and the Brunswick Recreation Center.

Senior Corner Enjoying Each Other's Company



"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Yoga: Every Wednesday
9:00 am - 10:00 am

January 20 Community Meal
1:00 - 2:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

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



EDUCATION NEWS • Our School and PSR Program

Saint Ambrose Catholic School



A Note From Lisa Cinadr: OPEN HOUSE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who joined us for our Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool Open House on January 13! We had a great time visiting with our school families as well as meeting future families and sharing the

important things we are doing to provide for each student. Teachers and staff were excited to welcome our guests and share our special brand of education: *Everything for every student every day.* Our Student Ambassadors gladly gave their time to give tours, answer questions and share the student perspective of school life at SAS.

CONGRATULATIONS FUTURE CITY TEAM!

Congratulations to our Future City Team! They competed in Columbus and earned 5th in the state! In addition, they earned the "Best Movable Part" award. This team of 25 7th and 8th Grade students was coached by Mrs. Laurie

Hamzik (HSP Science Teacher) and supported by partners in education. They have been working since September (and over Christmas break) to research, write, critically think and problem solve, draw and paint, code and create. Future City is a project-based competition for 6th - 8th graders to create cities of the future. **Congratulations, Friotai Team!**

BELIEVE - ELEC SIMON

We had the joy of welcoming Elec Simon and his band to meet with our students and staff reminding us all that each of us is special and needs to be treated with respect. He is a blessed man with a blessed message everyone needs to hear. His message was also a great parallel to Father Bob's homily that weekend and what we strive to instill every day at LAPS and SAS: **each of us is a unique gift from God.**

Let's remind each other and ourselves of that fact regularly and work to make more peaceful hearts, homes, schools, communities and beyond.

- Lisa Cinadr
330.460.7350 | LCinadr@StaSchool.us



Littlest Angels Preschool

A Note from Catherine Mitchell:

C is for Created! God made everything! He made you, me and everything you can see and imagine. God created this beautiful world for us to live in because he loves us. Thank you God!



The children are learning the colors! They enjoy being creative with crayons, markers, colored pencils and paint. They appreciate every color in the box and are developing their fine motor skills. They are busy picking their favorite, which usually changes daily!

The children imagine God using a crayon to color the world. When you walk outside today, even if it seems cloudy, cold and gray, be sure to notice the beautiful colors He created and used in His world. God is good! Hope you have a wonderful week full of beautiful colors and joy!

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." - Genesis 1:1



Catherine Mitchell
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PSR News

Thank you to all of the 2nd grade students and their families who joined us this past weekend at the Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist. Please continue to lift up these students in your prayers as they prepare to come to the table of the Lord in May.



Our 1st grade students and their families participated in a Baptismal workshop led by Robyn Vavrek. Students learned about the Sacrament of Initiation and how God welcomed them into His family. They created their own baptismal banner while parents shared pictures and the story of the child's own baptism.



PSR Classes Resume:

January 23, 26 and 28

- Janet Majka
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Junior High News

Saint Ambrose Junior High

EDGE nights

Join us at our Junior High EDGE Nights to connect with others and to share how Christ can strengthen us on our journey!

MONDAYS NIGHTS
6:30pm-8:00pm in Hilker Hall

January 28th
February 25th
March 18th
April 29th

QUESTIONS? Contact Janet Majka
jmajka@stambrose.us 330-460-7321

Bring a friend!









FIAT (Faith In Action Teens)

FIAT Core Team Members

The New Year is in full swing and our regular FIAT nights start back this weekend. **High school students:** bring your friends and plan to join us for 5:00 pm Mass in the Gym followed by FIAT from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Hilker Hall and the Mother Teresa Room. We have a great semester lined up with new topics, meaningful discussion, delicious food & much more. See you Sunday night!

Mark Your Calendars:

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| January 20 – FIAT | March 10 – FIAT |
| January 27 – FIAT | March 24 – FIAT |
| February 3 – Souper Bowl of Caring (No FIAT) | March 31 – FIAT |
| February 10 – FIAT | April 7 – Spring Retreat (No FIAT) |
| February 17 – FIAT's Got Talent | April 14 – Stations Practice |
| February 24 – FIAT | April 21 – Easter (NO FIAT) |
| March 3 – Field Trip (stay tuned for details!) | April 28 – FIAT |

Questions?

- Caitlin O'Neill

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Stay Connected

Facebook: StAmbroseFIAT | Twitter: StAmbrose_FIAT



SAINT AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS

This week we look to the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example and model of justice and peace for our world. *"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Looking for ways to use your gifts to serve our parish community? Contact Catherine: 330.460.7338 | CRainey@StAmbrose.us!



Help us "Tackle Hunger"!

Join FIAT, Ablaze and Saint Ambrose School as we team up again to raise money for our monthly community meal program.

On the weekend of February 2-3 we will have teams at all the doors before and after Masses to collect donations, and of course great Super Bowl food items will be on sale in the Mother Teresa Room.

Take great snacks home for your Super Bowl party!

FEBRUARY 2-3




FREE Tuition!

Raffle Tickets Available Now

The Saint Ambrose Catholic School families are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win free tuition for 2019-2020 school year - Either for SAS, or LAPS OR \$2500 Cash Prize! **Tickets are on SALE NOW until January 25.** If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, tickets are \$10 per ticket and it helps support the school's capital improvements which supports building renovations, repairs and improvements, completion of the Air Quality Improvement program and upgrades to include STEAM, Fine Arts and Resource spaces. Please contact Michelle Brousek at MBrousek@StASchool.us if you would like to support our Saint Ambrose Angels and purchase a ticket.

INTENTIONS • Remember in Your Prayers

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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, January 20 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 † Mary Lou Twarog (Jim & Pixie Blake) **RS**
9:00 † Michael A. Ruby (Family) **RS**
10:30 † Kenny Patrick Kukarola (Mom & Dad) **RS**
12:00 † Jack & Anita Shabeyfelt (Family) **RR**
5:00 † Marilyn Evasovic (Husband) **RR**

Monday, January 21 | St. Agnes

8:15 † Mary E. Abel (Mrs. Mihelich)
5:30 † Phil Witt (Camille Kostyack)



Tuesday, January 22

8:15 † Janet Marchisio (Kevin Marchisio)

Wednesday, January 23

8:15 † Kathleen Yatson (Pat and Dan Adams)
5:30 † Lola Witt (Camille Kostyack)

Thursday, January 24 | St. Francis de Sales

8:15 † Janet Marchisio (Kevin Marchisio)

Friday, January 25 | The Conversion of St. Paul

8:15 † Souls in Purgatory (Kevin Marchisio)
5:30 † Mike Kostyack (Camille Kostyack)

Saturday, January 26 | Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:15 † Betty Jane Bakota (The Ciryak Family)
4:30 † Tim Fortuna (Ann McGill) **RR**

Sunday, January 27 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Saint Ambrose Members **RR**
9:00 † Eleanor Haboustak (Christy Hoxter) **RR**
10:30 † Richard & Paul Hibler (Wife & Mother) **RS**
12:00 † Kathleen Yatson (Rose Nemeth) **RS**
5:00 † John Sidor (John & Darlene DeAngelis) **RS**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Mon. 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
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Ladies First Food is Medicine



We start the year on a healthy note as we welcome Lori Bryant, a Nutritional Therapy Practitioner. She takes a holistic approach to health and nutrition, built on the foundation of a nutrient dense, properly prepared, whole food diet. Lori is passionate about helping people see how the food choices they make directly impact their bodies. Her main goal is to encourage people to become knowledgeable about – and responsible for their own health. Start your year off right on **Tuesday, January 29 at 6:45 pm in Hillkert Hall** with fellowship, faith and food. *“Let food be thy medicine and let medicine be thy food.”*

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.

Readings for the Week

www.usccb.org

Mon HEB 5:1-10; MK 2:18-22
 Tues HEB 6:10-20; MK 2:23-28
 Wed HEB 7:1-3, 15-17; MK 3:1-6
 Thurs HEB 7:25—8:6; MK 3:7-12
 Fri ACTS 22:3-16; MK 16:15-18
 Sat 2 TM 1:1-8316; MK 3:20-21
 Sun NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10; LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PRAY FOR OUR SICK • *Lifting One Another*

Pray for Our Sick

Collin Apicella	Lisa Gannon	Donna Madar
Jordon Belaska	Sean Henry	Karen Pencek
Josephine Belaska	Bob Huntley	Sheila Reagan
Brian Daly	Lillian Johnson	Shirley Rehman
Barbara Droll	Ariana Krakora	John Roth
Shannon Fitz	Colette Keenan	Emerson Sholtis
Laverne Frohlich	Jess Lahl	Warren Simmons
Victoria Gabriel	Earl Lauerhahs	Maureen Tesar

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	Collin Nemet
Alyce Hanlon	Nancy Niemesh
Marie Hein	Paul Rehman
Shannon Hilpon	Carol Sabo
Mark Hogan	Jerry Sipan
John Paul Kelly	Andy Stamper
Bob Klaehn	Angelo Stavole
Dolores Lauerhahs	Joanne Walsh
Terri Leitter	Bob Williams
Helen Mancuso	Chester Yanke
Cindy Montonaro	Rick Zevchik

Active Military

Pray for our Nation and for our Troops.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12*

Pray for Those Serving and Their Families:

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

Unsung Hero

Trish Shaw



We are so blessed at St. Ambrose to have someone as passionate about the gift of Life as Trish Shaw. Trish and her family are dedicated to spreading the news about the gift of life. She is the wonderful and passionate leader of our Culture of Life ministry. Trish goes above and beyond standing up for all facets of LIFE and delivers the message of the beauty of God's creations, starting with natural conception of the unborn child all the way through natural death.

We have so many wonderful opportunities here at St. Ambrose, under Trish's leadership, to stand up and be part of God's gift of creation. From our 40 Days for Life, March of Life, Medina Life Chain, National Day of Remembrance, to Fill the Crib and many others.

Thank you, Trish, for always sharing your passion and continually promoting the awareness of the sanctity and value of human life.

- Lisa Homady



Angels Make a Difference

Unsung Heroes

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

Care Calls Ministry

Can you use an occasional friendly phone call? We are here for you and ready to reach out if you find yourself day in and day out wanting to talk to someone or just feel lonely at times. **We are here for you, and we care!** If interested in having a member of our team call you once or twice a month, just to say "Hello." Call Helen Sheridan 330.460.7322 and arrangements will be made.



TOP 18 OF 2018!



The theme for our pastoral year is, 'Generations of Faith'.

Throughout the year we have focused on involving every generation of our families in community service, leadership groups, special events, generational cooking class and even Christmas Cookie baking! With every event we hold, the focus remains on the Lord and the needs of others.

So many call Saint Ambrose home and so many look to our community in their times of need. It's a special place because of YOU and your goodness. Listed below are a few of many of the blessings of this year. Thank you for your goodness and support for the work of the Lord and our parish community.

GENERATIONS
798 *of Faith*
TOGETHER
for the **GLORY OF GOD**

members pledged **\$4,500,000** towards the repair and renovation of our Church. The Generations of Faith Capital Campaign will allow our parish to walk into a repaired and refreshed Church on Easter 2019.

GROUNDBREAKING



What an exciting time for our Parish as we saw the vision of our **new church begin to come to life** and take shape. Concrete poured, expansion, steel structures and important repairs were under way!


JERUSALEM 65

people from our parish community and Saint Martin in Valley City **joined Fr. Rob Ramser** for a Pilgrimage through the Holy Land where Jesus lived and ministered in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and beyond.



STEAM + P21

Saint Ambrose School celebrated it's **State of Ohio STEAM** designation (Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, and Math). And in late fall, it was recognized as a **P21 Exemplar School**, meaning it is modeling 21st century learning for our students.



5 STARS!

Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool (LAPS) received a FIVE STAR rating from the State of Ohio Step Up to Quality accreditation program. It's the TOP rating available for LAPS which is also celebrating its 10th anniversary! LAPS will be moving to a **NEW building** with more great programs for 2019!



FULL STOMACHS. FULL HEARTS.

4,500 meals served at our monthly community meal program.
8,250 meals served/provided for Thanksgiving. **75 teens fasted** for 24 hours at Food Fast to learn about hunger and poverty.

\$10,000

raised by our teens last February in the Souper Bowl of Caring which allowed us to serve over **4,000 meals** in our monthly community meal program.



23. 18. 30.

At the Easter Vigil, we had **23 Baptisms, 18 Confirmations, and 30 First Eucharist**. You could see the Holy Spirit working as we welcomed so many adults into the Catholic Church and our community.



Responding to God's Call: Our parish was blessed to spend a year with **Josh Cochrac** from Saint Mary Seminary. Josh was assigned to our parish for his field education as part of his formation and preparation to becoming a priest and being ordained in May of 2020. Josh was a great addition to our community and inspired many of our young people to consider the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. In August, **Andrew Lucci** entered Borromeo Seminary to discern God's call. Andrew grew up at Saint Ambrose. Also, remember **Father Adam Zajac** who was at our parish for almost 18 months before becoming the Pastor at Saint Mark Parish.



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Christ caring for people through people
**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

of our members started the formal process of training to become Stephen Ministers for our parish community to **extend the care and compassion of Christ** during the challenges and struggles of life. Their ministry will offer help and hope in the spirit of Christ.



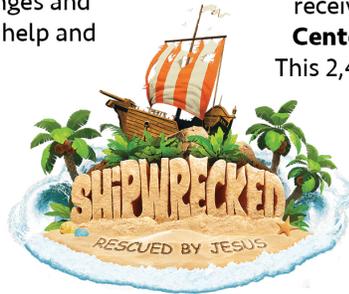
1 HUGE DONATION!

In June, our parish and Catholic Works of Mercy team received a donation to help fund a **CWM Outreach Center** which will be built next to the current barn. This 2,400 sq. ft. pole barn will create a central place – a home – for all of our outreach efforts.

40



women from our community went to Camp Damascus in the beautiful autumn month of October for a **great spiritual weekend** to help them find new friendship with each other and renewed strength from the Lord.



SHIPWRECKED!

325 campers and 140 adult and teen leaders came together for an amazing week of VBS. It was filled with energy, faith, fun and enthusiasm for the Lord.

500+



people grew in holiness during our Lent Parish Mission with **Fr. Mike Denk** and many committing to pray for 40 days of Lent. Over **1,500 Little Black Books** were distributed for Lent, along with **3,500 Christmas books**, and **2,500 books** at Easter. Amazing signs of spiritual life and growth in our parish community!

PARADE OF SUPPORT



Our parish community welcomed **nine year old Collin** home from the hospital after two months of cancer treatment. His street was, literally, lined like a parade as we cheered, chanted and prayed for him as he returned back to his home. **The Quilting Ministry** made and wrapped Collin in a very special quilt made lovingly with prayers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Military homecoming for two young parishioners with an award for Saint Ambrose from the Army Unit who served in the Middle East.

JUNIOR HIGH BLESSINGS...

Junior High Day School and PSR Students gathered and **donated over 80 blessing bags to the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless Program (NEOCH)**. Blessing bags contained shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, razors, lotion and other needed toiletries and linens. **Junior High PSR students also raised \$200 for Boys Hope Girls Hope!**



JOY OF THE SEASON

Our **Parish Music Ministry** helped 'close the Church' and ring in the Christmas season with an amazing Christmas concert in early December.



families adopted for the **12 days of Christmas**. All for one reason or another, have felt a bit of sadness or hurt this past year. Because of giving hearts and joyful spirits, we were able to bring a little bit of extra love and spirit into their lives.

There is so much more we could write about. Let these highlights be a glimpse of the good we do...the people we help...and times we gather in Praise and Thanks to the Lord.

God bless you for all you do for the Lord and our parish community.

Thank you for another amazing year!

FINANCIAL UPDATES • *We are so grateful for your support!*

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 bake cookies."*
- "I prayed for my family."*
- "I set the table."*



Stephen Ministry

Did you ever talk to someone but feel as if that person just wasn't listening? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to say and respond lovingly and nonjudgmentally, rather than telling you what you should or shouldn't have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider our Stephen Ministry.



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.

Generations of Faith Campaign Update



Progress on the church construction is moving along well! The temporary walls were removed this past Monday, so we can now really feel and see the size of the church – it's great!

The new sanctuary will be poured by the time you ready this update! Next week, Norbert Koehn will bring the altar, ambo and baptismal font into the church and prepare it for install at the end of the month. We also received word this week that the stations of the cross were finished in Italy – they look great! Check out the video on the website of them.

Total Amount Pledged: \$4,559,140.40
Total # of Pledges: 802

Total Deposits (week of 1/7/19) \$13,042.00
Total Pledges Paid to Date: \$1,312,591.16 (thank you!)

Thank you for your continued support and all of your



Week of January 13

Sunday Collection	January 13, 2019	July 1, 2018 - Jan. 13, 2019	July 1, 2017 - Jan. 14, 2018
Sunday Collection	\$22,370	\$970,261	\$978,998
Amount Needed	\$(33,500)	\$(971,500)	
Over / (Under)	\$(11,130)	\$(1,239)	
Building Fund	\$390	\$31,025	
ACH Collection	\$3,253 (weekly); \$0 (monthly)		
Children's Envelopes	\$130 with 94 envelopes collected		

We thank you for your generosity during these winter months, we are grateful for all you help our Parish do!

AARP - Taxes For FREE! Tuesday and Thursday Mornings



TAX HELP



Volunteers are providing Brunswick Residents free help filing their taxes. Appointments can be made at the Brunswick Library on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Call the Medina County Office for Older Adults at 330.723.9514 to schedule your appointment today.

Help Wanted!



Saint Ambrose is looking for a part time front desk receptionist for the Parish Life Center to work approximately 15-18 hours per week. This individual would be responsible for answering phones, assisting parishioners, and various duties as needed. A knowledge of Microsoft Office is a plus. If you are interested, please send your resume to Linda Stipes at lstipes@stambrose.us.

Northeast Ohio Catholic Catholic Schools Week



It's time to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Learn how the Vietnamese Community of St. Boniface Parish will ring in the New Year. You'll find this and more in the current issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic. Arriving in homes now!

MARRIAGE • *Great events for your relationship!*

New Year, New Couples Enrichment

Renew Your Love in the New Year!

Let's be honest, it's often easy to let your marriage go on 'auto pilot.' It's not wrong or bad, it's just not the best way to keep your married love alive and strong. Challenge yourself to do something exciting-new-refreshing this year.

February 23: *Couples Day of Reflection 11:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Great opportunity for marriage enrichment. Join us along with Father Dan Schlegel in the Mother Teresa Room.

RSVP by February 18.

March 24 & 31: *Living Your Strengths*

Watch for full information in weeks to come or contact Carol Maline 330.460.7336 or Marian mebadaczewski@yahoo.com.



World Marriage Day

**COUPLES WILL GATHER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL SACRAMENT**

February 9, 2019

**6:00PM JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS
WITH FATHER DAN SCHLEGEL**

**APPETIZERS AND REFRESHMENTS
WILL FOLLOW IN THE MOTHER TERESA ROOM**

FATHER DAN SCHLEGEL HAS SPENT OVER TWENTY YEARS
HELPING TO CELEBRATE AND STRENGTHEN MARRIED LOVE.
HE WILL SHARE A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT
WHILE GIVING EVERY COUPLE OF A FEW GOOD REMINDERS TO
CREATE STRONG AND JOYFUL MARRIAGES.

RSVP

**RSVP BY FEBRUARY 4 TO HELEN SHERIDAN
330-460-7322/H.SHERIDAN@STAMBROSE.US**



Marriage Moments

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11



Which Gift of the Spirit is your beloved strongest in: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, communication, understanding...?

Parenting Pointers

March For Life



On January 18, people across the USA stood up to March For Life in Washington to remember that life is sacred from the moment of conception. This year's theme was "Unique from Day One."

**For a more in-depth explanation,
visit www.susanvogt.net**

Retrouvaille Weekend | January 25-27

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring? Has your relationship turned cold or distant? Do you find yourself thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? The Retrouvaille program may help. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions.

A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. **For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.**