



LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE

Obeying the Greatest Commandments

— MATTHEW 22:37-39 —

"Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- MATTHEW 22: 37-39

For information on all upcoming Parish Events please visit our website!

SPOTLIGHT • Happening This Month



SMALL Faith Groups AT SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

“What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”
- 1 John 1: 3

3 hours that can make this the BEST Lent ever!

This Lent, join us for 1 hour, 3 times for meaningful conversation in our Small Faith Groups.

Quite simply, these conversations are about connecting life and faith together. Imagine reflecting on ways to find inner peace or greater joy.

Imagine instead of talking about your kids or grandkids, you reflect and strengthen the core values of your family that will allow you to better parent and grandparent?

Imagine learning a little bit more about scripture – God’s Word – and how it can connect and apply to your life.

Refresh your spirit.

Ask meaningful questions.

Connect your life and your faith.

Strengthen bonds of friendship.

Comfortable and relaxed setting.

Small Faith Groups will meet for 1 hour, 3 times over the course of 40 days.

Prepare for Small Faith Groups in Lent:

1. Open your heart to commit to 3 hours over Lent to a deeper conversation about God, faith and life.
2. Think of some friends who you can invite to join you. It will make your relationships stronger...it really will.
3. We need 50 people from our parish who will ‘host’ a group. It’s easy. All the details will be provided. For more details contact Jane Baldwin (JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us).

If you want a deeper conversation that’s meaningful and eternal...join us this Lent.

Please contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381 or JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us.

LENT 1.3
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2019

www.StAmbrose.us/FaithGroups

Saint Ambrose Friday Night Bingo



Our Progressive Jackpot this Friday evening will be **\$10,000**. 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 popular \$30 Package night. You get a large 90-face computer with one 9-on and one Early Bird at the discounted price.

A guaranteed fun evening, free popcorn and coffee, large payouts, fun instant tickets, generous prizes, and delicious food at a very reasonable price. The doors open at 4:30 pm and the games start at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you this Friday at the **“Friendliest Bingo Game in Town”**.

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Catholic Charities 2019 Annual Appeal



As you Walk in Faith and Give in Joy, you continue the work of Christ on earth. Your financial gift will provide essential programs and services to people throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of those who are hungry and homeless, people who are alone and isolated, and families that struggle with poverty...Thank You!
To learn more or to donate, visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/2019-appeal.

Confession Time Change

Saturdays at 9:00 am

Just a friendly reminder that we have changed the time of Confession to Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 9:30 am in the John Paul II room in the Parish Life Center.





...**"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream:**

it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

The first reading, from the Prophet Jeremiah, reveals, again, the promise of the Lord for those whose hope and trust are in the Lord. Jesus is the Living Water – our source of abundant life. **How can we use these days to draw abundantly from the font of eternal and abundant life --- Jesus Christ?**

...Over the past two weeks, you've been seeing pictures of the new **Baptismal Font and the fonts at each of the doors of the Church**. They are strong, visible and very accessible. When we walk into the Church, or Chapel, or even come in for a meeting to the Parish Life Center, these fonts will be present. They will serve as a strong reminder of the Living Water, Jesus Christ. The more we 'go deeper' and give ourselves to the Lord, the more we will find the abundant life in Christ.

...You can see the signs of abundant life and goodness all around our campus. Last week, at the Parish Leaders meeting and again at PPC, so many commented that you can see, hear and feel the presence of God in our parish community. There are hundreds examples of your goodness. **We are alive in Christ.**

...**Thank you for your amazing support for Catholic Charities last weekend.** I say this, over and again, you are tremendously good people. I pray every day that God will bless you - over and again - for your goodness. With your goodness, Catholic Charities will bring comfort for all who hunger and thirst for the Lord...and for food and shelter...in their lives. On behalf of the 410,000 served last year...thank you. In today's bulletin is a Catholic Charities appeal envelope. If you were unable to complete one last week, please consider supporting this important outreach of our Church.

...The bells are back!!! This weekend we are hearing the return of our handbells. Given all things in the Church, they took a little break. As we start preparing for Easter and returning to the Church, **the bells are back - and practicing - and ringing again.** We are so blessed!!!

Matt Fodor is always willing to start a second group. If you've ever rang...or would like to learn...please reach out to Matt (mfodor@StAmbrose.us).

...While it seems like yesterday when we closed the Church for renovation...it will be tomorrow...when we move back in at Easter. For many years, we have had a wonderful group of our members who would come in and help do a good cleaning before holidays, etc. **We would like to try to get 'four' teams to help clean the Church weekly.** This would really allow us to take best care of our Church and support the good people who work to take care of our parish. Long story short....**if you can give an hour a month to clean (sweep, wash, wipe, empty), we would love to get this lined up now before Easter.** For more information or to sign up, please contact Amanda McCrary at ajmm18@aol.com.

...**We had a GREAT World Marriage Day celebration** last Saturday. About 80 couples joined in Mass and a great gathering. Father Dan Schlegel offered a great message. **Father Dan is coming back on Saturday, February 23 for a Day of Recollection for Married Couples from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm.** It's a great way to celebrate and refresh your marriage. It's comfortable... easy...free..meaningful...it will be a great blessing for you and your spouse. To sign up, please contact Helen Sheridan at hsheridan@StAmbrose.us.

...We are working to stir up our **Communication Committee** for the parish. If you are involved in marketing, PR, communications, social media, website design....we need your input to help us to spread the good word in the best and most effective ways. **We are meeting this Monday at 7:00 pm in the John Paul II room.** All are welcome.

...**Our Parish Endowment Committee** is meeting this coming Wednesday at 6:00 pm. **We are always looking for a few members to join the team.** If you have a background in financial planning, we would love to have your guidance. The committee meets quarterly. For more information please contact Kathy Plavecski at kplavecski@independentadv.com, or simply join us on Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

...Our **Lent Fish Fry** is right around the corner. The planning team had a great meeting last week and are planning a fresh menu and great fish fry for our community. **They can always use your help. They also need bakery each week.** And mostly

importantly, please invite your neighbors and friends to join us on Ash Wednesday and every Friday night during Lent. If you can lend a hand as a Fish Fry volunteer or baker, please contact Mike Mascio at mmascio@StAmbrose.us.

...How are you spending President's Day (Monday)?? Let me tell you how the Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool faculty are spending their day. They are using their day off to participate in a **Mental Health First Aid Clinic.** The goal of this professional workshop is to make sure all our faculty and staff have the best possible understanding of how to help all of our students be their best, healthiest, holiest and happiest self. It's one more way to reinforce the culture of care and compassion in our school and in our parish community. Our parish leaders will have the opportunity for the same workshop in the Fall. The more we know how to help and support each student, and each member, the better we can fulfill our mission of bringing the care and compassion of Christ to each child of God. **God bless our faculty and staff for their commitment to learning, growing, and being best for each student.**

...I was at a funeral home the other day and the one of the funeral directors commented, "Father Bob I love driving by Saint Ambrose. No matter when I drive by, I see so many cars...so many lights on...so many people. The parish is alive." **All of us working together continue to create a parish that is caring, compassionate, and welcoming to all people.** Thank you for your goodness and continued support for our community. Together...for the glory of God.

...**Lent 1.3 is coming!** One hour...three times...this Lent. Please open your heart and stretch yourself to **join a Lent Faith Sharing Group** this Lent. It will be a great blessing for you...and for our entire community.

...Have a blessed week. **Prayers always for you.**

Take Care -
[Signature]

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.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS

We Welcome to the Waters...

Ariana Marie Krakora

WEDDINGS

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.

Readings for the Week

www.usccb.org

Mon GN 4:1-15, 25; MK 8:11-13
Tues GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; MK 8:14-21
Wed GN 8:6-13, 20-22; MK 8:22-26
Thurs GN 9:1-13; MK 8:27-33
Fri 1 PT 5:1-4; MT 16:13-19
Sat HEB 11:1-7; MK 9:2-13
Sun 1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; LK 6:27-38

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.



Janet Lee Bevacqua

Wife of Carmen Bevacqua

Born into Life: July 4, 1948

Called into Eternal Life: February 8, 2019

THIS WEEK • Mark Your Calendars

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:45 am - 1:15 pm	Ten Minute Teaching (PLCJPII)
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Breaking Open The Word (PLCJPII)
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Journey to Emmaus Retreat (LCJN)
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Community Meal (PLCMT)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting (LCLK)
5:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Confirmation Session (HH)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Men's Renewal (LCLK)
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Women's Renewal (LCMT)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Youth Mental Health Meeting (PLCMT)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Divorce Care (LCMK)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Divorce Care for Kids (LCJN)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus (LCFM)
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Scripture Study (LCLK)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Sarah's Circle (LCMK)
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Bible Study (LCLK)
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Angels Choir (CC)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Bell Choir (PLCJPII)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting (PLCJPII)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Quilting and Sewing Ministry (LCMT)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Ministry of Praise and Prayer (CC)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus (LCFM)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Boy Scouts 513 (LCJN)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	VIRTUS (PLCMT)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FIAT Core Meeting (LCLK)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am - 10:00 am	SAS Yoga (HH)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Buliding and Grounds Committee (PLCJPII)
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Scripture Study (LCLK)
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Study (LCMT)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Adult Choir (CC)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Griefshare (LCFM)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Journey to Emmaus (LCJN)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Rotary Club Meeting (LCFM)
8:15 am - 5:30 pm	Lifeline Health Screenings (PLCMT)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (CC)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Griefshare (LCLK)
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Cantor Rehearsal (CC)
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Knights of Columbus (LCFM)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (CC)
6:30 pm - 8:15 pm	PTU Board Meeting (PLCJPII)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (LCMT)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Family Home School (LCJN)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bible Study (LCLK)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	33 Days to Morning Glory (LCMK)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Boy Scouts (HH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Armor of God (LCFM)
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm	BINGO (HH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Couples Day of Reflection (HH/PLCMT)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Knight of The Year Banquet (PLCMT)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Social

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		

"Words of love and affirmation are like bread. We need them each day, over and over. They keep us alive inside."

- Fr. Henri Nouwen

Senior Corner Enjoying Each Others' Company



"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Yoga: Every Wednesday - 9:00 am

February 17 Community Meal
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

February 27 Breakfast - 9:00 am Luna's

**For Questions or to RSVP,
please contact Helen Sheridan:
330.460.7322 or HSheridan@StAmbrose.us**

Saint Ambrose Catholic School



A Note From Lisa Cinadr:
Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

In so many ways, we work to bring your children to Christ and find and develop their unique gifts and talents. Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool are now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year! Open Enrollment began this week so please share information with family and friends looking for a faith based education of the highest caliber! Contact us today for a tour or more information. **Registration paperwork is available at the PLC office desk or online at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us**

Here's what a new family has to say about Saint Ambrose School: *"The transfer to St. Ambrose School this year has been amazing! We would recommend SAS to anyone looking for a school that provides a great education, support in learning, kindness, acceptance and enforces Godly values. St. Ambrose has allowed both of our children to learn at their own speed and all of the teachers are so willing to help them when they ask. The HSP program has given my son a challenge to work towards, as school has always been so easy for him whereas my*

younger son, in the Bridge program, has been given the support by teachers that he needed in various subjects. Overall, transferring both of our boys has been a great experience. From the moment we stepped foot inside the school, we were welcomed with open arms. We highly recommend St. Ambrose School to anyone who seeks top-notch education and desires their children to work with a group of outstanding teachers!" The McFeeture Family



We are currently accepting EdChoice Expansion Scholarships for students entering Kindergarten-Grade Six and also accept Jon Peterson Scholarships for students on IEPs. Give us a call to see how your family can enjoy a Saint Ambrose School education like nowhere else. Call us today at 330.460.7318 or email Breanne Logue at BLogue@StASchool.us or LCinadr@StASchool.us!

- Lisa Cinadr

Help Wanted!

Seeking a part time Director for our Guardian Angels Extended Day Care program. If interested, please contact Mrs. Cinadr at 330.460.7350 or LCinadr@StASchool.us.

Littlest Angels Preschool

A Note from Catherine Mitchell:



I am blessed to see God's love in in action as the children share, play and care for one another. We celebrated Saint Valentine's Day with a prayer service and an exchange of cards sharing, in the tradition of Saint Valentine.

We teach our little ones to Love God, love others and then love themselves. We ask the children to finish the sentence, "I love God when I...!play with others, pray to Him, follow His words, go to His church, share what we have with others, help my family and teachers and people who are sick." Wisdom and expressions of God's love from our youngest angels!

V is also for volunteer. It is not too early for our little ones to give of their time and effort. Children can help out at home without being asked. I am sure that would brighten their parent's day! We pray God will help us be His hand and His heart to others.

Help me, Lord, love You more than I ever loved before, in my work and in my play, please be with me through the day. Amen.

-Catherine Mitchell
[330.460.7361 | CMitchell@StaSchool.us](mailto:CMitchell@StaSchool.us)



PSR News

Classes Resume: February 20, 23 & 25

PSR Liturgical Commissioning Mass

Please join us on Monday, February 25 at 6:30 pm for our Liturgical Ministry Commissioning Mass. Parents, Grandparents and family members are invited.



God calls each of us to serve and there are many opportunities for your child here at Saint Ambrose. Helen Lanzarotta is currently training all our PSR students who heard the call to be a part of our Liturgical ministries. If your child is interested in

being an usher, greeter, lector or server please contact Helen at HLanzarotta@stambrose.us

Last week our 5th grade students led the classroom teaching to our 3rd grader students on what it means to follow Jesus and how their actions make a difference.



We are still in need of old palms for our Palm Burning Workshops. Please bring to class next week.

- Janet Majka
[330.460.7321 | JMajka@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JMajka@StAmbrose.us)



Junior High News

Understanding Sacraments



Junior High students learned to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives: how each of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are strengthened and perfected in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to special guest, Caitlin O'Neill, who led the Proclaim.



SAINT AMBROSE

YOUNG ADULTS

It's hard to believe, but Lent is less than a month away! Make the most of this Lenten season. This year you will have the opportunity to:

- Sign up for daily Lenten reflections tailored to young adults
- Join a small faith sharing group with your peers
- Prepare your heart for Easter with our second annual Good Friday Retreat

Keep an eye out for details on all these opportunities in the coming weeks! Be sure to connect with us on Facebook: Saint Ambrose Young Adults.

Questions? Contact Catherine:
330.460.7338 | CRainey@StAmbrose.us

FIAT (Faith In Action Teens)

FIAT'sGot Talent

This Sunday is our annual FIAT's Got Talent evening (Sunday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Hilkert Hall - join us!)

We have amazingly talented teens and we are thankful to have the opportunity to gather together and celebrate the array of gifts and talents represented in the group.

Please keep our teens in your prayers that they can continue to use their God-given gifts and talents!



Questions?

- Caitlin O'Neill

COneill@StAmbrose.us | 330.460.7387

Stay Connected

Facebook: StAmbroseFIAT | Twitter: StAmbrose_FIAT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 pm

SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.STAMBROSE.US/FREETHROW

The Knights of Columbus Special Population Free Throw Contest will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019. It will be held in the gym of the Medina County Achievement Center (4691 Windfall Rd, Medina). The contest will run from 1:00 pm until about 2:30 pm; please arrive by 12:45 pm to register. The free throw contest is free and open to anyone with a developmental disability who is 8 years old and up. Contestants will be placed in ability groups to compete; there will be shorter baskets available for those not able to reach the traditional basketball height.

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, February 17 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 † Louis & Irene Hollo (Hollo Family) **GH**
9:00 † Debra Bugos (Family) **GH**
10:30 † Patricia Polz (Rudolph Polz) **RS**
12:00 Saint Ambrose Members **RS**
5:00 † Michaelene Welton (From family) **RS**

Monday, February 18

8:15 † Gerald Rutkowski (Rutkowski Family)
5:30 † Kathleen Yatson

Tuesday, February 19

8:15 † Souls in Purgatory (Kevin Marchisio)

Wednesday, February 20

8:15 † Janet Marchisio (Kevin Marchisio)
5:30 † John E. Bukovsky (Dale Froning)

Thursday, February 21

8:15 † David Carrick (Friend)

Friday, February 22 | The Chair of St. Peter

8:15 † John Madigan (Son)
5:30 † Janet A. Wolford (Darlene Zielinski)

Saturday, February 23 | St. Polycarp

8:15 † Judith Rowan (Family)
4:30 † Rita Kline (St. Ambrose Women's Guild) **RS**

Sunday, February 24 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 † Skrzynski Family (Darrle Family) **RR**
9:00 † Robert Golem (Keith & Michelle Serfass) **RR**
10:30 † Ray Terhart (Deacon Tom & Helen) **RS**
12:00 † Thomas J. Kocon (Wife & Family) **RS**
5:00 Saint Ambrose Members **RR**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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2020 Pilgrimage

Switzerland, Germany and Austria



Join Fr. Rob and other Saint 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.**

Sunday, February 24

The 2020 trip meeting for Switzerland, Germany and Austria has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm in the Mother Teresa room. If you cannot attend or have questions, please contact Fr. Rob at 330.460.7311.



ACTIVE PARENTING FIRST FIVE YEARS

Location: The Oaks Family Care Center
4196 Center Road, Brunswick
Dates: February 19, 26, & March 5
Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Transportation Reimbursement provided!
(Gas cards for every attendee!!!)

Childcare, pizza and raffle prizes! Bring a friend!

To register contact Catholic Charities Community Services at (330)723-9615 or email Mary at Mlee@ccdacle.org

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Here's what you'll learn:

What a baby's cry means

Ages and Stages of development

Building a strong bond

Your child's growing brain

Using mindfulness to keep your cool

Effective discipline young children can understand

Choices and consequences

And much more!

Building a strong foundation for children from birth to age 5

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Pray for Our Sick

Greg Arimson
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Josephine Belaska
Brian Daly
Carol Destro
Lisa Gannon
Sean Henry

Bob Huntley
Lillian Johnson
Ariana Krakora
Colette Keenan
Jess Lahl
Earl Lauerhahs
Donna Madar

Karen Pencek
Shirley Rehman
John Roth
Duane Shawk
Emerson Sholtis
Linda Stepanek
Will Sitzenstock

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
Shaun Henry
Shannon Hilpon
Mark Hogan
John Paul Kelly
Bob Klaehn
Dolores Lauerhahs
Terri Leitter
Helen Mancuso
Cindy Montonaro

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

Active Military



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

Unsung Hero

Kathy Pearl



One fun memory I have of my start at Saint Ambrose was wandering into a meeting in the Mother Teresa Room when I was supposed to be in Lechner John. The group that was meeting in MTR was wonderfully gracious and I left with a delicious homemade meal on my way to

my actual meeting! Those meetings were just two of many that night, and as we know, typical of most days and nights at our parish. The "life" of Saint Ambrose Parish is amazing! To think about scheduling and keeping track of our parish life that includes the myriad numbers of groups and events seems to me to be a daunting task.

Yet Kathy truly makes it look easy. I know that even from the school side there is so much that goes into the parish scheduler that then needs to be confirmed by Kathy. She tries her hardest to ensure that everyone has a place to gather and does so with great patience and care. How many more pieces to the puzzle there are!

We are truly blessed with so many opportunities to be together and journey closer to Jesus Christ who is Everything for us. Through Mass, prayer services, prayer groups and fellowship opportunities, celebrations, sacraments, meals and gatherings and so much more, we are bound together as the family of God.

Thank you and may God bless you, Kathy, for working so hard to ensure the thousand puzzle pieces fall into place so we can continue to work and walk together in the Lord!

Gratefully,

-Lisa Cinadr

Catholic Charities Counseling

Schedule An Appointment Today

We have collaborated with Catholic Charities to offer their services here at Saint 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.

REFLECT • *Walk with the Holy Spirit*

DID YOU RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION?
HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS!



WILD WEST
FULL STEAM
AHEAD
2019 ANNUAL AUCTION & GALA

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

WHEN: Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 5:45 pm
WHERE: Saint Martin of Tours, Valley City

COST: Dinner Ticket (Includes Open Bar) \$65/person*
Add-On: Reserve a table for \$100
RSVP: saintambroseschool.us/schoolauktion
by March 1, 2019

Avila Prayer Group Mondays in February



Please join the Avilas as they pray a Rosary for Priests and Seminaries. They will gather on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm and the fourth Monday of each month at 9:00 am. The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel. Consider joining them as we lift up our shepherds to the Lord and pray that more people will answer the call to serve at God's Altar.

Women's Renewal March 30-31



Do you sense that something is missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy, you would be happier, healthier, and more effective, more fulfilled and maybe even a better person?

Come to the next Women's Welcome Weekend!

Join us March 30 – 31 from 8:00 am on Saturday – 4:00 pm Sunday in the Lehner Center.

For More Information and to Sign up, please contact: Trish Shaw at 440.590.0083 or ohshaws@gmail.com or Kristen Rosenstock at 216.849.2773 or kristen.rosenstock@gmail.com

Pray with St. Padre Pio and Cindy Russo, OFS February 28

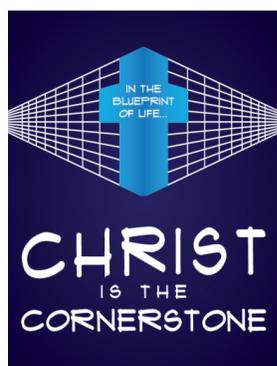
You are invited to listen to an amazing testimony by Third Order Secular Franciscan, Cindy Russo as she tells us about her encounter with St. Padre Pio. Cindy will be speaking for about 45 minutes and will also bring St. Padre Pio relics for veneration and prayer. **Join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 28 at Holy Family Church in Parma: 7367 York Road.** A reception will follow. Sponsored by Holy Family Divine Mercy Cenacle.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio



Men's Renewal March 2-3



Welcome is a one and a half day opportunity to get away from the distractions of our busy world, to listen to the spiritual life stories of fellow parishioners, and to create lasting friendships within our community.

A group of men, many of whom you already know, have grown together in Christ over the past year, to share with you an environment of great fellowship, fun, and faith. To learn more or to register, visit www.stambrose.us/mensrenewal.

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 am teaching my brother how to spell and I read to him."*
- "I helped papa when he was sick."*
- "I sang in choir at Church."*

Generations of Faith Campaign Update

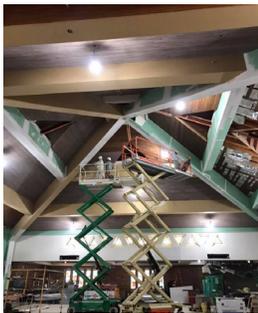


It has been a great week of progress! The Holy Water Fonts were installed and look great! The area for behind the Baptismal Font has been framed out and is coming along well. The painting also looks great – they started the faux finish on the beams and it looks amazing! Check the website for details: www.StAmbrose.us/vision2020

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

Total Deposits: \$12,691.67
 (week of Feb. 4, including Credit Card and ACH)

Total Pledges Paid to Date: \$1,387,384.23 (thank you!)



We are happy with the progress and look forward to walking into our new church this Easter! Thank you for all your support, God Bless!

Pizza Coupon Card Fundraiser

Our Saint Ambrose High School Prep (HSP) classes are selling Gionino's Coupon Cards as a fundraiser for their class Washington D.C. trips, they will attend during their 8th grade year. The cards are **\$20 each but are valued at over \$200** and are good at the Brunswick Gionino's location until September 2019. Through the generosity of the owner, we will receive FULL PROFIT for these cards!

Students from HSP will be selling the cards after all Masses during the weekends of February 16 - 17 and 23-24.

Week of February 12

Sunday Collection	July 1, 2018 - Feb. 12, 2019	July 1, 2018 - Feb. 12, 2019	July 1, 2017 - Feb. 13, 2018
Sunday Collection	\$21,825	\$1,084,989	\$1,105,871
Amount Needed	\$(33,500)	\$(1,105,500)	
Over / (Under)	\$(11,675)	\$(20,511)	
Building Fund	\$581	\$33,571	
ACH Collection	\$3,293 (weekly); \$0 (monthly)		
Children's Envelopes	\$76 with 135 envelopes collected		

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

Stephen Ministry

Changes can be difficult – especially when they are unexpected. Stephen Ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with the changes that have happened in their life.

We are accepting applications for those individuals who are having difficulty and would like someone to walk with them on their journey.

If you have experienced great changes – or know someone who has – and would like more information, contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381, JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315, LHomady@StAmbrose.us.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Catholic Works of Mercy

Your Generosity is Appreciated



As we dodge winter snowflakes or just try to stay in from the cold, we reflect about our past whirlwind Christmas season. Catholic Works of Mercy has never assisted as many families as we did this past Christmas season. As other local agencies reached their

cut off dates to help the needy, Catholic Works of Mercy **continued to add to their list.** With the parish behind us, we were the inn keeper that welcomed in Joseph and Mary to show them warmth. We were able to provide **over 100 families warmth with coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, bedding and clothing.** We showed them compassion with cleaning supplies, hygiene products, towels and needed kitchen items. We may not have been there over 2,000 years ago when Joseph and Mary knocked on that Inn Keeper's door, but you were where we needed you during advent and Christmas as you **generously gave to Christ in your own way.** We are grateful.

- Saint Ambrose/Saint Colette Catholic Works of Mercy



Making Mission Possible, A Grand Slam Gala Event

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Progressive Field's Corner Bar
2401 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

The Experience

6:00 - 7:00 | A priceless experience!
Go behind the scenes at Progressive Field...
Tour the Visitor's Clubhouse & Walk the Field, & an
opportunity to Swing at a Pitch from former Indians players in
the Indians Official Batting Cages. Cocktails & Hor d'oeuvres.

**7:00 | Fabulous Food & Dessert, Cash Raffle, Wine Pull,
First Pitch Drawings & Silent Auction**

7:30 - 10:30 | Live Music, Giveaways & Special Presentation
Complimentary Valet Parking off of Carnegie Avenue

The Box Office

Tickets: \$100 per person
(\$90 on or before April 11th)

To register or donate visit
www.GRANDSLAMGALA.us

Don't wait! Event is limited and does sell out.

Questions?

Contact Sarah Krieger
SKrieger@MissionPossible.us • 216-402-5212

Business Casual Attire. Tribe Gear Welcome!

• Event Proceeds benefit Mission Possible •

www.MissionPossible.us



*Some amazing things that
happen from one great night!*

- Baseball field was finished and dedicated in January! A place for the entire region to gather...watch baseball...and build community.
- Medical team saw 350+ patients and dental team saw 180 patients
- Sewer treatment plant was completed to serve 100 homes
- Finished 13 homes and moved families into them.
- 2 students from our English class have received jobs in resorts because of this skill
- Teams painted 49 houses to help prevent mold and water
- Regalo de Dar, a Miami University project that provided EVERY family with a Christmas box this December

**Joining us for the
Grand Slam Gala makes a huge
difference in the year ahead!**



Part Time Position Needed



We have two openings for a part-time custodian position in our maintenance department to work the evening shift and occasional weekends. This individual must be reliable and capable of doing minor custodial duties, including set-ups, small repairs, and shut-down. The hours will be 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM several evenings per week, and weekends only if needed.

If interested, please contact Mike Mascio at 330.460.7344, or email him your resume at mmascio@stambrose.us.

Ladies First

February 26



What American Saint Can You Model for Holiness?

Come to learn about the 8 American Saints. Understand that Saints are models for Holy Living. Learn to recognize holiness in yourself and others. See you at the meeting on February 26, in Lehner Center, John at 6:45 pm, with friends, faith, and food.

Learning about our Church...

THE TABERNACLE:

The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick). It also helps prevent the profanation of the Eucharist. Thus the law requires, "The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is regularly reserved is to be immovable, made of solid or opaque material, and locked so that the danger of profanation may be entirely avoided" (Code of Canon Law 938 §3).

The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." Any place someone dwells is a tabernacle. The term is also sometimes used for a temporary dwelling place. Thus the tent-like sanctuary that the Jews used before the Temple was built was called the Tabernacle, because God dwelt there. Similarly, for the feast of Sukkot the Hebrews erected temporary shelters to live in for the festival, which is often called "the feast of tabernacles" or "the feast of booths" as a result.

The use of a tabernacle in Catholic churches rests solely on the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, **the knowledge that Jesus himself is truly present under the appearances of bread (and wine)**. In other words, the tabernacle is not used in a symbolic way, to symbolize God's presence among us, but in a real way (like the Tabernacle of the Old Testament) to house and protect the real presence of God in the Eucharist. This is also why Catholics genuflect when passing the tabernacle. We do so in honor of the real presence of Christ present in the Eucharistic bread reserved and protected in the tabernacle.

Without the Eucharist, the tabernacle is simply an empty gold box.



We are using the tabernacle that has been in the church since the day it was built. It is beautiful and lovely. We're adding a simple mosaic, made in Italy, around it to accentuate and give it more prominence and a greater sense of visibility.



Marriage Day OF REFLECTION

FEBRUARY 23, 2019

10:00 am – 2:30 pm
MOTHER TERESA ROOM

A gift for yourself, to each other and to your families.

Join Fr. Dan Schlegel for a day to learn better communications skills, the levels of intimacy, and to explore relationship as the core of what it means to be a Christian, a relationship to one another, to ourselves and to our God.

It will be a day of retreat, a reflection, a day of dialogue and an enriching day for you, for your relationship, as well as for your families.

Free event! RSVP by February 18
to Helen Sheridan: HSheridan@StAmbrose.us

*"Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves."*

-ROMANS 12:10

Marriage Moments

1 Corinthians 13:6



"Love is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, but rejoices with the truth..."

Which of these qualities of love best describes you or beloved?

Parenting Pointers

Luke 6:20-22



"Blessed are you who are poor...hungry...weeping...when people hate you."

Can you, as a family, identify with being poor, hungry, crying, or hated? Certainly as a parent, you've at least had times when your child complained about you. Dig deep and ponder how to recognize this as a blessing... in time.

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

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 14



Join us on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm for an evening of great music with James Kilbane. He's the top Christian performing artist in Ireland. His great voice will bring to life your favorite Irish songs along with songs of praise to God. Join us for this great evening at Saint Ambrose. **The concert is open to everyone.**

A freewill offering will be taken to support our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to join you for this inspiring evening. **For complete details go to: www.StAmbrose.us/Irish.**