



LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE

Obeing the Greatest Commandments

— MATTHEW 22:37-39 —

...“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

- LUKE 6:27-42



Thank You to everyone who joined us for our Valentine Neon Bingo!

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

SPOTLIGHT • Happening This Month

Missing Donut Sunday?

Join a Small Faith Group!



If you are, then consider joining Lent 1.3 Small Faith Group on the Sunday mornings

following the 7:30 am and 10:30 am Masses on March 10, 24, and April 7th. We'll have coffee, donuts, and meaningful conversation about the weekend Scriptures. If those dates won't work for you, we have many other groups available on different days and times. Contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us to register.

Catholic Works of Mercy

Items Needed

Catholic Works of Mercy is in need of peanut butter and jelly. We will have donation bins available at the entrances at all weekend Masses, March 2-3. Thank you for your donation!

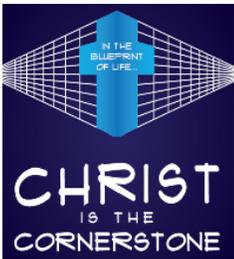


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Men's Renewal

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.

There is still time to sign up for this wonderful weekend of reflection, faith and fellowship. 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.

Fish Fry

Every Friday During Lent!



The friendliest Fish Fry in town is back and ready for the Lenten Season! We will be serving delicious meals, **starting Ash Wednesday (March 6) and every Friday of Lent.** New this year: cheese ravioli in a marinara sauce, weekly, Gluten-free options and our popular, Fr. Rob Specials!

We would appreciate bakery donations every week. If you would like to support the Fish Fry, please **drop baked goods off at the Parish Office or the kitchen in Hilbert Hall and label it "Fish Fry."** Thank you, we appreciate your support!

Lent 2019

Lent is just around the corner. Check out our Small Faith Flyer on page 16, plan on attending our Friday Fish Fry's and visit www.stambrose.us/lent to see a complete list of activities.

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



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

WHEN:

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8-11 pm

WHERE:

Saint Martin of Tours, Valley City

COST:

Dinner Ticket (includes Open Bar) \$68/person*
Add-On: Reserve a table for \$100

RSVP:

saintambroseschool.us/schoolauction
by March 1, 2019



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and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” This weekend’s Gospel offers us some very practical advice. How we treat others, will set the tone for how we will be treated by others and even more, by God. The measure with which you measure....**take some time this week to reflect on how you measure others and even more, how you want God to measure you.**

...The other night I was with **our Stewardship Committee**. They were discussing how much they appreciate and value the Stewardship Prayer we often pray. It offers us a positive approach to building our Church in a way pleasing to God and good for all of our members. Our parish will be welcoming if we welcome. Our parish will be prayerful if we pray. Our parish will care for those in need if we care. Our parish will be good for families if we support family life. And the examples go on and on. As we reflect on our personal lives, it’s a moment for us to reflect on our parish. **Our parish will be anything we help make it to be.**

...As we look to continue to grow our parish community, **our Stewardship Committee is looking for a few new people to enrich the group.** They need some people who are good at communications, or have strong people skills, or are good at organizing people/programs. If you would like to learn more about the Stewardship Committee and its important work for our parish, **please contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us.**

...A great example of the Stewardship Prayer can be found in one of our new members. Jim has spent his career working to develop fitness programs. Now in his early retirement, he wants to help stir some **fitness and health in our community.** A few years back we had walking groups and hiking groups. Jim is willing to help put this together for our parish. **Anyone interested?** Anyone willing to help him develop the right plan for our parish?? A little help will go a long way to creating a stronger parish and healthier members.

Let me know if you can join Jim and I to develop a plan (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

...We had a **GREAT Communications/Marketing Team meeting** this past week. A few new people joined the conversation. We are looking to review our website and ways we can most effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ. **We are meeting again this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the John Paul II Room.** We would love to have you.

...Last week our **Jail Ministry** Team had an amazing Scripture Study with 23 guys in the Medina County Jail. Each week they come back with a list of prayer intentions. God bless our team that is working so hard to bring the Good News of Christ to our brothers and sisters at Medina County Jail. **Please keep them and those we serve in your prayers.** If you would like to learn more about this meaningful ministry, please contact Mark Oldfield at oldfield322@gmail.com.

...The **Fish Fry season** is rapidly approaching. Spread the word. Save the dates. Join the team. **We need you.** All the proceeds will support our Church renovation project.

...**The Women’s Guild** made the best stuffed cabbage last week for our Community Meal. We served about 360 people. What a blessing to give the best to our brothers and sisters. The Women’s Guild will be making **homemade nut rolls for Easter.** See the bulletin insert for your order form. They’re amazing and helps to support the great work of the Guild.

...Save the Date. **Join us on Thursday, March 14 for a free concert with one of Ireland’s top voices – James Kilbane.** The concert starts at 7:00 pm in Hilkert Hall. All are welcome. Invite your neighbors, family and friends.

...**Tell us what your favorite Lent song is.** Go to: ww.stambrose.us/lentsongs. We are working to make sure we play your favorites this Lent.

...This weekend we are inviting you and all of our members to sign up for **Lent 1.3.** Quite simply we are asking you to share one hour – three times – over Lent with a small faith sharing group. These three gatherings will focus on the Word of God (Scripture) and offer some thoughtful questions for your personal reflection and discussion.

It’s a great way to grow closer to the Lord and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and community. **Please open your heart to try something new this Lent.** You will

be pleasantly surprised how Lent 1.3 can stir new life and greater joy in the Lord this Easter.

...This weekend we welcome our Parish Pastoral Council to the 12 noon Mass. We are blessed with a strong PPC that is working hard to help our parish address the spiritual and pastoral needs of all our members. **May God bless our PPC** as they help us to be a community that is welcoming, prayerful, caring, service-minded, and mostly centered on Christ.

...**The Church** is really coming along wonderfully. The updated videos have been very well received and are stirring a great excitement in our community. **Watch Facebook for updates.**

...As we prepare to walk into the Church this Easter, we would love to have some new lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and choir members. Have you ever thought about one of these ministries? **Please open your heart to consider serving our parish community** in one of these liturgical ministries. All the training will be provided. For questions, or to sign up, please contact Father Rob at rramser@StAmbrose.us.

...The **Little Black Books** are at the doors of the Hall this weekend. Help yourself.

...Our parish is blessed with so many wonderful people....great families.... amazing members! This weekend our Knights of Columbus is honoring one of our families for their commitment to their family and our parish family. **The Ruggiero Family will be receiving the Family of the Year award** on Saturday night. Chris and Carrie are involved in almost every aspect of our parish life. Even more they have worked hard to set the foundation of their family on Christ. They are raising their family on the cornerstone of our parish community. Congratulations to Carrie, Chris and their children – Carilyn, Cathryn, and Christian. God bless you.

...Thank you for all you do for our parish community. God bless you for all you do to set your family on the foundation of Christ. God bless you for all you do for our parish family. We are so blessed.

Go Bless!

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...

James Joseph Strang

Layla Rose Telton

Elizabeth Rose Varga

Readings for the Week

www.usccb.org

Mon SIR 1:1-10; MK 9:14-29
Tues SIR 2:1-11; MK 9:30-37
Wed SIR 4:11-19; MK 9:38-40
Thurs SIR 5:1-8; MK 9:41-50
Fri SIR 6:5-17; MK 10:1-12
Sat SIR 17:1-15; MK 10:13-16
Sun SIR 27:4-7; LK 6:39-45

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.



Patricia A. Barnett

*Mother of Neal and Tina
Sister of Deacon Tom*

Born into Life: October 18, 1947
Called into Eternal Life: February 16, 2019



Ruth Heffke

Wife of Thomas Heffke

Born into Life: May 11, 1930
Called into Eternal Life: February 7, 2019



Dan Mason

Husband of Deb Mason

Born into Life: November 23, 1966
Called into Eternal Life: January 23, 2019



Thomas McGill

*Husband of Loreen McGill
Son of Ann McGill*

Born into Life: December 28, 1967
Called into Eternal Life: February 12, 2019



John L. Sulitis

Husband of Marilyn Sulitis

Born into Life: February 13, 1944
Called into Eternal Life: February 10, 2019

THIS WEEK • Mark Your Calendars

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:30 am - 11:30 am Breaking Open The Word (PLCJPII)
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (PLCMT)
 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Germany Pilgrimage Meeting (PLCMT)
 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, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am - 10:00 am Veteran's Breakfast (HH)
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Mission Possible Meeting (PLCJPII)
 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 Confirmation Parent Meeting (PLCMT)
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Scripture Study (LCLK)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Catholic Works of Mercy (LCMT)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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)
 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ladies First (LCJN)
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Ministry of Praise and Prayer (CC)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus (LCFM)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 am - 11:00 am Scripture Study (LCLK)
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Book Club (LCFM)
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Women's Guild Board Meeting (PLCJPII)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Choir (CC)
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parent Partnership Meeting (PLCMT)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Griefshare (LCFM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 am - 11:30 am 2:42 Meeting (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)
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (CC)
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Brownie Troop (LCMT)
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting (LCJN)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Fellowship (LCLK)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (LCMK)
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Boy Scouts (HH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am - 10:30 am Armor of God (LCFM)
 4:00 pm - Midnight Men's Renewal Team (LC)
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm BINGO (HH)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Bell Choir (PLCJPII)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 am - 9:00 pm Men's Renewal Team (LC)
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Depression Support Group (PLCJPII)

CALENDAR KEY

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

Senior Corner



"Spring Is in the Air"

- Yoga:** Every Wednesday - 9:00 am
- February 27** Breakfast - 9:00 am Luna's
- March 6** Ash Wednesday
(No Yoga or Coffee Social)
- March 7** Fr. Rob's Lenten Talk and Lunch
11:00 am - 1:00 pm (RSVP)
- March 8** Small Faith Share Group
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (RSVP)
- March 14** St. Patrick's Concert
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in Hilkert Hall
- March 17** Community Meal
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- March 19** Aging Mastery Program
Navigating Longer Lives
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Brunswick Recreation Center
Contact Dawn: 330.416.3680
- March 21** Lenten Soup Suppers
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- March 22** Small Faith Share Group
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (RSVP)
- March 26** Healthy Relationships
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Brunswick Recreation Center
Contact Dawn: 330.416.3680

**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:

Your every act should be done with love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

We love our parish school and are blessed to be in a place where we can grow closer to Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!

Saint Ambrose School continues to lead in 21st Century learning and education. SAS has been highlighted as 1 of 18 schools across the U.S. and the only elementary school in Ohio for outstanding practices in education as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar through P21 and Battelle for Kids! We earned this award for the 21st Century ways we are equipping learners with the necessary skills and knowledge needed for success in high school, college, career and life! Go to <http://www.battelleforkids.org/networks/p21/21st-century-learning-exemplar-program> for more information about this wonderful affirmation of the top-notch education happening right here in Brunswick, Ohio.

"P21, to me, validates good teaching which uses **best practices** and is forward thinking!" Chris Mullen, Director of High School Prep and Math Chair shared.

Excited to learn more? Contact our Institutional Advancement and Admissions team today at 330-460-7318 and visit us at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us. Now Enrolling for 2019-2020.

- Lisa Cinadr

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Littlest Angels Preschool

A Note from Catherine Mitchell:



At times, winter can feel like a long season as we long for spring and a new season of hope. We work hard to stay on the path that is the Godly one; the path God has chosen for us. We find the guidance we need from the

Bible, attending Mass and through faith groups, prayer and reflection. We surround ourselves with loving and supportive friends, family and a church community to help us on the journey. We all want to finish the race strong and win the prize of heaven. Our little angels are on the beginning of their faith journey, just starting the race and we are blessed to be part of their faith formation.

We would love for your little one and family to join us on this journey. Open enrollment is in full swing. We offer flexible classes for 2-5 year olds. Please call 330.460.7818 with any questions or concerns.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

- 1 Corinthians 9:24



-Catherine Mitchell

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PSR News

March Schedule Reminders

3rd Grade Palm Burning Workshop:

Wednesday, February 27 - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, March 4 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

We encourage parents and grandparents to join us.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

We have rescheduled the First Eucharist Parent Meeting that was cancelled last month due to weather conditions.

The new date is Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center.

PSR – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13 at 4:30 pm

RCIC Session # 6

Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the School building

Spring Break

NO Classes: March 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, and April 1

Classes will resume April 3, 6 and 8

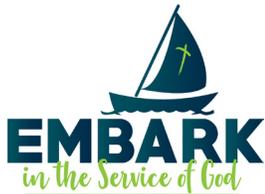
- Janet Majka

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Junior High News

Save the Date!



We are excited to announce our brand new Jr. High Summer Service Camp, **"Embark in the Service of God."** The camp will take place June 25 - 27. Stay tuned for more details and registration forms.

SAINT AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS

Looking for a way to refresh your spirit and connect with others during this Lenten season? Join our Young Adult Small Faith Group! It's just one hour, three times during Lent. We meet in comfortable settings to share our faith, ask meaningful questions, and strengthen new and existing friendships. Invite a friend, sibling, or spouse to come with you!

To learn more about events and activities for the upcoming Lenten season, visit www.stambrose.us/lent.

For more information or to sign up, contact Catherine Rainey (CRainey@StAmbrose.us) or Jane Baldwin (JBaldwin@St.Ambrose.us).

FIAT (Faith In Action Teens)

Confirmation Class of 2020

Calling all eighth grade students and families: it's hard to believe, but as your eighth grade year draws to a close, **it is time to begin the Confirmation formation journey.** We are excited to join you on this journey and help you grow deeper in your relationship with God, learn more about our faith, develop lasting friendships and much more.

Parents, as we begin this exciting process, there is a lot of information to review and I'm sure many of you have questions we can answer. We ask that all eighth grade parents attend one of two informational meetings as we begin this journey. Please pick one of the meeting times below and join us in the Mother Teresa Room.

Sunday February 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Monday February 25, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email (COneill@StAmbrose.us) or phone (330.460.7387).



Questions?

- Caitlin O'Neill

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Stay Connected

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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 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**

Monday, February 25

8:15 The Brown Family Intentions (Fr. Rob Ramser)
5:30 † Jimmy Cooney Jr. (Family)

Tuesday, February 26

8:15 † Bryan Gannon (Family)

Wednesday, February 27

8:15 † Olivia Hall (Friends)
5:30 † Filippa Passalacqua (Mary Ann Passalacqua)

Thursday, February 28

8:15 Reyna Tobias (Tina & Larry Guk)

Friday, March 1

8:15 Sheila and Sebastian Guk
(Tina and Larry Guk For Safety & Protection)
5:30 † Jerry Lemons (Family)

Saturday, March 2

8:15 † Carol Carloss (Family) **GH**
4:30 Saint Ambrose Members

Sunday, March 3 | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 † Urban Neville (Friends) **RR**
9:00 † Michael A. Ruby (Family) **RR**
10:30 † Patricia Polz (Rudolph Polz) **RS**
12:00 † Jack Pylick & Stella Sugalski (Carol Pylick) **RS**
5:00 † Rose Lever (John & Darlene DeAngelis) **RS**

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
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Sat. 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Twitter: [@StAmbroseChurch](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseChurch)

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 our Mystery Game will be sold for only \$1 with a **\$200 payout!**

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"**.

Unsung Hero

Stephen Ministers



Our Stephen Ministers will be commissioned for their ministry in just a week. They have been working diligently since last September. They have been coming to classes every week where they learn how to best provide care for those individuals who need help. We have been truly BLESSED with our first "commissioned" class of Stephen Ministers. They have opened their hearts and have really bonded with one another. They have not only learned together but they have become close friends which is essential to this ministry.

Even though their weekly class routine is coming to a close, they will still be meeting twice each month for a brief educational class as well as to provide support and supervision to one another. Please pray for these individuals, the people they will be ministering to, and the Leadership Team.

-Jane Baldwin

PRAY FOR OUR SICK • *Lifting One Another*

Pray for Our Sick

Greg Arimson
Lisa Bielawski
Josephine Belaska
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 Hawk
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



Pat Ciekanski
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

Living With Cancer

Wednesday, March 6



Living with Cancer Prayer and Support Group was started in 2009 and has become an important part of our spiritual life. Spend some time with us at our next meeting

on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center, Matthew as we share, support and embrace our friendship with prayer.

This group is for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and anyone whose life has been touched by cancer and are in need of our prayers and support. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Come and see if together we can make a difference. For more information, call Miriam at 330.225.9005 or Terri at 216.990.0082.

Community Outreach

Despite some of our projects challenges here and there, our team always works tirelessly and patiently to get the job done! This past month, our amazing team of volunteers did something different and new for the team... they laid a subfloor and floating floor in a bathroom in addition to installing a new commode.

Everyone's level of experience and talent made the project successful and turn out beautiful! Their hard work, patience and willingness to do God's work flourishes with each and every project. Thank you to our wonderful Outreach Team - our parish and outreach recipients are truly blessed by all of you. If you have a project that you need help with, please contact Jane at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us



Prayers for Collin



We would like to thank everyone who came out in support for our prayer service for Collin Nemet. We ask that you continue to pray for courage and strength for him and his family.

"It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure."

— Psalm 18:32

Friendliest Fish Fry in Town!



Starting March 6,
Ash Wednesday
and every Friday in Lent!

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Great meals \$10 and under!

Come for the food...
come back for the friendship!
Extra seating in
the Mother Teresa Room!



White Fish, Shrimp, Ravioli,
Pierogis (Baked OR Fried),
Cabbage & Noodles, Pizza,
Mac & Cheese, Clam Chowder,
French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Steamed Vegetables,
Applesauce, Rolls & Butter

Gluten Free Option each week!

Dine In or Take Out!

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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

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.**

Community Meal

Thank You!



Thank you, Saint Ambrose, for the outpouring of support providing much needed bakery for the Community Meal. Your generosity and continued support allow us to provide a well-balanced and delicious meal to those in need. Any monthly bakery donation is very much appreciated. **God Bless.**

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 collecting food for the poor."

"I prayed for Collin and his family."

"I made my teacher a gift to show my appreciation."

Generations of Faith Campaign Update



This past week, we finally got a roof (most of it)! With the break in the weather, the roofers were able to work and start laying shingles. The masons were also able to work on the south entry vestibule, laying the block to get us out of the mud! Prior to that, they were hard at work setting stone inside the church. One planter box is finished, 2 of the large stone columns on the sanctuary are completely finished and 2 more are half finished... they're looking great! The painters also made great progress on the faux finish for the beams and the white washing of the ceiling is almost complete. Many thanks for your continued support!

Total Amount Pledged: \$4,559,140.40

Total # of Pledges: 802

Total Deposits: \$19,660.88
(week of Feb. 11, including Credit Card and ACH)

Total Pledges Paid to Date: \$1,407,045.11 (thank you!)

Thank you for your continued support during this exciting renovation, we are grateful and truly blessed by your goodness.

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 23-24.

Week of February 17

Sunday Collection	Feb. 17, 2019	July 1, 2018 - Feb. 17, 2019	July 1, 2017 - Feb. 18, 2018
Sunday Collection	\$38,614	\$1,123,603	\$1,154,338
Amount Needed	\$(33,500)	\$(1,139,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$5,114	\$(15,397)	
Building Fund	\$919	\$34,490	
ACH Collection	\$3,293 (weekly); \$20,142 (monthly)		
Children's Envelopes	\$66 with 53 envelopes collected		

We thank you for your generosity, we are truly blessed.

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."

— St. Augustine

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister.



If you or someone you know has been struggling with guilt or feeling unlovable 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.

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 Lechner Center, John at 6:45 pm, with friends, faith, and food.



*Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love
endures forever.*

Psalms 136:26



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

...we all experience difficulties at
some time or another....

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Spiritual Crisis
- Divorce
- Job Loss
- Disability
- Loneliness
- Cancer
- Imprisonment
- Infertility
- Discouragement
- Other Challenges

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God has brought us together as a congregation and why we have our Stephen Ministry.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you privately and confidentially to listen, care, encourage, support and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you or someone you know could use someone to talk to, please contact us:

Jane Baldwin:
JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us
330.460.7381

Lisa Homady:
LHomady@StAmbrose.us
330.460.7315

Learning about our Church...

HOLY WATER:



The rich symbolism of this ancient tradition of holy water and its fonts evokes, primarily, three things.

First, the blessed holy water reminds us of our baptism. By receiving baptism, we were adopted into God's family, grace was poured into our souls – we became “temples of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19). By making this reconnection, the Church invites us to thank God, to remind ourselves of our dignity as beloved children of God, and to take comfort in knowing that we truly are members of this divine family, members of the Body of Christ.

Second, holy water is what the Church calls a “sacramental.” The “effect” that is signified by blessing ourselves with holy water is, basically, cleansing. As we enter the Church and prepare to worship God through the liturgy, we want our minds and hearts to be pure, to be purified from sin and selfishness. This gesture is a way of giving physical and material expression to this desire for repentance and purification. This purification helps us focus on God, and focus on praying and worshipping God. That intensified focus opens our souls to receive the grace God wants to send us through the sacramental liturgy.

Third, locating the holy water fonts at the entrance to our churches symbolizes the difference between ordinary space and sacred space. When we enter into the holy place, we bless ourselves with holy water. We leave behind the worldly noise and confusion that surrounds our normal, everyday activities, and we are refreshed and renewed by the order, silence, reverence, and beauty of the sacred space, the space used only for prayer and worship. It helps us make the transition from normal business into the special activity of divine worship.



The Holy Water fonts at each entry remind us of our Baptismal promises each time we dip our hand in the Holy Water. The Celtic Trinity symbol represents many persons together united in love.

Living Your Strengths for Couples

Sunday, March 24 and 31



Would you like to be able to understand your husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend better? How about a date night with dinner to nourish your relationship?

You will discover and name your God-given talents and develop a better understanding of why you do what you do. This understanding will help you and your partner strengthen the relationship. It has helped so many of our members....it will be enriching and life-giving for you. Join us on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday March 31 at 6:00 pm, beginning with dinner for a Couple's Living Your Strength session.

Contact Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336 to register. (If either or both of you have already taken Living Your Strengths and want to return for more, please join us as well.)

You are at your BEST when you do what you naturally do BEST. Your relationship will be better when you understand more clearly what is BEST in each other.

Marriage Moments

1 Corinthians 13:7



"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..."

Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have? "So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13). Appreciate each other today and every day.

Parenting Pointers

Lessons



"You need only do three things in this country to avoid poverty: finish high school, marry before having a child and marry after the age of 20. Only 8% of the families who do this are poor; 79% of those who fail to do this are poor." (William Galston, Clinton White House). Do your kids/grandkids know this?

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



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.

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