

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



In so many ways, the renovation of the Church has reminded me of some great life lessons...especially patience. Take it ONE DAY at a time. Not because of the construction, but because of a great song/message, the theme for Lent for our parish community is, ONE DAY. The prayer, and our deepest desire, is that one day we should 'all get to heaven.' What a day of rejoicing that will be!!!

The season of Lent calls and challenges us to use each of the forty days – one day at a time – to turn our hearts and our lives to the Lord. Each day, we are called to do the work to ensure that we are on the path that leads us to the promise and glory of heaven - one day at a time!

Our parish is blessed to offer many wonderful programs - and opportunities - to help you, and all our members, use these forty days as a time of personal and spiritual growth and renewal. Please review this newsletter and make some plans to participate in one/all of the opportunities.

This Lent we are inviting all of our members to participate in Lent 1.3...simply put, we are asking you to give one hour – three times – to participate in a Lent Faith Sharing Group. This experience will help you focus on the Word of God (the Sunday scripture readings), stir deeper reflection and conversation connecting faith and life, and give you an opportunity to meet new people, or some familiar friends, in a new way. It's three hours....that can do great good....please open your heart and give it a try...Lent 1.3.

One Day....may these days of Lent be blessed. After forty days of journeying, imagine the joy of Easter and the hopefulness of walking into the renovated Church together!

God bless you for all your goodness. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Father Bob Stec

P.S. If you use technology – and want to do something really helpful this Lent – we have developed a Lent program that allows you to build a Lent spiritual workout plan – and then provides a daily reflection and reminder to help you stay on the path and fulfill your Lent Spiritual Workout Plan.
Sound interesting? To learn more, or to build your personal plan, go to www.StAmbrose.us/LentMadeEasy



JOIN US

Every Friday during Lent

Fish Fry, Lenten Movie Night

Saturday Confessions

9:00am in John Paul II

March 2-3

Men's Renewal

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Prayer Service & Ash Distribution:

6:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Mass & Ashes:

8:15am, 12:00noon, 7:00pm

March 9

School PTU Auction & Gala

March 21, 28 & April 4

Lenten Soup Suppers

March 20

Diocesan Wide Confessions

5:00-8:00pm

March 30-31

Women's Renewal

April 5-7

FIAT Spring Retreat

April 12

Communal Penance 1:00-2:30pm

April 13

Bunny Brunch

April 14: Palm Sunday

Communal Penance 6:30-8:00pm

4:30pm Mass (Vigil); 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm Mass

April 17

Holy Week Concert "One Day" 7:00pm

April 18: Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer 8:15am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Adoration through the Night

Night Prayer Service 10:30pm

April 19: Good Friday

Morning Prayer 8:15am

Stations of the Cross 12:00pm

Passion of Our Lord 3:00pm

FIAT Living Stations 8:00pm

April 20: Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8:15am

Easter Food Blessing 1:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt 1:30pm

Easter Vigil 8:30pm

LENTEN EVENTS 2019

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thursdays, March 21, 28 and April 4

6:00-8:00 pm | PLC, Mother Teresa Room

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

March 21: Dobie Moser

"The Importance of Passing Down Family Values"

March 28: Father Rob Ramser

"Generations of Faith, Hope and Love"

April 4: Dr. Anthony Iezzi "The Spiritual Wonders of Wisdom"

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

Lenten Family Movie Nights

Every Friday Night during Lent

March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19

Please join us for Lenten Family Movie Nights following the Fish Fry on Friday evenings in the PLC John Paul II Room. Our movies will begin approximately at 7:45 pm. Please bring a snack to share!

MOVIES WE'LL BE WATCHING:

Ten Commandments, War Room, Same Kind of Different as Me
The Young Messiah, The Ultimate Gift

Visit the website and Facebook for the nightly schedule.

"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"

with Fr. Rob & Guests

Join us after the Fish Fry at 7:30pm in Mother Teresa

Come journey with us as we look at a different city from the Holy Land pilgrimage using pictures, music and witness talks. Everyone can join us on a virtual journey that will touch our heart and help to guide us during the 40 days of Lenten preparation.

March 8: Nazareth & Mt. Tabor

March 15: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, & Mt. of Beatitudes

March 29: Bethlehem

April 5: Jerusalem

April 12: Holy Sepulcher & Via Dolorosa

Easter Mass Schedule

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Celebrate in our NEW Church!

April 20: Easter Vigil at 8:30pm

**April 21: Easter Sunday at 6:00 am Sunrise Service,
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm**

BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLES... of the good that you do!

"Thanking you, year after year, for such lovely reading and prayerful books you bring as gifts to us! Always enjoy them over and over. Thank you, also, for all the Sunday services you do here, along with Holy Communion." - **MARGIE**



"I can never express enough thanks to all of you for all you've done for me. To be chosen for the 12 Days of Christmas was overwhelming...and, my elf and her granddaughter were awesome! Then to do the Kris Kringle for 3 of our ministry people was awesome, too. Have no idea how you all keep everything going so beautifully. Thanks is not enough...but the best I can do at the moment". - **MARY ANN RIESS**

"We would like to thank you so very much for your generous donation of baby items through your "fill the crib" drive. We appreciate so much your help as we seek to help and strengthen families in our community. Thank you again for your help!"

- **THE OAKS FAMILY CARE CENTER**



"Wow! We can't thank you enough for your love, kindness and generosity to our St. Bernard Hunger Program. You all are amazing blessings to our guests and us. Your dinner is superb and the box lunches are awesome, as well. May God continue blessing and protecting you!!! Sincerest Thanks!" - **MICHELE SCHMIDT, ST. BERNARD CHURCH HUNGER PROGRAM**



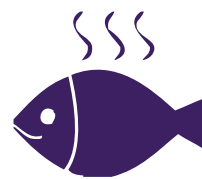
SOUPERBOWL OF CARING RAISES \$12,400!

THANK YOU for helping us Tackle Hunger!

The first weekend of February, over 100 of our junior high and high school teens from FIAT, Junior High PSR, and Saint Ambrose School rallied together in some friendly competition to raise money and awareness about hunger and follow Jesus' invitation to feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35).

Together, they raised over \$12,400 for our Community Meal Program which feeds hundreds in our own neighborhood each month. Thanks to the teens and families who gave their time and efforts to make the event a success, and to all our parishioners for your generous contributions!

Friendliest Fish Fry in Town!



**Every Friday of Lent,
including Good Friday
4:30 - 7:00 pm**
Great meals all under \$10!
**Come for the food...
come back for the friendship!**

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

Dine In or Take Out!

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IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU?

Men's Renewal Weekend

March 2-3

Hear and discuss how we live as Catholics in a modern complex society. It is an occasion for individual spiritual growth through prayer and personal reflection. Learn to grow with the many demands of everyday life. With a clear focus on the Gospel, this process emphasizes continued growth and day-to-day Christian life. The weekend is a memorable spiritual experience that can make a lifelong lasting difference. You probably know someone who has been on renewal, ask them about their experience.

QUESTIONS AND INFO:

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www.StAmbrose.us/MensRenewal



Women's Renewal Weekend

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? Disconnect from our daily stressors and reconnect with your faith. This is a one and a half day opportunity to hear heartfelt spiritual life journeys of fellow parishioners, sharing what has helped others ignite their faith, and to create lasting friendships within our community.

QUESTIONS AND INFO:

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www.StAmbrose.us/WomensRenewal



Mission Rice Bowl



Mission Possible
LIFE. CONNECT. CHANGE.



Each one of us can make a sacrifice and put the savings/change in this Rice Bowl. Skipping a cup of coffee or a candy bar can make all the difference for those most in need! *Think about it...\$1 a day for 40 days = \$40 x thousands of members!*

Bring this filled rice bowl to Church on Palm Sunday.

Help us build a home for those in need in our mission. Small change. Big Difference. IF WE DO IT TOGETHER!



GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICE.

Collin's Crew

We all want to show our love and support for Collin Nemet and his family.

The outpouring of prayer and love has sustained them and given them a clear and constant reminder of the blessings and strength of God in their lives and in this battle with cancer. Collin's goodness, and the faith and love of his parents and family, have inspired us all.

There are some ways we can all continue to show our love and support:

- **PRAY.** Please remember to pray for Collin, his family, and those helping to give him the best of medical care.
- **HUG.** Hug your own children and grandchildren every day. Appreciate the gift of family and all of your family members every day.
- **CELEBRATE COLLIN!** Plan on joining for the Biggest, Best 10th Birthday Party ever!! It's tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Saint Ambrose. Nancy Monnin and Lisa Homady are leading the planning team. If you want to help them create a great celebration, please send an email to LHomady@StAmbrose.us.
- **MAKE A WISH.** We are partnering with Make a Wish to send Collin on his 'dream vacation' to Disney Land in California and Aulani in Hawaii. We want to make it possible for the entire family to go and have a great time creating forever memories. We need to raise \$5,000 to make the trip of a lifetime possible for them. Donations can be made to: Saint Ambrose Parish with the memo/note: Collin.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL CARE.** As Kim has shared in her daily blog, the treatment for Collin has now focused on palliative care. They would like to supplement this care with some proven holistic care. This care (Keto Diet, Oxygen Treatment, Vitamin regimen, etc) is not covered by their insurance. We are hoping to raise \$5,000 to help offset the expense of these efforts. Again, donations can be made to Saint Ambrose Parish.

One of our favorite songs simply refrains, "I will be Strength for the Journey." It is God's promise to us and it is the best gift we can offer to Collin and the Nemets. We can surround them with our prayer and remind them over and over again that the Lord will be their help and strength on this journey.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact frbob@StAmbrose.us or lhomady@StAmbrose.us.



Mark your calendars for our annual Parish Summer Festival!

JUNE 20-23
Thursday - Sunday

We've got great bands, games and food lined up for you!

**Cheeseburgers in Paradise, The McCartney Project,
The Diamond Project, Out of Eden**

Many hands make for light work and we need help making the festival happen!
If you'd like to join the planning team, contact JBihari@StAmbrose.us



STANDING OUT!

Our School and Preschool are proud to strive for greatness every day.

Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School faculty and staff together with PSR and Young Adult ministry staff spent Presidents Day in Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

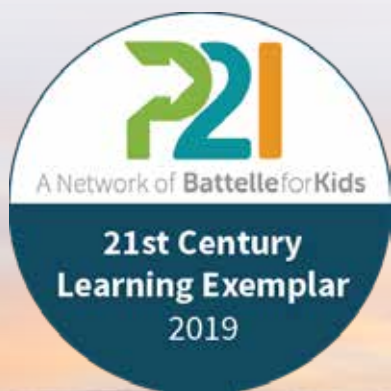
This training is new to the area and gave our staff critical tools to better meet the needs of each and every student. We live in challenging times and working with young people requires a team that is in tune with students' needs and at the ready to assist them so they can learn, grow and develop their unique God-given gifts and talents.

Did you know that a strong Saint Ambrose School education is available for everyone and there are many financial aid options?

Two such scholarships offered through the State of Ohio are the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship and Jon Peterson Scholarship. EdChoice Expansion is offered to families based on income and the Jon Peterson Scholarship is offered to families with students of special needs. For a confidential conversation, contact Lisa Cinadr, Principal, at 330-460-7350 or LCinadr@StASchool.us.

Saint Ambrose Parish members receive a tuition benefit for Saint Ambrose School!

The investment of a Saint Ambrose education is supported by the goodness of our parish community so much that Saint Ambrose parishioners receive a tuition benefit to attend Saint Ambrose School. Contact Breanne Logue, Institutional Advancement Director, at 330-460-7318 for more information and to schedule a tour.



Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School are proud to be designated as a 2019 P21 Exemplar School through the Partnership for 21st Century Learning and Battelle for Kids!

This national designation affirms our outstanding practices in equipping students with the knowledge and skills for success in career, college and life. (www.battelleforkids.org) Everything for every student every day!

May Lent change everything for you and your families as you draw closer to the great love of Jesus Christ.



**FREE
EVENT!**

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Bunny Breakfast



Littlest
ANGELS



Saturday, April 13

9:00am - 12:00pm

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we invite all of our children and grandchildren (and family members) to come together for our annual Bunny Breakfast! Come for a great meal, activities, and visit with the Easter bunny.

Preschool Performances at 9:30am and 10:30am!

*ALL FOR FREE! Sponsored by the Saint Ambrose
Littlest Angels Preschool, FIAT and the Knights of Columbus.*

- **Family Friendly Brunch** •

Scrambled eggs, pancakes,
sausage, hash brown potatoes

- **Easter Bunny** •

Dress in your Easter finest and
visit with the Easter Bunny

- **Spring Crafts** •

Create Easter crafts to share with your family

- **Bake Sale** •

Goodies, cookies and more!

Solemn Blessing of the Easter Food

Saturday, April 20 | 1:00pm

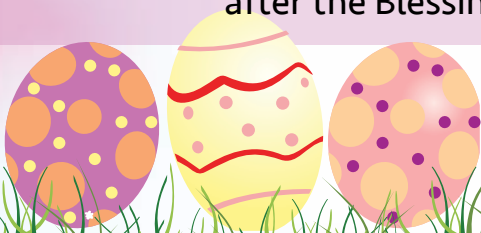
Bring a basket containing some of your favorite Easter Foods to be blessed.

This wonderful family tradition celebrates the new life in Christ fostering health of body and soul. Foods are then taken home and shared on Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt

COME FOR THE FOOD BLESSING...STAY FOR THE EGG HUNT!

Bring your basket; an Easter egg hunt for children will be held immediately after the Blessing of Food at 1:30pm. Rain or shine!!



Help us plan! RSVP online:
www.StAmbrose.us/Bunny



The beautiful sanctuary is coming to life! The two stone columns are finished, the planter box is finished (lower left) and the stone for the ambo was installed. This will get capped off with a wood frame on the top.



The Mary Shrine begins to take shape! The curved wall is in along with the candle holders and skylight! The wall will get filled in with the same stone throughout the church and the statue will sit beneath the skylight.



The ceiling and 'overhead work' is almost done... the faux finish is coming along and looks great! There is some work to be done to box out the beams at the sprinklers (the orange pipe) and above the sanctuary.

Vision 20/20 Church Renovation Update

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we await the joyous celebration of Easter.

In a similar way, this Lent promises to be particularly special as we reflect, prepare and await the completion of our renovated church! It is a great parallel. We celebrate the life, memories and moments of the church we've known and loved for so many years, while we look forward to the beauty and promise of new life to come in the new church.

Despite the weather, construction is 'on schedule' and is moving along. It is currently scheduled to be finished by Palm Sunday, so that we can use the following week for all the finishing touches so it is ready for us come Easter Weekend. Pray for a week of no rain or snow so that we can finish the roof and build the south vestibule out of the ground (God willing by the time you read this, it will be)!

To stay up to date with the latest information and most recent pictures, be sure to visit the website: www.StAmbrose.us/Vision2020.

"It means a lot" to have been a part of the entire journey from an idea to drawings, to tough decisions, to phone calls and carpet color." The team never wavered in their commitment to see this renovation through. And for me, knowing that my parents were part of the building of our Church it also felt right to carry their legacy on with the renovation. I honestly get excited and happy tears as I await to enter the front doors of the church on Easter Sunday.

- LINDA CHESNIK

One amazing thing throughout this process has been working with true tradesmen and artists! From the electricians and plumbers to the carpenters and stone masons, it's been great to see them working and reflecting while building our church. The artists we've been working with have been equally inspiring: the stone carver carving on the altar, ambo, baptismal font and holy water fonts was great to see. The carpenter has been busy cutting, chiseling, and carving the crucifix and processional cross. And the glass maker has been working on the baptismal font glass wall, working on different molds and mock ups. All these pieces and all these craftsmen with their many skills and special talents, working together will build a beautiful house of God. Similarly, all of us with our different talents and skills, coming together make a beautiful and inspiring Church.

We are very happy to have been able to participate in making the Church renovation project become a reality. It is exciting to watch the project progress to completion. There is a great sense of satisfaction in having contributed to the success of this legacy project.

- BOB AND LINDA CEBULA





The front vestibule, or Gathering Space, is taking shape! The storefront windows are in and the drywallers are taping and mudding! The stained glass windows will begin to go in early March.



The choir risers are in, the wires for the sound system and organ are being pulled and speakers will be installed at the end of March. Our Music Ministry will sound even better with better space and a new sound system!



The Prodeema on the exterior of the building is going up. This is the same material we have on the Parish Life Center and it has held up well and looks great! We're looking forward seeing the finished product.

What our new church means to our family is a strong community of faith. I watched my parents go around and collect money for our first church that was built. I remember the excitement when it was all finished and a sense of pride I felt that my parents helped with the process. Here we are today and my husband Bob and I got that opportunity to help raise money to rebuild St. Ambrose.



I believe St. Ambrose is a place where people gather together to find Christ and to find hope. This is not just a building, this is a place where we come together as a community and grow closer to God. I am very excited when the doors open at St. Ambrose church. I am looking forward to sitting in a pew and looking up at Christ and seeing the altar where all his people are gathered at his table. I know I will feel all the love surrounding the whole church because we built it together. We are all a community of faith. We are all gathered together in good times and in troubled times. St. Ambrose is the foundation where people gather together to help others in need. I know because when tragedy hit our family St. Ambrose brought our whole community together after the loss of our son. St. Ambrose is the place where you find Christ who gives you hope and gives you strength and gives you a sense of belonging.

St. Ambrose is a place where you can feel God's loving arms wrapped around you and you can also feel all the love and support from all the parishioners here at St. Ambrose.

I want to thank you for making this possible. When you have God in your life and a community that is full of love and support, you truly have everything you need.

- BOB AND TERRI BARTCHAK

I've been involved since the early planning stages and have enjoyed the time I've been able to dedicate to the project. The most rewarding has been the opportunity to share some of the progress pictures I've been taking with random parishioners but most rewarding is being able to let some of the people coming out of morning mass try some of the special seating we've been able to design to make people feel very comfortable when they come to church.

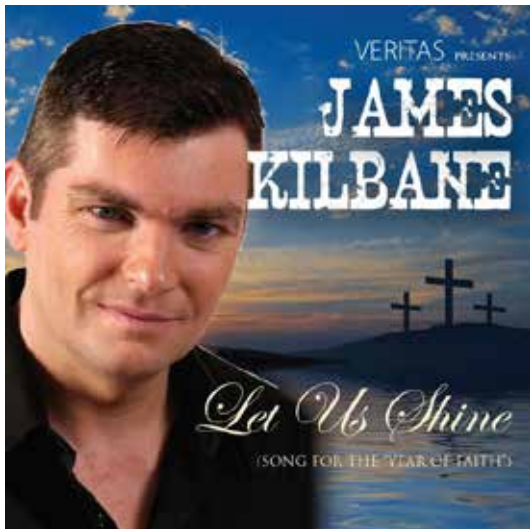
- TOM SERAFIN

"I am amazed at the generosity of our parishioners whose donations made this renovation possible. I am equally amazed at the work accomplished between Christmas and Easter by Marous Brothers and their construction crews. The anticipation of celebrating Easter Mass with those fellow parishioners in a beautifully renovated church is overwhelming."

- BOB DOWNS

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm



As we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, join us for an evening of music and song with James Kilbane – Ireland's #1 Christian Artist.

James Kilbane is 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.

Invite your neighbors, family and friends to join you for this inspiring evening. A freewill offering will be taken to support our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center.



SPRING RETREAT

April 5-7, 2019



Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Take some time this Lent to get away from the chaos and stress, grow in faith, develop deeper bonds of friendship & have fun! Our annual Spring Retreat is April 5-7.

All details & permission forms can be found at www.myFIAT.us/forms! Questions? Call Caitlin at 330.460.7387.



HOLY WEEK CONCERT

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Join the Saint Ambrose Music Ministry on April 17 at 7:00pm for the Holy Week Concert "One Day".

Members of our Adult Choir, Instrumentalists, Angels and Gaudete! Choirs, Hand-bells, Adult and School Cantors come together for song, scripture and reflection as we journey together, growing closer to the Lord. Will this evening inspire you to make changes in your life that will One Day, lead you to the heavenly banquet at the Table of the Lord, one step at a time?

This is a FREE event for our parish and community—come together, and experience powerful music that the Lord has blessed us with.



HEALTHY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00AM - 12:00NOON
IN HILKERT HALL

All are welcome.

Fresh Food.

Helpful Information.

Good for you.

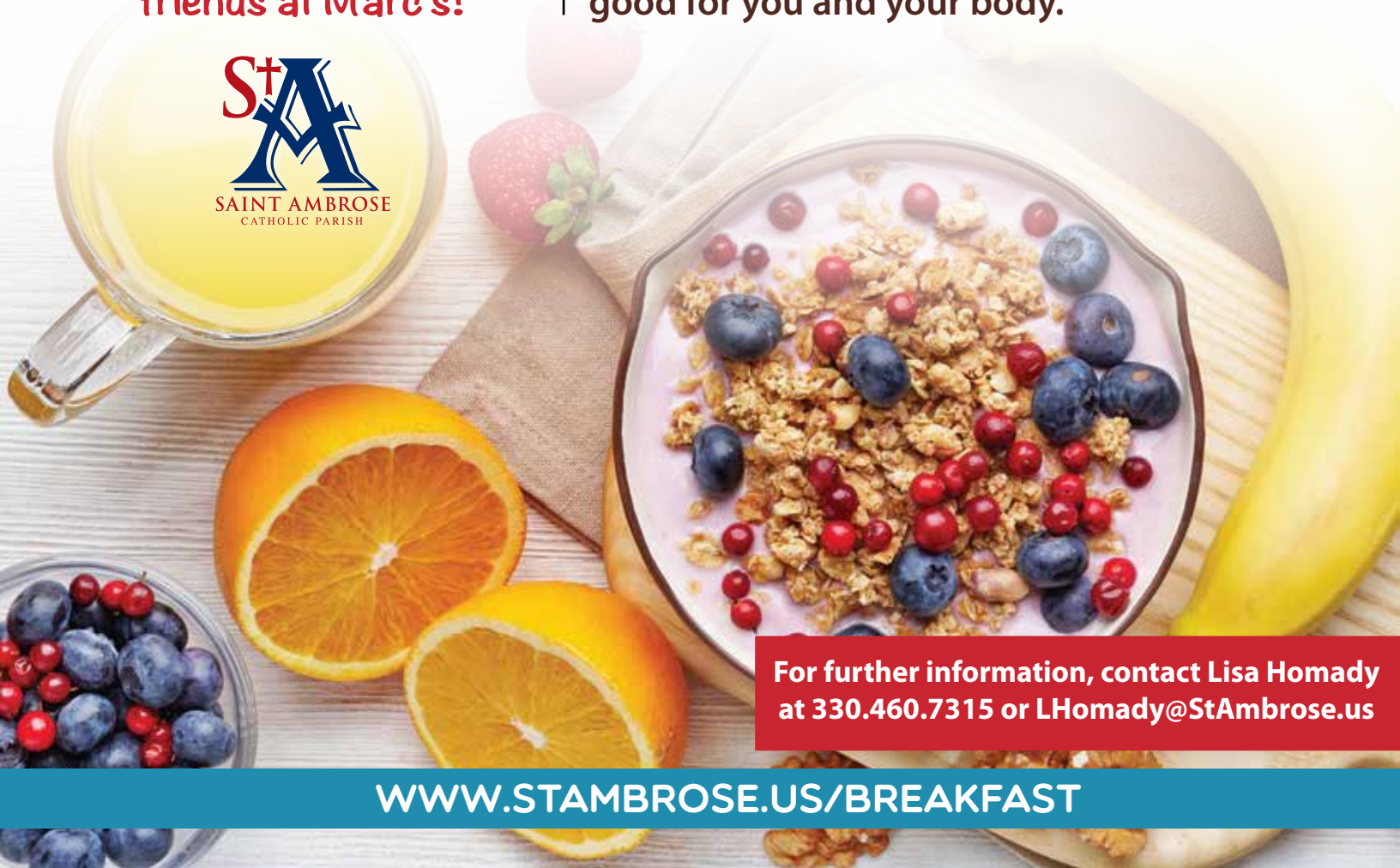
All thanks to our
friends at Marc's!



HOLY. HAPPY. HEALTHY!

We are called to take care of our
body - the temple of the Lord.

Healthiness and holiness go hand in hand!
Come and taste for yourself as our good
friends from Marc's prepare fresh fruit,
yogurt, bagels, granola, cereal & more.
GREAT food that is both delicious AND
good for you and your body.



For further information, contact Lisa Homady
at 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us

WWW.STAMBROSE.US/BREAKFAST



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LENT NEWSLETTER

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"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



ONE DAY CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!

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.

Refresh your spirit.

Ask meaningful questions.

Connect your life and your faith.

Strengthen bonds of friendship.

Comfortable and relaxed setting.

LENT 1.3

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2019

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JANE BALDWIN AT 330.460.7381 OR JBALDWIN@STAMBROSE.US.

www.StAmbrose.us/FaithGroups