

Merry Christmas!

*"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

— ROMANS 15:13

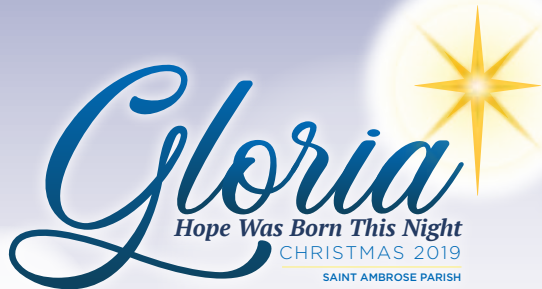
WELCOME TO SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

We are so grateful to have you celebrate the birth of Christ with us.

This year is extra special for us as we celebrate our first Christmas in our renewed Church.

We thank our parishioners and community for all the support they have given. It has been a blessed year!

We are a Catholic community of faith, centered on Jesus Christ who is everything for us!



Gloria! Hope was born this night!

The angels sang out, "glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will."

This Christmas, we rejoice in the birth of our Savior. God took flesh and dwelled among us. He came to bring us Hope and the confident assurance that the Lord is with us at Christmas and always. The more we live in the awareness of God's faithful presence and action in our lives, the more we should be filled with a hopefulness and confident faith and trust in the Lord.

Thank you for all the ways you, and we together at Saint Ambrose, are a beacon of the HOPE and PEACE of the Lord at Christmas and always. Your outpouring of support, goodness, generosity in the Advent Giving Trees, not to mention Thanksgiving and all you/we do all year long, gives hope and comfort to so many in the name of the Lord.

As we celebrate our first Christmas in our renewed Church, we are so mindful that the more we center our lives on Christ and walk faithfully in His ways, the more we will find God's peace and the hopefulness that comes from the Lord. As we live and love in His ways, the more we will be a beacon of Christ's presence and action in our world. Our Church building stands as a beacon of HOPE and LIGHT and the welcoming embrace of the Lord. **Let's use this new year as a time to renew our commitment to the Lord.** Together, let us be the Church strong, alive, renewed and committed to building a better world in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

God bless you for all you do for our parish community to continue the mission of HOPE we find in Christ. Please let me know how best we can care for you and your family in the new year (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

Take some time to read through the Christmas bulletin to see some wonderful programs and opportunities taking place in the new year to help all of us find the peace and hope of Christ at Christmas and always.

You and your loved ones are in my prayers each and every day. May God bless you with the hope and peace that is the Lord.

Blessed Christmas.

Father Bob Stec

**CHURCH TOURS
& OPEN HOUSE**
**Learn more about the Church
renovation. Tours will take place:**
Sunday, January 5, 2-4pm
Sunday, January 5, 6-8pm
Tuesday, January 7, 6:30-8:30pm.
All are welcome!



An Incredible Blessing

"Our family was blessed with the most amazing gift in 2019...

God answered our prayers in a wonderful way. When we gave our struggle to God and let his will unfold, our Faith took over and filled us with overwhelming feelings of love, trust, and peace. Our family, parish family, and community lifted Collin in prayer to God, and he walked

us through the hardest thing any family would have to go through. With each and every one of those prayers, we felt the tremendous support we needed to survive...and that is the greatest memory of 2019 for me. **God's love shined down on us, and carried us with every single prayer that was offered to him for Collin.** Our family is eternally grateful to our parish family-God's gift to us this year was wrapped in the love of the people of Saint Ambrose!" - KIM NEMET



Warm Welcome

Jeff, Linda, Olivia, and Grayson Knight moved back home to Brunswick last year from Pennsylvania after years of waiting and praying for this opportunity. Jeff and his siblings went to Saint Ambrose School and they were thrilled when the opportunity arose for them to continue the legacy of a distinguished education by sending Olivia and Grayson to Saint Ambrose School as well. While they were residing in PA they would come back to Saint Ambrose for Mass once a month. Both children have been baptized at Saint Ambrose - even though the family lived in PA! **They are overjoyed to be a part of the Saint Ambrose School and parish family and they love the sense of community and the warm welcome they have received. Welcome Home Knight Family!**



A FUTURE *full of* HOPE

...One clear sign of Hope and your goodness can be found in a thank you message we received: "I received a knock on my door tonight. I was surprised to see a parish member holding a gift for me as part of the 12 Days of Christmas. I was so touched by this kind gesture. This year has been a difficult one for me and my family. My husband of 34 years was sick and passed away. He loved the Christmas season. This year it's been hard to see the sparkle without my love with us. This kind, thoughtful gift was so appreciated and welcomed. I've been struggling lately and this came at a much needed time. Thank you....words actually escape me." God bless you for your goodness.

Serving Neighbors is Our Way

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, and this takes on a special meaning in the winter days when snow hits the driveways and sidewalks. So many of our seniors are not able to tend to their own drives. It's incredibly essential that their drives and walks

are open, especially in the case of an emergency, but this does not always happen. **Project SNOW is simply a call for each of us to be good neighbors to our homebound and our seniors.** Please help keep their drives and walks open and accessible. Want to lend a hand? Call the Parish Office to share how you can help. You know the need. You know your neighbors. When the snow falls, Serve your Neighbor – after all, it's Our Way as followers of Jesus and members of Saint Ambrose Parish.

Project S.N.O.W.

Community Outreach

Do you have a home repair project that you may need help with? If so, our Community Outreach team is here to help.

Our loving and selfless Community Outreach members, month after month, give so much of their time and talent to parishioners in need. Pat, one of the recipients of our Outreach efforts, could not say enough about the exceptional work they did! She was filled with so much gratitude that a group such as this works so hard for so many people. We are extremely blessed by the skilled hands and giving hearts of our Outreach members. **Contact Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us or Jane at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us if you are interested in joining our team.**



Full hearts and stomachs...

Together, we provided more than 8,000 meals to those in need. Many thanks for the tremendous help and support from each and every member.

One volunteer that came to help with the sandwich assembly was in complete awe of such a sight - hundreds of people lined up together to do the work of the Lord. He could literally see God shining for each and every person! Thank you to all for your help and support this Thanksgiving season! We are so thankful for YOU!

Catholic Works of Mercy Building

The Catholic Works of Mercy building (at the back of the property by the playground) is steadily coming together. As you may recall, this comes as a gift to our community from some of our members and some local companies that are working hard to create adequate space for us to care for those in need. **Special thanks to the donors and Engelke Construction for this greatly needed gift. The building is an expression of your goodness and the good we do together at Saint Ambrose. Every week 35-40 families come to the Food Pantry for help and support.** This is in addition to the 110+ families that will receive food and more this Christmas. Thank you for all you do to continue the ministry of Jesus who came to care for those in need. Over and over again he teaches, "what you do for the least, you do for Me." The CWM outreach center will be complete early in the new year. Watch for details and a tour.



Couples Night Out!

Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 6:00-8:30pm

A great couples night that's fun....free....and easy. From the day you shared with us the great news of your engagement...through your wedding...to this very day...our parish cares greatly about you and your life together.

We've invited Joe Cronauer from 95.5 the FISH to provide some GREAT comedy and laughter.



Join us for a relaxing evening of great food, great humor, and community as a free gift to you. Feel free to invite some other couples to join you. Childcare available for children age 2 and up. Please RSVP to Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us.



Wedding Planning?

Congratulations on your engagement! God bless you both during this time of preparation for a lifetime of shared love and joy. If you need help planning your 2020-2021 wedding contact Helen Lanzarotta, our Wedding Coordinator, with any questions.

HLanzarotta@stambrose.us | 330-460-7343

Called to a Renewal!

All of us are constantly called to 'renewal' – to freshen up our lives, our relationship with God, our marriages. We are all called to renewal – to find new life and greater joy.

For generations, men and women of our parish community have joined in a "Renewal" weekend. Anyone who has ever gone on a 'renewal' will tell you that you meet great people... eat good food...and find a deeper connection with God. **It's refreshing...it's renewing...it's a blessing beyond words.**

The most difficult part of 'renewing' is making a commitment to come and spend about 30 hours of your busy and full life to find greater joy, deeper peace, and surround yourself with really good people who also want to be alive and renewed in their life – in their walk with the Lord.



World Marriage Day & VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

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

February 8, 2020

6:00PM - 9:00PM

**SPECIAL MASS AT 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
APPETIZERS, WINE, BEER & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED**

TICKETS: \$25 PER COUPLE

**CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO SAINT AMBROSE
& DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT DESK**

RSVP

**RSVP BY FEBRUARY 1 TO HELEN SHERIDAN
330-460-7322/HSHERIDAN@STAMBROSE.US**



Jesus said, "I have come so you can have life and have it to the full." Thirty hours for the Lord – to be renewed.

For more information or details contact:

Deacon Tom Sheridan (TSheridan@StAmbrose.us)
Nelly Quinones (nquinones@helpmegrow.org)

Men's Renewal: March 7-8

Women's Renewal: April 18-19

Living Your Strengths

So often, we are told that to be successful and achieve our goals we need to stop doing this, or start doing that, or work on improving our weaknesses. What if we shifted our focus and started concentrating on doing more of what we are good at and what energizes us, and using our time and energy to develop our talents and strengths? God made each of us unique and for a purpose. And He gave each of us a set of talents to help us achieve that purpose. It is in God's plan that some of us are great listeners, some are more influential, and others are great thinkers. Who did God plan for YOU to be?

Join us at our next three week Living Your Strengths session beginning on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Church Family Room. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Maline at cmaline@stambrose.us or 330-460-7336.

"You are at your best when you do what you naturally do best."

Young Adults

Adults in your 20-30s, join our Young Adult Group for friendship, fellowship, laughter, support and growth in faith.

January 24 - Tobogganing in Strongsville
February 28 - Eucharistic Adoration from 7-9

Visit StAmbrose.us/YoungAdults to find a link to our Facebook page and opportunities for service, faith-building, and community throughout this New Year. Questions? Email Fr. Jeremy at JMerzweiler@StAmbrose.us.



Reflecting on Blessings in our Lives

LENT 2.3

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2020

As we celebrate Christmas, it's a time to reflect on all the blessings of God in our lives. Most of us find great peace and

joy in coming together with family and friends, sharing time and blessings with each other.

If that recipe works at Christmas (friends/family + time together + reflecting and sharing about God's blessings in our lives)....it can also work this Lent.

Last year 650+ of our members were part of Lent 2.3. We ask all of our members to consider coming together three times for an hour or so to reflect on God's Word and God's action and blessings in our lives. So many found these 'faith sharing' groups to be a moment to strengthen or forge new friendships while strengthening your relationship with the Lord.

So while it's Christmas, start watching information in January (both in the bulletin and online) to join Lent 2.3. It follows the same recipe of Christmas Joy – good people – coming together – sharing friendship and meaningful conversation – about things that matter most – while focusing and reflecting on God's action and presence in our lives.

Faithful After Fifty Chinese New Year Dinner

Join our Faithful After 50 Ministry on January 24, 2020 to kick off the New Year!

We are inviting all parishioners over 50 years old to a dinner celebrating 2020! We hope you'll tell us what events you would like to see on the Faithful Over 50 calendar as we come together in friendship and in prayer to put together a year full of fun for you. *Watch for more details to come!*



Senior Corner

Yoga every Wednesday

January 8 Coffee, Donut Social/Blood Pressure Testing

January 6 Breakfast at Luna's 9am

January 10 Card Games

January 16 Lunch & Learn 11am-1pm

January 19 Community Meal

January 31 European Restaurant Lunch

www.StAmbrose.us/Seniors



Saint Ambrose Catholic School

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary this school year, this special time of year reminds us how much we truly enjoy our responsibility and the privilege of serving thousands of children through the years, now and into the future.

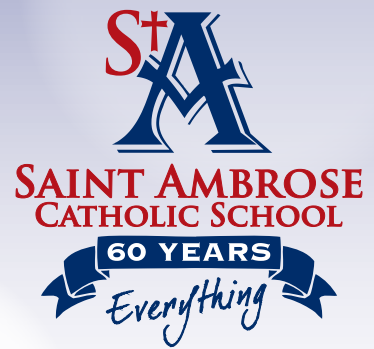
Especially in today's modern culture, educating the whole child has to include **faith and values, formation and core subjects with real-world learning that challenge students to think critically, collaborate, be creative and communicate well.** The programs offered here at Saint Ambrose School allows children to learn more about the beauty of God's creation, including themselves and their world, and round out 21st Century-into-next-generation learning.

Christmas concerts and programs at Saint Ambrose School are very special events! We are so grateful to be able to celebrate the true reason for the season- in art, song and instrumentation. Our Angels were in fine form!

We thank our awesome God for His goodness, for sending His Son to us, for our children and grandchildren, for our faculty and staff, our school family and supporters.

Thank you to all who are supporting our first Angels Annual Fund that began on GivingTuesday! Your support helps us provide the extraordinary educational experiences offered to our students. If you need a charitable organization for end-of-year giving, please consider Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School!

Premier Catholic education is affordable and can be yours! Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year opens soon. Go to our website at www.saintambroseschool.us for all of the exciting information you need.



From our school family to yours, may the love, joy and peace of our Savior be yours at Christmas and always!

With great joy!

Lisa M. Cinadr, Principal
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ANGEL Gala

SAINT AMBROSE
SCHOOL AND
LITTLEST ANGELS
PRESCHOOL
AUCTION AND
GALA

MARCH
14
2020

SAVE THE DATE!

60th ANNIVERSARY Diamond Soirée

Our Angel Gala is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, helping to provide the educational environment and tools to support and help our students thrive!

TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS, WE NEED YOUR HELP...

1. Bring your families and friends and join us for a fun night out!
2. Make a personal or business donation to be auctioned that night (an experience or basket)!
3. Place an advertisement in our auction program or be a table sponsor!

QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP?

Visit saintambroseschool.us, email angelgala@staschool.us, or call the Parish Office to leave a message for an Auction Committee Member to contact you. **Thank you for helping make this wonderful evening a success!**

Littlest Angels Preschool

A Star for Jesus is the name of a delightful book by Crystal Bowman and was the inspiration for our Littlest Angels Preschool Family Christmas Program.

This book and our sweet songs reminded us to look at the night sky and remember Jesus' star from long ago and Jesus' love for us today and always. We try to shine bright for others so they may see and feel, through us, the love of our Savior.

The Christmas story reminds us that the Wisemen followed the star to Jesus. How brave and faithful they must have been to follow a star to unknown lands to meet baby Jesus! May we be like the Wisemen and always follow God to Jesus!

Saint Ambrose Preschool has been such a blessing over the years to so many and we look forward to expanding our programming and moving into our new preschool space at Ambrose Crossing! Thank you for your support of our preschool, staff and parish community. You help us to teach the lessons of Jesus Christ that will have a lasting impact on the lives of our little angels.

Merry Christmas! Shine bright!

Catherine Mitchell
330.460.7361 | CMitchell@StASchool.us



Our Preschool is Growing!

We are so excited to move to our brand new, state of the art space across the street for 2020-2021!

Our 5 STAR Preschool offers flexible class offerings for ages 2-5 and extended care options beginning at 6:30am and after school until 6:00pm will be available!

Enrollment packets will be available for pickup at the parish office and online at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Preschool. We are excited about our move which will enable more families to join our preschool family.

Our program engages children in activities that nurture kindness, honesty, forgiveness and concern for others, while preparing them for Kindergarten and beyond! We have added enrichment opportunities for each of our age groups, enhancing your child's experience in addition to offering flexible before and after care!



Programs for Ages 2-5

- 2 Year Old Program
- Half Day and Full Day 3 Year Old Program
- Half Day and Full Day 4 Year Old Program
- Full Day Pre-K Program
- Before / After School Care

Many flexible options and schedules are available to take care of your child and family.
Come and learn more!

**PRESCHOOL
ENROLLMENT FOR
2020-2021 BEGINS
JANUARY 12TH, 2020.**



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IS AFFORDABLE!
Saint Ambrose School is a Provider for the EdChoice Scholarship
for Incoming Students in Grades K-8!

edCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

What is the EdChoice Scholarship?

The Educational Choice Scholarship Program is a State of Ohio Scholarship that provides students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools.

What is the value of the scholarship?

The EdChoice Scholarship amount is currently \$4,650 for grades K-8, and for those considering Catholic high schools, \$6,000 for grades 9-12.

Who is eligible?

Students who reside in the attendance zones for the following schools and are new to Saint Ambrose School in grades K-8 are eligible to apply for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Huntington Elementary, BCS
- Kidder Elementary, BCS
- Memorial Elementary, BCS
- Towslee Elementary, BCS
- Eliza Northrup Elementary, MCS
- Garfield Elementary, MCS
- Evolve Academy, MCS
- Sharon Elementary, Highland
- Buckeye Jr. High School

Are there additional State of Ohio Scholarships accepted by Saint Ambrose School? Yes!

EdChoice Expansion (income-based) and Jon Peterson (for students with special learning needs). More information at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Scholarships.

How do I apply for the EdChoice Scholarship and/or others?

EdChoice Scholarship application window is February 1-April 30, 2020. Follow the registration process at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Scholarships. Scholarship applications must be completed after school enrollment application is completed.

Are there additional tuition assistance opportunities at Saint Ambrose School?

Yes! If a family is interested in applying for tuition assistance, they must complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application for the 2020-2021 school year.

How do I apply to Saint Ambrose School?

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year opens on January 12th, 2020.

Enroll online for Kindergarten-8th Grade at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions

NEW FOR 2020-2021:

Enrollment will be online for completion including registration and tuition payment forms.

All Saint Ambrose School New/Prospective students must complete our interview and admissions process and are subject to the highest levels of standards and conduct outlined in our Student Handbook.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Breanne Logue, Institutional Advancement Director
BLogue@StASchool.us or 330-460-7318

Lisa Cinadr, Principal
LCinadr@StASchool.us or 330-460-7350



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OPEN HOUSE
Preschool-Grade 8
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020
10:00am-12:30pm



Come learn more about how we can offer EVERYTHING for every student, every day!

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Parish School of Religion

During this season of Advent all of our PSR students have been learning different ways to prepare their hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Students helped the 12 Days of Christmas ministry put together blankets, made cards for veterans and shared the joy of the season singing Christmas Carols at Willowood Nursing home. Our first grade students created a small Advent Wreath to take home and share with their families.

To top off the season our students presented the the Living Nativity for our parish community. It was a beautiful evening to remind us of the solemnity of Jesus's birth.



PSR Events in the New Year!

1st Grade Baptismal Workshop

Wednesday, January 8 - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 11 - 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Monday, January 13 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

3rd & 4th Grade Retreat

Saturday, January 25 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
with Mass to follow "Holy Moments"

5th Grade Retreat

Saturday, February 8 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
with Mass to follow "Dare to be a Disciple"

Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist Students

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 am and 10:30am Masses.
Join us after for hospitality in the Mother Teresa Room



Ablaze

2019 has been quite a year for all of our junior high students! We are in to our third year utilizing the EDGE program and the students have been focusing this year on the Ten Commandments and what it means to live a life centered freely on following them.

We welcomed Ryan Bagley, one of our HSP teachers and campus minister to the Core Team. Ryan brings with him a deep faith and has been working hard with our students to strengthen their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you Ryan for sharing your gifts with all of our students.

EDGE SOCIAL NIGHTS 2019-2020

Monday, February 10 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Monday, April 27 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Encourage your young teen to join us for one of these nights.

We kicked off this past summer with our Embark in the Service of God Junior High Summer Service Camp. We have been building on this experience throughout the year offering many opportunities for our young teens to know what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Our next Embark service opportunity will be MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 20.

Look for more details coming soon!



EMBARK IN THE SERVICE OF GOD CAMP 2020

June 16, 17 & 18 - Save the Dates!

Registrations will begin in January

Contact Janet Majka for more information about all of our junior high programming.

JMajka@StAmbrose.us 330-460-7321



Merry Christmas from the Youth Ministry Office!

Wishing you & your families a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy & holy New Year! Our theme this year is "Seek" – our prayer this Christmas season is that we may follow in the footsteps of the Magi and always "Seek" Christ throughout the year!

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about how you can be involved, don't hesitate to reach out to Caitlin (COneill@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387).



Join us as we kick off the New Year!

Our first FIAT Night is on Sunday, January 5th

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to join us for a great first night back, including life-size games, ice cream sundae bar & more!

March for Life January 22-24

Each year we join tens of thousands of people from across the nation in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. This year we're blessed to go with our own parish community for this wonderful experience.

Head to www.myFIAT.us or call 330.460.7387 for more details or to sign up. Spots are filling quickly, so sign up today for this one-of-a-kind opportunity!



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."

– JEREMIAH 1:5

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help us Tackle Hunger!

Join us as we work together to support our monthly Community Meal Program and "tackle hunger" in our region! Mark your calendars for the weekend of February 1-2 – students from FIAT, Ablaze, and Saint Ambrose School will be collecting donations after all Masses, as well as selling Super Bowl snack items! All money raised goes to our monthly Community Meal Program which feeds hundreds in our region each month.



Highlights from the Year!

During the first Mass I attended after the Church was renovated, I couldn't stop looking around at how beautiful the Church was. I felt so honored to be a part of our parish community.

- JANE

The wonderful thing that I experienced this past year is the Advent Tea. Listening to Romona Robinson was so inspirational.

- LYNN

"The amazing participation for our first Embark Junior High Summer Service

Camp. Our students really embraced the experience of serving others at the different locations. It was evident by the end of the week our students had fully come to know what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ."

- JANET

It was so great getting to see the renewal of both our worship space and our community throughout 2019! From ripping out pews together last December to seeing everyone walk into the renovated Church for the Easter Vigil, seeing everyone rally together and join in the excitement has been terrific!

- CAITLIN

Being together with our FIAT band members looking into the eyes of those who are sick and suffering at our Healing Ministry night...so blessed that we can give our talents to those who desperately need it...

- MATT



A favorite highlight is the Feast of Saint Ambrose. I so enjoy how we spend the meal together as a school family. What a blessing.

- BREANNE

I volunteered at the summer festival with my five year old son.

It was so much fun to work together and be a team. I loved watching him interact with people and watch how he took his job so seriously at the game booth. It was a great lesson for him and a fulfilling experience for both of us to serve together.

- NATALIE

I was so pleased to have over 500 individuals who participated in LENT 1.3 Small Faith Groups. Please plan on attending Lent 2.3 Small Faith Groups.

- JANE

May all who are not with us this Christmas enjoy the Eternal Light of God's presence in Heaven.

Eugene Abramowski	The Dixon Family	James M. Ely	Marvin & Marian Herbst	George Kollar	Tony Mele	Thomas Perdok
Helen Abramowski	John C. Brune	Grace Enovitch	Emma Hercik	Lillian Kollar	Mary Mele	Charles J. H. Perich
Elizabeth Abshire	E. Christine Brune	The Ensminger Family	John Hercik	The Konarske Family	Bob Mello	Alan Petee
Joey Adams	Fred Bucci	The Erleben Family	Donald Hiles	Mary Kopp	Anna Mello	Esther Petee
Joe Adams	Florence Bucci	The Eurcho Family	The Holley Family	Daniel Kopp	Louis Menendez	Andrew Petrigac
Barb Adams	Howard Buckoski	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Euse	Richard Holley	Edward Kostyack	Violet Menendez	George Petrigac
Tim Adams	Thomas Buit	Ruth Exton	Mary Holley	Mike Kostyack	Mary Jane Merrick	Joe Pietrzycki
The Adams Family	John Bukovsky	Georgeann Falkinburg	Thomas Hollo	Ann Kostyack	Merrill Family	The Plitt Family
Bud & Charlotte Allen	The Bukovsky Family	Louise Farner	Louis Hollo	Mr. Joseph Kovacic	Eugene Merrill, Sr.	Kathy Litchney Plitt
James Alpine	Christine Burella	Joe Farren	Irene Hollo	The Koval Family	Dee Merrill	John Pojman
Donna Alpine	Sheri Ann Burfield	Lottie Farren	Thomas Hollo	Stanley Kowalski	Merrol Family	Annette Pojman
Debbie Anderson	Rowe Burns	Robert Feltes	Fred Holmok	Clara Kowalski	Carlotta Metter	The Pojman Family
The Anderson Family	Marge Burns	Helen Feltes	Mary Jane Holmok	Christine Krach	Edward Mickas	Stephen Polivka
Albert Apathy	Jason L. Burrow	Harold & Marion Ferguson	Andrew Homolak	Jeannette Holley	Rita Mickas	David Smith Polivka
Arline Apathy	Arthur Bystricky	Bruce Ferguson	Edna Homolak	Kramer	The Mickler Family	Becky Holley Ponder
Paul Apathy	John Calvey	Paul Ferguson	Donald Hoopingarner	Evie Kriak	Pat Mieyal	Mary Poorman
Dan Apathy	Pauline Calvey	Daryl Fifer	Emory Hovanec	Rosemarie Krysiak	Lou Miklosko	Richard Porvasnik
Bernard Arendash	John Cardamone	Bernice Fifer	MaryAnn Hovanec	Henry Krysiak	Dorothy Miklosko	Joe Potocsnak
Kathy Armstrong	The Caro Family	Dorothy Filbin	Howard Hovatter	Josef Kubelka	Woodrow Miller	Irene Potocsnak
Rodney Armstrong	Jaren Carter	Genevieve Fillos	Norma Lee Hovatter	Margot Kubela	Mary Miller	Anna Potocsnak
The Aust Family	Taylor Ceepo	Germaine Flock	Patricia Hovatter	Tyson Kuhrt	Julie Farrenholz Miller	Jonathon Praznik
Joyce Bader	Carol Centivany	Gary B. Fordyce Sr.	John Hrutkai	Gene Kulik	The Miller Family	Genny Prestis
The Balluch Family	Jack Chalfa	Raymond Fox	Mr. John Hrutkai	George Lang	Jeanne Miller	Richard Prestis
John Balogh	Claire A. Charnigo	Eileen Fox	Mrs. John Hrutkai	Margaret Langa	Charles Miller	Larry Pringle
Viola Balogh	Lee & Joyce Chesler	Jeffrey Fox	Donald E. Hudak	Koe Lantini	Mildred Millett	Henrietta Pyzik
Gus Balogh	Danita Chesler	Lacko Franc	Thelma Huff	Larry Lasker	Charles Mlinarcik	Leo Pyzik
Millie Balogh	Andrew & Leona Chesler	Josephine Franc	Bob Huntley	Mr. & Mrs. John Latevola Sr.	Frances Mlinarcik	Gene Pyzik
Blake Bartchak	Mary Chizmar	Elaine Frankowski	Veronica Hurajt	Deborah Lawler	Mr. & Mrs. James Moenich	Bob Rabatin
Robin Barlak	Carl Chmielewski	Laura Fraser	The Hurajt Family	Betty Lawler	Joseph Molodec	Bill Rabatin
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Christmas Worship Aid

Introductory Rites

GATHERING HYMNS:

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm,
all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother
and Child, Holy Infant so tender and
mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in
heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds
quake at the sight; Glories stream
from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing
alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of
God, love's pure light Radiant beams
from thy holy face, With the dawn of
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy
birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John
F. Young, 1820-1885

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem; Come and behold him,
born the King of angels

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let
us adore him, O come, let us adore
him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of
heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in
the highest

3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this
happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all
glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in
flesh appearing

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; tr. by
Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Liturgy of the Word

PSALM 96:

Today is born our Savior, today is born
our Savior, today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord!

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

PETITIONS:

Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMNS:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem; Come and behold him,
born the King of angels

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let
us adore him, O come, let us adore
him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this
happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all
glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in
flesh appearing

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And
the mountains in reply Echo back their
joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis deo!
Gloria in excelsis deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why
your joyous strains prolong? Say what
may the tidings be Which inspire your
heav'nly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him
whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ,
the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laid Whom the
angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend
your aid, While we raise our hearts in
love. (Refrain)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name,
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign
of peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world. Blessed are those called to
the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but only
say the word and my soul shall be
healed.**

*"The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold,
I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."*

— LUKE 2:10

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King; Peace
on earth, and mercy mild God
and sinners reconciled!' Joyful, all
you nations, rise, Join the triumph
of the skies; With the angelic
host proclaim, 'Christ is born in
Bethlehem!' Hark! the herald angels
sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord: Late in
time behold him come, Offspring
of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh
the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate
Deity, Pleased as man with us to
dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark!
the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the
newborn King!'

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince
of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness! Light and life to all
he brings, Ris'n with healing in his
wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born
that we no more may die, Born to give
us from the earth, Born to give
us second birth. Hark! the herald
angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn
King!'

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How
still we see thee lie! Above thy deep
and dreamless sleep The silent stars
go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light; The hopes
and fears of all the years Are met in
thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, And
gathered all above, While mortals
sleep, the angels keep Their watch
of wond'ring love. O morning
stars, together Proclaim the holy
birth! And praises sing to God the
King, And peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, The
wonderous gift is giv'n! So God
imparts to human hearts The
blessings of his heav'n. No ear may
hear his coming, But in this world of
sin, Where meek souls will receive
him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our

sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The
great glad tidings tell; O come to us,
abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Concluding Rites

SENDING FORTH HYMN:

Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature
sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and
grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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Merry Christmas!

Together we have waited, watched, prayed, and made ready the way for the Lord. What a great invitation we sang these past few weeks...."Come, come, Emmanuel." **Simple, peaceful, and meaningful - I bet you sang it, even if in your heart during those two minutes at your Christmas tree, right?** Let's not lose the reason for this season of love; Christ, the Lord, our Newborn King.

A wonderful, heartfelt thanks to all of our team members in music ministry for the many songs they have sung and played this Christmas. **Please say a special prayer for them as they take some time to celebrate with family after such beautiful sounds.** We will kick off the second week of January, so if you are thinking about joining, that is the perfect time to do so.

In the meantime, I want to personally wish each and everyone of you and your families, a very blessed and happy Christmas. May the peace and beauty of the Christ-Child be in your homes and hearts.

- Matthew Fodor
Director of Music



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If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact the Parish office (330-460-7300) OR go online to register at www.StAmbrose.us/HouseBlessing. The Parish office will call to set up a time.

Baptism of the Lord

Have you been Baptized recently? We are inviting all who have been baptized in 2019 to join us for a 'baptism reunion' on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. All of us will renew our Baptismal Promises along with our newly baptized. There will be a special reception as well. To RSVP, please email KNemet@StAmbrose.us.

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- ☐ I am new to the area and would like to join the parish
☐ Change of Address
☐ I would like more information about the Catholic Faith
☐ I am interested in volunteering with the _____ Program
☐ Please have someone call me: I need _____
☐ I would like to receive Eucharist at

☐ Home ☐ Hospital: _____ Room# _____

If you have any questions, please call our Parish Office at 330.460.7300 or email Office@StAmbrose.us

*Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.*
— ROMANS 12:10

