

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

YOU ARE
**THE HANDS
AND FEET**
of Christ

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
LENT 2020

*"Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
He looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which
He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

- ST. TERESA OF AVILA



JOIN US

Every Friday during Lent
Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Adoration Mondays
Every Monday 9am-7:30pm

Saturday Confessions
9:00am in Church

February 22
Healing Mass 6:30pm

February 26 - Ash Wednesday
Prayer Service & Ash Distribution:
6:30am, 5:00pm
Mass & Ashes:
8:15am, 12:00noon, 7:00pm
Fish Fry Kickoff:
4:30-7:00pm

March 1
Health and Wellness Fair

March 1-3
Lent Parish Mission 6:45pm

March 7
Saint Patrick's Day Celebration 6:00pm

March 7-8
Men's Renewal

March 11
Diocesan Evening of Penance
5:00pm-8:00pm in Church

March 12
Saint Patrick's Day Concert with
James Kilbane 7:00pm

March 14
SAS and LAPS Angel Gala

Mar 18, Mar 25, April 1
Lenten Soup Suppers 6:00pm

April 2
Lent Concert 6:30pm

April 3
Communal Penance 1-2:30pm

April 4
Bunny Breakfast 9:00-11:30am

April 5: Palm Sunday
Extended Confessions 6:30- 8:00pm
4:30pm Mass (Vigil); 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm Mass

Holy Week & Easter
Schedule on page 7.

Please join us!

Hands. Feet. Heart.

The Season of Lent is upon us. It's a special time in our spiritual life to deepen our focus on the Lord. In Christ alone we find our hope...our strength...our salvation. All of us know we need to do something to deepen our imitation of Christ and walk the path that leads us to Heaven. Our parish is blessed to offer 'something' for everyone. **Please take some time to read through this newsletter and also check out our parish website for opportunities and details for our Lent programs (www.StAmbrose.us/Lent).**

This Lent, as a community, we will reflect on the timeless prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila. *"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours."* We are called every day to be the hands, feet and, especially, the heart of Christ in our world. **As we do so, we will be living and loving as Christ has taught us.** As we serve in His name, the more we will grow in holiness and experience God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Here are three ways you can be the hands, feet and heart of Christ this Lent at Saint Ambrose:

- **Any time you are at the parish, please welcome all those you meet by name...introduce yourself.** Together we are the body of Christ. This simple gesture will extend the hospitality of Christ.
- **Please take a Rice Bowl home** on either Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent and participate in *Small Change...Big Difference*. Last year we collected enough 'change' to build one and one-half houses in our mission community. If all our members simply did this 'change', we could easily build two or three homes for families currently living in tin shacks.
- **Mark your calendar and plan to participate in our Community Service Day on Saturday, April 25, 2020.** Imagine if 1000 of us gave 2-3 hours to serve the needs of our community, our region, and our members in need. Save the date and stay tuned for details.

Hands. Feet. Heart. We are called to use these days of Lent to focus on the Lord and renew our community to be 'one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone.'

God bless you and your loved ones. Please let me know how I/we can be of help (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

Father Bob Stec

P.S. We are close to completing our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center. Many thanks to all who are helping to create the space needed so we can be the hands, and feet, and heart of Christ for those in need.

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Lenten Fish Fry

Fish Fry Dinners

Baked or Fried White Fish
Fried Shrimp
Potato & Cheese Pierogies
(Boiled or Fried)
Cabbage & Noodles
Macaroni & Cheese
Gluten Sensitive Dinner

A La Carte

New England Clam Chowder
French Fries • Cheese Pizza • Cole Slaw
Steamed Vegetables • Applesauce

Weekly Specials

Lobster Mac & Cheese • Fish Tacos
Glazed Salmon • Crab Cakes

Hot, fresh food. The Friendliest Fish Fry in Town!

Dine In or Take Out!

THE GOOD THAT YOU DO

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

"I can't thank Saint Ambrose enough for the help that they gave me from their Community Outreach team. They all came in and were so eager to help. They primed and painted my walls and helped with some other small projects that I couldn't do myself. Thank you so much to everyone!" - DIANE

CATHOLIC WORKS OF MERCY:

"We cannot believe the generosity from Catholic Works of Mercy for Christmas. We were so surprised by what they are able to do for our family and how they were able to help us. It was very humbling to be receiving, and we are so thankful to Saint Ambrose for all of their support." - MARY

SURROUNDED BY FAITH & LOVE:

"There are no words to describe Collin's Prayer Service last night. Mike and I could not have imagined being anywhere else, except where God had us. We were in church, in the presence of the Lord, surrounded by our family, friends, and community to celebrate the faith that we have together in God. We are so grateful to everyone for coming out to be with us. Collin was amazing...he was at home in God's house. That is where he belongs. Ever since Collin was born, he has walked around the campus of St. Ambrose like he owned the place. Collin's place on this earth is bringing Glory to God's Name. Last night, God worked through Collin's Prayer Service to show His Glory to us."

- KIM



Starting Ash Wednesday
and every Friday in Lent!
4:30-7:00pm
GREAT MEALS \$10 AND UNDER!



SOUPERBOWL OF
CARING RAISES \$12,635!
THANK YOU for helping
us Tackle Hunger!

The first weekend of February 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 \$12,750 for our Community Meal Program which feeds hundreds in our own neighborhood each month.

Thank you to the teens and families who gave their time and effort to make the event a success, and to all our parishioners for your generous contributions!

ANCIENT WORDS...EVER NEW!

Seder Meal Celebration

Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm

At the Last Supper, Jesus gathered with His disciples to celebrate the Jewish Rituals of Passover. They shared the timeless story of our faithful God who set them free and promised to save His people. The next day Jesus would go forth to fulfill the ancient promises and open for us the way to Heaven.

Please join us in a Seder Meal celebration. We will use the ancient words and retell the story of God's faithfulness and deep desire to save us and set us free.

At the Seder Meal you will hear the Word of God, share in the traditional rites and meal, and experience the connection of the Last Supper and our celebration at the Table of the Lord. You will find this so meaningful and inspiring.

For our planning, please RSVP to Janet Majka at: jmajka@StAmbrose.us.

All are welcome. Invite a friend or family member to join you as we celebrate the Seder Meal.



IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU?

A Spiritual Renewal For Men

March 7-8

A great opportunity to socialize, meet other men and discover how prayer and good conversation can build a stronger faith. God created us to be full of zeal and strive for the heroic. We see this intense enthusiasm in many areas of life, sports, business, politics, and entertainment. But what kind of energy and enthusiasm do we give God?

QUESTIONS: Alex Molchan: 216.926.0440 or John Barile: 440.668.3259 or Deacon Tom: TSheridan@StAmbrose.us

Women's Renewal

April 18-19

Is something 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? The weekend will provide a fresh & vibrant opportunity to:

- Sense the basic principles of Christian Faith
- Develop friendships with other women of the parish
- Reflect on your personal needs and concerns

QUESTIONS:

Gail Montgomery Basey 216-272-5324 gbmbase@hotmail.com
Kathy Yohman 440-724-8700 kyohman5@gmail.com

HANDS. FEET. HEART.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, March 18, March 25 and April 1
6:00-8:00 pm | PLC, Mother Teresa Room

Please join us for a warm soup supper and some spiritual reflection this Lenten season as we welcome wonderful speakers to share how we can be the hands... feet...and heart of Christ to the world. As St. Teresa of Avila reminds us, "Christ has not body not but yours....no hands...no feet...but yours."

March 18: Mary Lou Beers is a nationally recognized inspirational speaker who is coming to nourish us with stories of how faith, hope and love have been her guide in becoming the hands and feet of Christ first to her family and to the world.

March 25: Donna Angelotti is an advocate against human trafficking who will share her experience and compassionate outreach, while showing us how to be the hands of Christ that protect and create a more caring world.

April 1: Dr. Anthony Iezzi is a popular speaker across our Diocese who will help us reflect on the hands, feet and heart of Christ. He gave His life for us so we can give our lives to God.

Join us to warm your stomach and your soul with good food and fellowship. Bring your family and friends to nourish your body and soul. For more information contact Sara at SGraham@StAmbrose.us or check out the parish website: StAmbrose.us.



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR 2020

Over 20 vendors

Stop at all of the booths to explore more ways to improve your overall health.



SUNDAY, MARCH 1
8:30AM - 12:30PM

Start your day out right!

Join us for the Health and Wellness Fair
and a delicious, healthy breakfast from
our good friends at Marc's!

Bring your family and friends...young and old! Learn what you can do physically, mentally and spiritually to stay fit, healthy and full of life.

Healthier food. Less calories. More flavor.

Come and taste for yourself as Marc's prepares fresh fruit, yogurt, bagels, granola, cereal & more.

For further information, contact Sara Graham
SGraham@StAmbrose.us or 330-460-7300

WWW.STAMBROSE.US/HEALTHFAIR

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 7

Food, fun & friendship!

6:00pm Doors Open • 6:30pm Dinner

- Traditional Corned Beef Dinner or Irish Stew provided by the Hooley House
- Draft Beer & Wine Available
- Featuring two live bands playing Celtic & Traditional Music
- Irish Dancers

TICKETS: \$20

With each ticket purchased, you will also receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Islander Restaurant.

All proceeds benefit our Catholic Works of Mercy Building Fund for storage racks (\$8,000) in our new building



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00pm

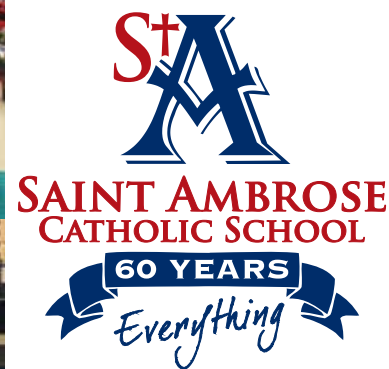
As we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, join us for an evening of music and song with James Kilbane – Ireland's #1 Christian Artist.

James Kilbane is 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! 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.





Lent is the perfect time to reflect on our faith and grow closer to Jesus. We ask our little ones to follow Jesus' footsteps to the cross. Jesus' great love for us allows us to love. His example teaches us how to love God, love others and then ourselves. The Bible is where we learn the truths about God and his Son, Jesus. We are spending time reading scripture with our kids during Lent and taking those lessons to learn how to live and how to interact with our friends and families.

The little children are reminded to talk to others about their love for Jesus! As much fun as it is to talk about toys, television shows, princesses and superheroes, God asks us to talk to others about the Good News of Jesus Christ! Reach out to those around you to share your belief in Jesus and ask others to share their faith journey. Believing in Jesus, and what He did for us, is the most important decision we can make! We can't wait to see what our preschoolers come up with to do to follow Jesus during Lent. **How will you walk with Jesus this Lent?**

When Jesus spoke to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - JOHN 8:12

Catherine Mitchell,
Preschool Director

FREE EVENT!

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 4
9:00 - 11:30 am

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.

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

• **Family Friendly Breakfast** •
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 11 | 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

Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool

IS MOVING

TO A BRAND NEW BUILDING
ACROSS THE STREET FOR 2020-2021!

NOW ENROLLING for the 2020-2021 school year!

- ★ 5 STAR Step Up To Quality rated Preschool.
- ★ Exceeds the State of Ohio Standards.
- ★ Flexible class, enrichment and extended care programming options for half day and full day learning experiences!
- ★ 21st Century Learning Exemplar School.
- ★ Faith based teaching reinforces your family values provided by our caring faculty!

60th ANNIVERSARY

Diamond Soirée

TO BENEFIT SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL AND
LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL

MARCH 14, 2020

Saint Ambrose - Hilkert Hall | 929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick
Cocktails & Appetizers at 5:30 pm | Seated Dinner at 6:30 pm

RSVP BY MARCH 1, 2020

saintambroseschool.us/angelgala

Dinner & Drinks Ticket (21 and over) \$75/person
To be seated together for dinner, all tickets must be purchased on the same RSVP!

Holy Week Schedule

April 9: Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer 8:15am, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm,
Night Prayer at 10:30pm Adoration through the night in Mother Teresa Room

April 10: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross in Church 12:00 noon
Passion of Our Lord 3:00pm, FIAT Living Stations 8:00pm

April 11: Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8:15am, Food Blessing 1:00pm, Egg Hunt 1:30pm
Easter Vigil at 8:30pm

Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen!

April 12:
Easter Sunday

6:00am Sunrise Service,
7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00 noon



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LENT NEWSLETTER

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Lent Small Faith Groups

Make it the BEST Lent ever!

Join us for 1 hour, 3 times for meaningful conversation.

These conversations connect life and faith together. Imagine reflecting on ways to find inner peace or greater joy.

Reflect and strengthen the core values of your family that will allow you to be a better spouse, parent, grandparent and friend.

Learn a little more about scripture – God's Word – and how it can connect and apply to your life.

LENT 2.3
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT 2020

Lent Concert

April 2 at 6:30pm

Join the music ministry as we come together to celebrate being the Hands, Feet, Eyes - the Body of Christ here on earth. Be inspired, pray for healing and bring yourself to the Cross of Christ. Featuring our combined music ministers from Adult Choir and Instrumentalists, Cantors, Angels and Gaudete Choir, FIAT Band, and Bell Choir.

Celebrate His victory and Power of the Cross.
For more information please call the parish, or email
Matthew Fodor: MFodor@StAmbrose.us

Lent Parish Mission

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Holiness

A PARISH MISSION WITH JON LEONETTI

**GOD HAS AN INCREDIBLE
PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE**

March 1-3, 2020

All evenings begin at 6:45 pm in the Church,
with a reception immediately following.

www.StAmbrose.us/LentMission



JON LEONETTI is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Jon believes that our deepest longing for happiness and wholeness is fulfilled in the encounter with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, the Sacraments, family life, and the help of Mary and the saints, Jon wants to cultivate an intimate relationship with Jesus, and help others do the same.

Sunday, March 1: LIFE

God's greatest gift to the world is you.
And what you do with your life matters.

Monday, March 2: LIBERTY

True freedom in our life is not found in doing whatever we want. True freedom is found when we choose what we ought.

Tuesday, March 3: THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Holiness is the most exciting adventure of them all.

Complimentary Child Care Available with Advance
RSVP by February 25 to the Parish Office at
330.460.7300 or email JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us

Lead or Join
a Small Faith
Sharing
Group!

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