

LENT NEWSLETTER • FEBRUARY 2022

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

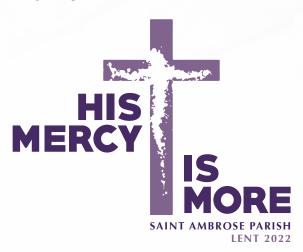
One more thing...

Over the past few years...and the past few months...can you imagine how many 'more' things we've had to deal with, sort out, and push through. One more thing...after another...after another! In so many ways, so many have felt 'overloaded' and that 'one more thing' could lead them (or any of us) to the edge.

And for this Lent, we are going to focus on the "one more" that can make all the difference in our lives - Jesus Christ! His mercy is MORE. His mercy is more than the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, the challenges of each day. His mercy is more than sickness and a pandemic. His mercy is more than all the darkness we face. His mercy is MORE.

For us, as a people of faith, the "one more" is the ONE who can save and set us free - Jesus Christ. He is the one who can break through the chains of sin and death, darkness and doubt, grief and confusion. His mercy is more. Look at the Cross in our Church. It is a powerful and strong reminder of the "more" love, acceptance, grace and peace we need. His Mercy is MORE.

Take some time to read through our Lent Newsletter. It is filled with wonderful opportunities to use these Lenten days to embrace the mercy, strength and peace of Christ. His mercy will always be MORE than you need. The challenge/struggle/opportunity is that you need to open your heart, and take the time, to seek/find/embrace His tender mercy and care. There is something for everyone this Lent at Saint Ambrose. It's not doing "one more thing", it's doing the ONE THING that can change everything - Jesus Christ.



Drive-Thru Lent Kit!

March 1 from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm **Drive-Thru Lent Kit and Mardi Gras Donut Pick-up**

Your kit includes a Lent Little Black Book, Lent Rice Bowl, activities for the kids and family, coloring pages, prayer activities, Lent activities calendar and more!

There are three special invitations/requests:

- Join one of our Faith and Fellowship groups. An hour or so a week will help you focus on God's Word, engage in meaningful discussions, and form/ strengthen some lasting friendships. There's a group that will meet your schedule/interest.
- We've invited Friar Johnpaul to our Lent Mission on March 13-15. Come for an hour...for three nights...to reflect on the depth of Jesus' mercy and compassion for you. He's a powerful preacher with an inspiring message for you.
- Invite someone to join you for Mass, a fish fry, and/or any of the Lent programs you participate in. WE need God. We desperately need God's mercy. Many simply need an invitation and a friend to join them to come and find the mercy of the Lord. After a few long and hard years, invite someone to come with you. It will be a blessing in their life and in yours.

It's not 'one more thing' - it's the ONE that can change everything - Jesus Christ. His mercy is More.

May these forty days of Lent be filled with God's grace and mercy.

Father Bob Stec

P.S. Take five minutes now to look through this newsletter. It can make all the difference in your life this Lent and beyond.



Lent Mission with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero

March 13-15 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Church

"No Greater Love: Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus."



A mission is a special time to nourish our spirit and our relationship with God. Our parish mission will consist of a three-evening series of inspirational talks given within a service of prayer, scripture readings, and song.

Join us each night before the Parish Mission from 6:00 - 7:00 pm:

- Sunday, March 13: Reception in the Narthex
- Monday, March 14: Meal in Mother Teresa
- Tuesday, March 15: Dessert in the Narthex

Friar JohnPaul is a Franciscan Friar who currently is serving at Padua Franciscan High School. He's a powerful preacher and proclaimer of God's Word. He has a great sense of humor and wit as he works to help us to put our faith into practice.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Mother Teresa from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us as we gather together for a delicious soup dinner, great fellowship, and spiritual reflections and discussions which will focus on our Lenten theme: God's Mercy. We are so blessed and fortunate to have a wonderful line-up of speakers joining us and we look forward to Welcoming All with Joyful Hospitality.

Tuesday, March 8 with Dr. lezzi: Dr. lezzi will be setting the tone for our Lent Soup Supper series by discussing "His mercy is more than the cross in death". We welcome his invaluable wisdom and strong passion to share God's love and

Tuesday, March 22 with Rob Brandt from Robby's Voice: Rob will be discussing "God's Mercy in Darkness and Doubt" while sharing his own personal story about addictions and the death of his son.

Tuesday, April 5 with Sister Donna Marie: Sister Donna Marie will discuss "God's Mercy beyond Sickness, Suffering and Despair."

For any questions or further information, please contact Gabby Moss at GYatson@StAmbrose.us.

Faith & Fellowship Groups

We urge everyone to make it the BEST Lent ever!

Saint Ambrose is offering various Faith & Fellowship Groups for Lent with a variety of session offerings. Connect with other women, men, or couples and form strong bonds and friendships that can last for years. The best part is you can pick a time that fits your busy schedule. Meet at our campus, a restaurant, your home...whatever works!

Visit pages 6 and 7 to see a variety of opportunities! More information and sign ups found at StAmbrose.us/Lent.

Every Friday during Lent Fish Fry 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm Dine-in or to-go preorder online! Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday Legion of Mary 20 Minute Challenge 7:00 pm

March 1 Drive-Thru Lent Kit! 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mardi Gras Donut, Ashes, Rice Bowls & more!

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Masses 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm Prayer Service 6:30 am **Fish Fry** 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

March 8, March 22, April 5 **Lenten Soup Suppers**

March 13, 14, 15 Parish Mission 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

March 16 Diocesan Wide Reconciliation 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 8 Communal Penance 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tenebrae 7:00 pm

April 9 Bunny Meet & Greet 9:00 am - 11:30 am

April 10 - Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Mass Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Drive-Thru Palms & Holy Week Kit Sunday, April 10, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Communal Penance 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

April 13 Music Ministry Passiontide Concert 7:00 pm

April 16 **Blessing of the Food Basket** 1:00 pm **Easter Egg Hunt** 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm



Ash Wednesday & Every Friday during Lent 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Dine-In or pre-order Carry Out online!

Dine-in eating will take place in Hilkert Hall gym, enter from the doors facing Pearl Road.

> **Delicious Weekly Specials!** More details on the back cover!

> > **Iend a Hand!**

Join us one time or every week in Lent!

We could use your help to serve food, wash dishes, cook, and more! There is something for everyone. Learn more at StAmbrose.us/Fish-Fry.





Saint Patrick's Day Celebration!

Saturday, March 5

Food, fun & friendship!

5:45 pm Doors Open • 6:45 pm Dinner HELD IN HILKERT HALL

TICKETS.

Traditional Corned Beef Dinner or Irish Stew provided by the Hooley House. Plus beer, wine, & soft drinks.

LIVE MUSIC by Cleveland's Funkology Band IRISH DANCING by The Academy of Irish Dance Co.

Each ticket purchase comes with a \$5 Hooley House gift card & a \$5 gift card to the Islander Restaurant.

Thanks to our friends at the Hooley House, you can get your **FRESH corned beef sandwiches** on March 5 or 6, 2022.

Proceeds will benefit Catholic Works of Mercy

PLACE YOUR ORDERS

online by Thursday, March 3 at

StAmbrose.us/corned-beef

PICK UP your tasty sandwich: March 5 after 4:30 pm Mass March 6 after Morning Masses

Sandwich, Chips & Pickle \$14 ea.



Children ages 4-11 are welcome to join!



FREE EVENT!



Bible Adventures, Games,

crafts and more.

StAmbrose.us/Lent

Mission Rice Bowl

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD Small change makes a big difference here in Brunswick and in our Mission. All the money collected will be used this year towards building a Habitat for Humanity Home in Brunswick AND towards a house in our mission community in the Dominican Republic. Together we can build a better world!



GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICE.

Solemn Blessing of the Easter Food

Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

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. Then, join us for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Tenebrae

Friday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Tenebrae, literally meaning "Darkness", was the prayers offered by the Church by candlelight overnight on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, collectively, prior to the 1960's. Join us in our Church on Friday,



April 8 at 7:00 pm for a symbolic traditional service to prepare your heart to see the light of Christ that persists as a beacon of hope wherever you encounter darkness.

Tenebrae is for all...please join us and invite someone you know! it will also be live streamed if you would like to join from home.

Bunny Meet & Greet

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

Free, family event open to the whole community!

Get your picture with the Easter Bunny in front of a beautiful spring display!

Enjoy a wonderful Easter craft for your kids and take a tasty treat to-go!

Register and select your time for your picture with the Easter Bunny at StAmbrose.us/Easter.





Easter Egg Hunt

New this year, two egg-hunt shifts on Saturday, April 16 at 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm

Bring the kids and grandkids and get ready to hunt for thousands of eggs spread out across our parish grounds! Come for fun, music, the Easter Bunny and more. Don't forget your Easter bucket or bag to gather up eggs!

Register online for a time and age group! www.StAmbrose.us/easter

Faith & Fellowship Groups

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Life is Messy.

Book Discussion

We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to.

Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time. Sign up at StAmbrose.us/AFF

Sundays 6:15 - 7:45 pm in person and virtual: February 27, March 6 and March 13 in the Chapel.

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm in person: February 23, March 2 and March 9 in Lehner Center, Luke.

The Daniel Plan

Zoom meetings begin Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

As we go through Lent and Easter, we are offering a 7-week series called, "The Daniel Plan" to help you live a healthier, holier lifestyle by studying the five essentials of faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Our parish is happy to help support you as you grow in health and holiness.



The provided resources cost \$30. In order to ensure that participants receive their books prior to the first meeting, please RSVP by March 16 at StAmbrose.us/Daniel-Plan.

If you have any questions, contact Janice or Mario Romanin at mromanin@zoominternet.net or Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@ StAmbrose.us.

Forgiven

The Transforming Power of Confession

"Forgiven" is a 5-session study on the Transforming Power of Confession, and explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this Sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of His mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, "Forgiven" communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Email Gayle Oboy at GOboy@StAmbrose.us to sign up!



The Chosen

8-Week TV Series & Study Guide

This 8-week TV series "The Chosen" and interactive study guide allows you to delve more deeply into each episode as you explore the life of Jesus. You'll come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried:



have been made new and established; are now His witness; and more. This can be done in Faith & Fellowship Groups or you can join the sessions offered by the parish on Fridays. Email Gayle Oboy at GOboy@StAmbrose.us to sign up!

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

New session starts this Lent! March 9, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Lehner Center, Mark.

Learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy, consoling His heart, by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. We'll discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sessions include a video and small group discussion. Books will be available for purchase at the first session. Sign up at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

Walking With Purpose

Women's Study Guide

Opening Your Heart is an incredibly effective guide to deep, lasting transformation of the heart.

IN-PERSON:

Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 10:30 am in Mother Teresa Room. Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

VIRTUAL SESSION: Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Sign up at StAmbrose.us/Womens-Ministry.

Fearless & Free

Women's Bible Study

Fearless and Free is a six-lesson women's Bible study based on the book of Ephesians that is ideal for Lent. So many of us are wrestling through the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing. Suffering can slam into us from left field, leaving us reeling. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way, with an emphasis on healing and wholeness. Sign up at StAmbrose.us/ Womens-Ministry.

Between You & Me

Mother & Tween/Teen Daughter Journal Guide

"Between You and Me" is a 40-day conversation guide for mothers and daughters to read together. Each day compares a lie of our secular culture with the truth found in Scripture.

The daily reflection, opportunity to journal, discussion questions, and prayer prompts will springboard the mother/daughter relationship to a new level of honesty and intimacy. "Between You and Me" is a beautiful standalone book but is also a perfect accompaniment to other BLAZE offerings.

Small groups will be offered 3 times during Lent to reflect on the passages, truth, culture and application. Watch for more details in the bulletin.

Sarah's Circle

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am Lehner Center, Fr. McGivney

Would you like to be challenged to grow in your faith? Consider this an invitation to join Sarah's Circle, a group of women who meet weekly in faith, prayer, and sharing. Through a 1-hour meeting, you will grow insight into how the Lord works in your life and you will experience a renewed spirituality.

For information on how to deepen your relationship with God the Father, our Brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, please contact Cathy Clapper at 330.225.3973 or Mary Stickney at 330.220.2212.

Ladies First

Last Tuesday of the Month 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Lehner Center, John

Join our small group as we meet each month to connect over coffee and dessert. Our meeting includes inspirational messages, applying Scripture to our daily life, and roundtable discussions in a coffeehouse fashion. For more information, please reach out to Denise Daugherty by emailing mathdenmom@aol.com.

Moms in Prayer

Last Monday of the month from 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Find Community. Find Purpose. We are mothers and grandmothers who, together, bring all our concerns before our Heavenly Father. In prayer, we know we are not alone, and this gives us reassurance and hope. Let us stand with you in prayer for your children and their schools. Come pray with us! We will meet in the Saint Ambrose Family Room in the back of our Church. Any questions, contact Gayle Oboy at 330.460.7322 or Goboy@StAmbrose.us.

Monday, April 11 at 6:30 - 8:00pm

Saint Ambrose PSR 6th grade students, parents and siblings are invited to 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.

Students and their parents will learn about this tradition and taste some sample sizes of the traditional foods that are served at this meal.

You will find this so meaningful and inspiring!

For more information about any of our PSR Programs at Saint **Ambrose Parish, contact Janet** Maika at JMaika@stambrose.us 330-460-7321.



Junior High Sunday Fundays!

Tobogganing February 20, from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Mini Lenten Retreat February 27, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saint Patrick's Day Party March 6, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Junior High at Lenten Parish Mission March 13, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Night of Prayer (Lent Prayer Service/Adoration) March 20, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Alive 3 Retreat. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation!

Alive 3 Retreat

Ashes on the Asphalt

Start your Lent off with fiat at our annual Ashes on the

Asphalt! Stop by the Brunswick Rec Center parking lot with

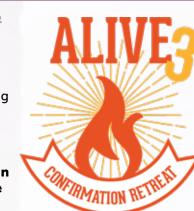
your friends and classmates on your way into school for a

prayer service with distribution of ashes - all are welcome!

March 2 from 6:50 am - 7:10 am

March 19

On March 19, forty of our Confirmation candidates along with our Confirmation team will gather on campus for the



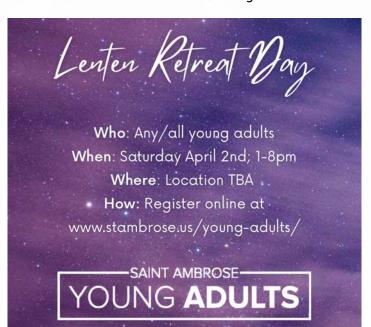
Young Adults

Join us this Lent!

Calling all young adults! This Lent, take some time out of the chaos and the crazy schedules to focus on your relationship with God, time in prayer, and friendship with others. Contact Caitlin Arbogast at CArbogast@StAmbrose.us with questions.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat with Father Andrew on April 2!

Please join us for something meaningful! Details can be found online at StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults



Ashes on the Asphalt

INVITE A FRIEND! **Teens & Young Adults**

March 2 | 6:50-7:10am



X & Q

searching for searching for answers searching for friendship

searching for something to do for Lent

searching for meaningful conversation

searching for a deeper faith

searching for God in a chaotic world

searching for time in prayer

Searching for more?

Searching for something different this Lent? Join other young adults for our Lent Small Faith Sharing **Group!** Just a few hours of your time can make all the difference – dive deeper into your faith, build strong relationships with like-minded people, and make this Lent the best yet!

Register online today at StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults.

"Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall,

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,

they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint."

- Isaiah 40:30-31

Meet the Razek Family

that he wanted Saint Ambrose to be their church."

When Acquaintances Become Family, We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality.

As a longtime resident of Medina County, Nicole Razek always "knew of Saint Ambrose." Growing up in Medina, her family attended Holy Martyr's and she and hubby Dean were married there. Then, they moved to Brunswick and now have two, as Nicole describes them, "wonderful and spirited children," Elliot and Eliza.

It was when Elliot was to start PSR that got Nicole interested in Saint Ambrose Parish. Nicole wanted Elliot to be around children he knew from school and feel at home when attending PSR classes. The family began attending church in September 2021. Their first impression was that it was a very welcoming place where people were kind. They loved how bright and cheery the Mass was and perhaps little Eliza's most favorite part is the upbeat music that

she dances to when she sits in the front row. Nicole shares that her and Dean's decision to join the parish was something like a "God moment." She says, "one day, as if it were a sign from God, Elliot looked up at me and told me

Since officially joining the parish, the Razek family haven't had much trouble "finding their place." In fact, Elliot shone brightly alongside many of his PSR peers during our Living Nativity. The family all came to the Welcoming Committee's Friendsgiving in late November. The PB&J Brigade commend the Razeks on being master PB&J sandwich makers. Nicole enjoys the time she spends with the women of Walking with Purpose bible study and says that they "have really inspired me to deepen my faith and put my trust in God." And, if you've ever seen Eliza at Mass, you'll agree that she's got the lungs good enough to one day join our very own "Pipes," a.k.a Dyan Beder.

Nicole's best "Saint Ambrose thought," is that it is the people that really make our church up. Coming to a new place and fitting in so quickly, especially at a Catholic parish, can be difficult. But Nicole shares that, "for us, what was overwhelming was to meet such great people who really care about one another and for that we are truly thankful and hope to do the same for other new members."

4th Degree Exemplification

An Invitation for Knight of Columbus Members

Mark Your Calendar! Our 4th Degree Exemplification is this spring on April 22-24 in Independence. Details are available from Ed Kilroy by calling him at 330.461.0146. All 3rd Degree members wishing to investigate the 4th Degree, should also call Ed.





Save the Dates: March 12 April 9 **May 14** June 11

All breakfasts start promptly at 8:30 am. For location details and to RSVP, visit StAmbrose.us/ Mens-Breakfasts.

Into the Breach

Knights of Columbus Book Study

Saturdays in March at 9:00 am

Our beliefs, our values, our faith, and our families are under attack. We need men of faith willing to step Into the Breach to protect all we hold dear. Start your weekends in March by preparing to handle the spiritual warfare we're seeing all around us.



Open to all men of our parish looking to be a spiritual leader in your

families and community. You do not need to be a Knight of Columbus to attend.

Join from the safety and comfort of your home. Register at StAmbrose.us/Knights-of-Columbus to receive the Zoom details.



"I appreciate the chance to serve Mass at Saint Ambrose."

Frank Zachlin

ADULT ALTAR SERVER

WORK: Southwest Hospital and Strongsville Market District

SERVING SINCE: Frank has served for about a year at Saint Ambrose. Previously, he served many years of Masses at Saint John Neumann.

MOST MEMORABLE/FAVORITE MOMENT AS AN ALTAR SERVER: Any Mass that he gets to serve with his brotherin-law, Deacon Matt Harley, his nephew, Matthew H., or his nieces, Ruthie H. or Mary Z.

MOST EMBARRASING MOMENT AS AN ALTAR SERVER: He doesn't have one!

FUN FACTS:

- 1. He participates in many sports through Special Olympics. Currently, he is doing swimming and basketball.
- 2. Frank celebrated his 40th birthday on December 18 with a bowling party with family and friends.

PARISH FRIENDS SAY: "Frank is an inspiration to many of us. When we see him serving a Mass, it makes us want to



Route 66

Stations of the Cross Reflections

March 3 - April 14 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, virtual



Whether you're looking to ride out the virus or the weather, join us via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. Every Thursday in Lent, we will get together virtually for a short reflection on two of the stations of the cross. These reflections will be led by our seniors, that means you!

If you would like more information on leading a reflection, or would like to attend, please contact Joyce at JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or leave a message at 330.460.7341.



Find Route 66 on Facebook! Search for "Saint Ambrose Parish Seniors"

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH LENT SUNDAY BINGO



Sunday Bingo!

Friday Night BINGO during Lent will be moved to the following Sunday.

3:00 pm DOORS OPEN 5:00 pm BINGO BEGINS

Sunday, March 6 Sunday, March 20 Sunday, April 10

Get more info and purchase packages online! StAmbrose.us

Faithful After 50

5K Event

It's not too late to jump onboard our 5K event, see our web page for more information. StAmbrose. us/Faithful-After-Fifty



If you would like to lead or join a small faith sharing group with other Faithful After Fifty members, please contact Jim at JRauschenbach@StAmbrose.us

Cleveland Museum of Art

February 19 at 10:00 am We'll gather for a prayer and a pic. Then get your steps in!

BrewDog Social

March 5 at 7:30 pm Get to know each other better over food and drinks.

Mid-Term Health Check March 24 at 10:00 am

Hilkert Hall Gym

Rerun of our fitness exercises to check against your baseline from January.

Inn of the Prancing Pony April 6 at 7:30 pm

Mother Teresa Room and Virtual Enjoy some drinks and a discussion on Tolkien vs. C.S. Lewis as well as Christian themes in literature and pop culture.

Hinckley Hike

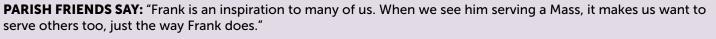
April 23 at 10:00 am Hike the trails together at Hinckley Reservation.











Hope & Healing WE CARE ABOUT YOU.

GriefShare

New series beginning March 1, 2022

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you've loved and lost, we warmly welcome you to attend GriefShare, a Christcentered program, with a friendly, caring group of people, who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult times, so we may remind you, "you are not alone."

Sign up for a time that best fits your schedule:

Tuesday mornings: March 1 – May 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Lehner Center, Luke

Wednesday evenings: March 2 - May 25, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Lehner Center, ather McGivney

Please contact Denise Golan at 440.465.7813 or Denise. GriefShare@gmail.com for more information and to register.



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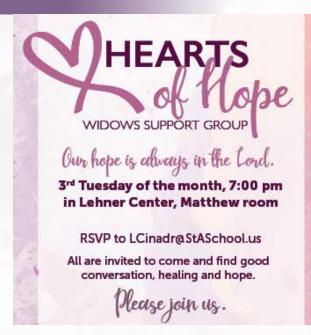
Tender Hearts Ministry

Offering Care & Support

Tender Hearts is a new ministry to offer care and spiritual support for parents/families who are supporting and caring for a child with serious health issues. We want these parents/ families to know the tender mercy and care of God both for them and their child.

Kim Nemet is coordinating this ministry and would love to have your involvement. Please email her at KNemet@ StAmbrose.us

If you know of a family who has a child dealing with serious health concerns, we want to support and offer spiritual/ pastoral care for them. Please let us know how we can help. We know the power of prayer.



Divorce Care for Kids

(DC4K) - Series begins March 8, 2022

Is your child struggling from your divorce or separation? Are you looking to help your child heal? DC4K is a scripture-based program designed to help children (aged 6-13) of families experiencing divorce and separation. Each session is full of games, fun activities, arts and crafts, stories, exercise, videos and music that is centered on a weekly theme.

If you think your child(ren) would benefit from DC4K and would like more information, or would like to register your child, visit StAmbrose.us/Divorce-Care-Kids.



Depression Support Group

A Safe Space to Connect with Others Who Understand

So many people are struggling with depression and/or anxiety during these uncertain times. Talking with others who understand what you are experiencing can help. The Depression Support Group meets monthly, usually on the first Saturday of each month. It offers a confidential, safe place where you can learn coping skills. You will find hope among others who understand what you are going through.

Saturdays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Lehner Center, Luke. Upcoming meeting dates are March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4. Contact Sue at 440.539.9358 or skir88_dbsa@aol.com with questions.

Mental Health Ministry

We Care About You

Saint Ambrose Catholic Community is committed to serving those in need with a compassionate heart. Saint Ambrose Mental Health Ministry (MHM) works together to offer support, education and a network of resources for individuals and families dealing with mental health challenges. We aim to be a learning community that will increase our knowledge and understanding of mental illness and how best to respond with the care and compassion of Christ.

If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry or are in need of help, please contact Jennie Porco at JPorco@StAmbrose.us or call at 330.460.7300.



Understanding Trauma, **Anxiety and Resilience**

with Dr. Edgardo Padin-Rivera, Ph.D. March 16, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us to better understand trauma and how it affects children and families. Learn strategies to help children and families become more resilient to live healthy and full lives. There will be time for questions, answers and conversation with Dr. Padin-Rivera after his presentation.

Living Will & Health Care **Power of Attorney** Worskhop with DR. IEZZI

Sunday, March 20, 2022 1:00 pm Lehner Center, McGivney Room

> This is an opportunity for you to actually complete these essential documents.

This session will be very helpful and highly informative. Please RSVP to: MHalenar@StAmbrose.us

Please join us.



Dr. Anthony lezzi, PhD was the Director of the Diocesan ProLife Office as well as a professor at Borromeo Seminary and Case Western Reserve University. He also serves on the Diocesan Medical and Moral Advisory Board.

The Legion of Mary

"20 Minute Challenge" Pray the Rosary on Tuesdays & Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 pm **Held in the Chapel**

We will also sponsor the collection of religious paperback material for the Medina County Jail during Lent (bins will be at the entrances of the Church).

You can become an active Legion of Mary member through a balanced program of prayer and service, advancing the growth of faith, understanding, and true devotion to Christ and His Blessed Mother.

If you consider yourself a learner or love to read, contact Mary! Mary Vadini at 330.273.1113 or by emailing marylou964@aol.com.

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Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool W ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!







School News

The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

At Saint Ambrose Catholic School, Littlest Angels Preschool through Eighth Grade students and staff journey together in faith every single day of our time together, and the Season of Lent gives us the opportunity to go deeper with the Lord in so many ways. The Holy Spirit is working and alive in the hearts and minds of our students and staff. I am continually reminded and inspired by our school family!

This year's Lent theme of "God's mercy is more ... " is a powerful reminder and inspiring message of faith and hope; a call for us to continue to see all of the great blessings He showers upon us every day. I cannot explain fully how proud I am of our faculty, staff, students and school family who continue to say YES! to the Lord every day, even in these challenging times. But God's mercy is more than all of the challenges and the Holy Spirit continues to inspire, guide, protect and strengthen us. God is so good and faithful to us!

Our students have been learning more about empathy and mercy as they have been participating in a school-wide problem-based learning unit focusing on the book, "When Water Makes Mud," by Janie Reinart. In her book, Janie tells the story of two young African girls living in a refugee camp who spend their days making toys out of inconsequential materials. Our students enjoyed virtual author visits with Janie as they learned more about the plight of refugees but also the love and joy they share in their need.

Our school's focus for this story is on the refugee population that is here in Cleveland.

These families come to Cleveland with nothing and are searching for a better life, more opportunities and hope. As a school community, we are asked to live out our Catholic mission of helping those in need and we are privileged to be the hands and heart of Jesus Christ by helping these families find some peace and joy in their new lives.

To do this our school families joined us to create 'Blessings Boxes.' We wanted to bless our Alpha Village school in Cleveland, Thomas Jefferson Newcomers Academy, with boxes of the items most needed by their students and families." (Kelly Thompson, SAS Grade 1 Teacher/Project Lead). During Catholic Schools Week, all students spent more intentional time learning about helping those less fortunate and also included prayers and notes of encouragement to these families. Our work for those in need will continue as part of our Lent journey.

These are just a few examples of the many faith experiences our students have to grow closer to Jesus Christ Who is Everything for us. We work hard to give God glory as His children and share the Light of Christ through our thoughts, words and actions. Please pray with us and be our companions on our shared Lenten journey. We lift you and your families in our prayers and ask God to shower you with His peace and abundant blessings.

If you are looking for an EXEMPLAR education and a special place to call HOME in Jesus Christ for your Preschool-

Grade 8 child(ren), please contact us. We have a place for you! For more information, go to www. SaintAmbroseSchool.us or call: 330-460-7318.

In Jesus Christ Who is Everything for us,

Lisa Cinadr Principal

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us Admissions@StASchool.us | 330-460-7318





Neighbors will do a favor And God is our Savior God's our light And he is in our sight God is in my heart And I am in his heart God knows me Because he created me God does a favor Because God is our father God protects me And he watches over me I love Jesus And he loves me. - Dalton, Grade 7

This school year we have seen the mercy of God at every turn! Through all of the challenges of teaching preschool in a pandemic and facing the unknown, God has been there with his mercy and grace! His Mercy is More than any of our worries, fears and hardships. We share with the children that Lent is a time to get ready for Easter. We will remember what God has done for us and try to be more like Him. We ask God, in his mercy, to

for others as He cares for us. We pray God will help us be His hands and His heart to others during Lent and always.

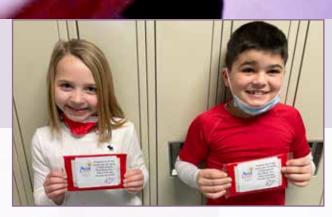
Preschool Director

Help me, Lord, love you more Than I ever

In my work and in my play,

loved before,

Please be with me throughout the day. Amen.





Preschool News

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

We have the great privilege of seeing this Bible verse in action as the children share, play and care for one another. We see this verse in action in our devoted and caring Littlest Angels Preschool staff. We see this verse in all of those who support us and in all of our Saint Ambrose parishioners, who are a wonderful example of God's love to our littlest angels. We teach our little ones to Love God, Love Others. We ask the children to finish the sentence, I love God when I...."play with others, pray to Him, follow His words, go to His church, share what we have with others, help my family and teachers and people who are sick". Wisdom and expressions of God's love from our youngest angels!

show us how we can care

With love.

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell



Angel Gala Event Details

HOMECOMING TICKETS: \$90/EACH

- Early-bird pricing: \$80/ticket purchased before 2/20/22
- Sit-down meal by Italian Creations
- · Silent auction
- · Live auction with Auctioneer Bob Hale
- · In person games, sideboards and raffles
- Music by DJ Kris Koch

APPETIZERS, SALAD, BREAD, INDIVIDUAL DESSERTS AND YOUR CHOICE OF:

- Beef tenderloin with horseradish dill sauce, gruyere smashed potato, and fresh vegetable
- Lemon chicken dish, gruyere smashed potato, and fresh vegetable
- Vegetarian/Vegan roasted portobello on top of polenta

VIRTUAL OPTION Silent Auction Only: \$25

> RESERVE A TABLE OF 8 and get a bottle of champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries for your table!

Music Ministry

His Mercy is More Music Ministry News

This Lent we reflect upon the theme "His Mercy is More." How do we use this in our everyday lives? We can wake up each morning and thank God for His abundant mercies



which are new every morning. Lamentations 2:22-23 reads: "The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted, His compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness!"

Every day we wake up with a clean slate, another chance to be the best version of ourselves. Isaiah 1:18 reads: "Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool." We can rejoice that Jesus paid the price to remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west and we are white as snow! (Psalm 103:12).

The Music Ministry will be presenting its Passiontide concert on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm. Please join us in person if you are able. **Live music is beautiful, healing, and uplifting and it strengthens our community.** Sitting together and listening to a live performance is truly a bonding experience. May God bless you this Lent and Easter!

Travis Jürgens
Director of Music Ministry

Meet Esther Stanard Music Ministry Member



Esther Stanard recently joined Saint Ambrose and has become a member of the Music Ministry as a violinist, cantor, and choir member. After graduating from Baldwin-Wallace College with her Bachelor of Music degree, she performed with the Ohio Chamber Orchestra,

Cleveland Opera, and Cleveland San Jose Ballet orchestras. She taught general music part time while pursuing her teaching license and currently teaches second grade in the Midview School district.

Esther also played piano and directed the choir at her former parish for an interim period, but is very happy to be sharing her love of music with her new church family here at Saint Ambrose!

When she's not teaching, rehearsing, or practicing, Esther can be found taking her dogs on long walks, hitting the biking trails, or spending time with her three adult children.

Passiontide Music Ministry Concert

April 13 at 7:00 pm

Passiontide will help you remember and recount the saving deeds of Jesus Christ in music, song, and Word. Join us inperson or virtually from wherever you are to hear music that will inspire you and bring you the hope and peace of Jesus Christ.

Travis Jürgens and Helen
Lanzarotta have been working
with our cantors and music
ministers to select some
wonderful songs that will touch
your soul this Holy Week.

www.StAmbrose.us/Lent

Music Feeds the Soul

"Music feeds the soul," which is why we have live music at every weekend Mass. Whether you are an experienced musician or a new musician, we have a place for you and appreciate your willingness to share your God-given gifts.

Angels Choir: Open to children in grades 1-6.

Adult Choir: For any adult who have a love for singing and praising God.

Cantors: For anyone who would like to lead the Assembly of God in song.

fiat Band: Open to all high school students and adults who are interested in mentoring young musicians. All instruments are welcome!

fiat Choir & Cantors: Open to all students in grades 7-12 as well as adults who are interested in mentoring young musicians.

Instrumentalists:

We welcome musicians who have a passion for playing a musical instrument, especially those who play any string, brass, woodwind, and/or percussion instrument.

Hand Bell Choir: Open to anyone who knows or wants to learn how to ring hand bells joyfully and prayerfully, all for the Glory of God!

New Life Choir: This is a group who sings at our funeral Masses. Your beautiful voice brings consolation to the loved ones of the deceased.

Rehearsals for any of these musical groups are held, at minimum, once a week. Additional rehearsal times may be scheduled throughout the year, especially leading up to parish celebrations and/or Holy Days. For more information on any of our musical groups, please reach out to Helen Lanzarotta (HLanzarotta@ StAmbrose.us) or Travis Jürgens (TJurgens@StAmbrose.us).

Journey to Emmaus

It's a great blessing for our community to have 17 adults preparing for the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). They also are a great blessing for our parish community. Throughout the Lenten Season, they will witness to us the power of saying 'yes' to the Lord over and again. They should remind us of how blessed we are to be children of God!!!

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member of the Catholic Church and/or would like to learn more about 'the journey', please contact Father Andrew (ahoover@StAmbrose.us).

Saint Ambrose Angels Choir

Open to all children of the parish who love to sing!

Blake, 8 years old

Blake is a third grader at Saint Ambrose School. He's very active in school and the parish community. His favorite subjects are gym and science. Some of the amazing things he's done are coming in 2nd place in the Spelling Bee contest, and organized and implemented, with his brother Garrett, an annual back to school food drive for CWM.

Blake is very active in sports, plays basketball, baseball, football, and golf. When he's not playing sports, he loves to read, build Legos, swim and

sing. His favorite holiday is Christmas; you might have seen him as Michael the Archangel in our Children's Christmas Pageant or heard him sing that famous song "Happy Birthday Jesus". Blake has a beautiful voice and uses it to glorify God by singing in our Angels Choir and our school choir.

Haleigh, 8 years old

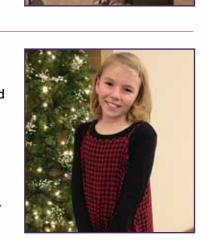
Haleigh attends Applewood Elementary, 3rd grade. Haleigh is very shy but she is a very caring and thoughtful young girl. Some of her major accomplishments are: she helped to raise awareness for Crohns and Colitis Foundation, performed at dance competition and dance recitals. She takes ballet, jazz and tap lessons. Some of her favorite hobbies includes reading, practicing her dance routines, play board games, draws, art, and play sports...but her favorite is singing in the Angels Choir. Haleigh has an older sister Ashley and older brother Owen.

Estella, 10 years old

Estella is currently in Grade 4 at Saints Joseph and John in Strongsville. She is excited to attend Saint Ambrose in the Fall for 5th Grade and would love to to make some new friends. Estella loves playing Volleyball, reading books, sketching and singing, especially in the Angels Choir. She has a younger sister, Emma, a younger brother, Ethan, and a dog named Toby.

Favorite pastimes: playing board games, drawing karaoke, writing songs and singing.







Keep sending your prayers!

and they recognized him.

On Easter Vigil, the following individuals will join us at the Table of the Lord!

May this time of preparation be a great blessing for them.

Arika Bateman Damein Bateman Jannes Blokstra Mejdi Dellovci Debbie Dodge Seamus Garvey Erin Graham Heather Graham Ariel Hofer Alexander Hofer John Moore Garrett Mosback John Ogle **Misty Poehler Bryce Ruda Austin Schindler Megan Stewart**



Health & Wellness Fair

March 6, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

We have all seen our share of unprecedented and unusual times these past couple of years, which is why it is more important than ever to focus on good health! We are looking forward to bringing you many different ways to help you be your best self - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Stop in for a delicious healthy (and free) breakfast from our friends at Marc's, along with a variety of vendors, as we move forward with a season of hope and good health.

Join us for a wonderful morning! www.StAmbrose.us/Health-Fair.



Living Your Strengths for Couples

Your relationship will be better when you understand more clearly what is BEST in each other.

3-week class on April 10, April 24, and May 1 at 6:30 pm in Lehner Center, John

Have you ever wondered why you are the way you are?

Would you like to be able to understand your significant other better?

Do you wonder why some people are more disciplined than others?

Why some people are more responsible than others?

Then, join our Spring Living Your Strengths for Couples!

Register at StAmbrose.us/Living-Strengths-Couples. Due to social distancing space is limited. (If either or both of you have already taken Living Your Strengths and want to return for more insight, please join us as well.)

You are at your BEST when you do what you naturally do BEST.

Milestone Moments LET US CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

Do you have a special anniversary milestone coming up? Please send us the information and a photo so we can feature you in the bulletin and say a special prayer for you at Mass.

www.StAmbrose.us/Marriage

25th Wedding Anniversary Rob and Michelle Koerpe





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Sign Ups!

Track & Field Grades 3-8 **Boys Lacrosse Grades 3-8** Girls Lacrosse Grades 3-8 Girls Softball Grades 3-8 Boys Baseball Grades 3-8 Coach Pitch Coed Baseball Grades 1-2

Booster Spring Skills

Tee-ball **Kindergarten Sports** Golf Lacrosse Skills Baseball Skills Soccer Skills Football Skills



Help at Casino Night on April 29 & at the 2022 Summer Festival Casino by joining the Saint Ambrose Aces Casino Team!

We need volunteers for the following positions:

Dealers Hosts/Hostesses Table Attendants Count Room Team Members

We'll bet it all that you'll have a blast while supporting your parish! For more info, contact Rebecca at RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us.







JUNE 23-26

Save the Dates!

Thursday, June 23 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **CALIBER BAND**

Country Cover Band FAMILY NIGHT! \$12 Ride Wristband

Friday, June 24 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm **OUT OF EDEN**

Eagles Tribute Band Local Entertainment Groups

Saturday, June 25 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm **TIM MOON presents**

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY Queen Tribute Band

Visit with your favorite Disney Characters!

Sunday, June 26 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

DIAMOND PROJECT

Neil Diamond Tribute Band Raffle Drawing & Fireworks Show!

Community Day of Service **Saturday, May 14, 2022**

This spring, come spend a few hours together, connecting with others while we serve the Lord as we become his hands and feet! With your help, we can truly do great things together for our parish and our community. Join us as we come together to Serve with the Compassion of Christ.

Learn more at StAmbrose.us/Service. For any questions and more information, please contact Gabby Moss at GYatson@StAmbrose.us.



Saturday & Sunday Featuring Let it Ride, Blackjack, Hold 'Em, Money Wheels and new this year *Roulette*

Complete details at StAmbrose.us/casino



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Lenten Fish Fry

Join us for our annual Community Fish Fry! **Dine-In or pre-order Take-Out online!**







Ash Wednesday & Every Friday during Lent
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

GREAT MEALS FOR \$12.50 plus FAMILY MEALS!

Dine-in eating will be spaced out in Hilkert Hall gym.

Please enter from the doors facing Pearl Road.

Weekly Specials

March 4 Baja Shrimp Tacos
March 11 Lobster Mac & Cheese
March 18 Jumbo Fish Sandwich
March 25 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup or Coconut Shrimp
April 1 Fruit Pierogi or Popcorn Shrimp
April 8 Lobster Mac & Cheese
April 15 Best of all the specials!

Specials subject to change, follow website and bulletin for most up to date information

FULL MENU & ONLINE ORDERING: www.StAmbrose.us/Fish-Fry

Fish Fry Dinners

Baked or Fried White Fish Potato & Cheese Pierogies (Boiled or Fried)

Cabbage & Noodles Macaroni & Cheese

A La Carte Sides

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

Proceeds from this year's
Parish Fish fry will go
towards ongoing capital
repairs and improvements
such as a new dishwasher in
the Hilkert Hall Kitchen.

Holy Week Schedule

April 14: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Adoration at the Grotto 8:30 pm - midnight

Night Prayer 10:30 pm Adoration in the Church midnight - 8:00 am

April 15: Good Friday

All events held in the Church
Morning Prayer 8:15 am
Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm
Passion of the Lord Mass 3:00 pm
FIAT Living Stations 7:30 pm

April 16: Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8:15 am

Easter Food Basket Blessing 1:00 pm

Church and Drive-Thru

Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm RSVP at StAmbrose.us/Easter Easter Vigil 8:30 pm (Church)

April 17: Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service in the Church 6:15 am Easter Sunday Masses

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm 9:00 am and 10:30 am also in Hilkert Hall. All Masses will also be live streamed.

Drive-Thru Communion 1:15 pm