



SAINT AMBROSE  
CATHOLIC PARISH

November 26, 2023

*"Then the King will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"*

**- MATTHEW 25:34**



# FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

### Donut Sunday after the morning and noon Masses in the Hilkert Gym

5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church & Hilkert Hall)  
6:00 pm Men's Renewal Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
7:00 pm Christ the King XLT (Church)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
10:30 am The CHOSEN 3 (LC Fr. McGivney)  
1:00 pm Rosary for Priests & Seminarians (Chapel)  
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
5:30 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)  
6:45 pm Synoptic Gospels (Mother Teresa)  
7:00 pm Route 66 Pickleball (Hilkert Gym)  
7:00 pm Gabriel Project Meeting (LC Luke)  
7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
9:30 am Walking w/Purpose (Mother Teresa)  
11:30 am Route 66 Lunch & Learn (Mother Teresa)  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)  
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
6:00 pm Women's Welcome Discernment (Chapel)  
6:30 pm Walking w/Purpose (Hilkert Hall)  
6:30 pm Ladies First Meeting (Mother Teresa)  
9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:45 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Hilkert 4)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 CONTINUED

10:00 am The Bible Timeline (Mother Teresa)  
10:00 am Women's Guild Crafts (LC Fr. McGivney)  
1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)  
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
5:30 pm Centering Prayer (John Paul II)  
6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)  
6:30 pm DC4K Meeting (LC John)  
7:00 pm GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
7:00 pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (John Paul II)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)  
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
6:00 pm Weekly Reconciliation (Church)  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)  
6:15 pm Sitting with Scripture (Virtual)  
7:00 pm YA Bibles & Brew Night (Ignite Brewing Co.)  
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilkert 2-4)  
9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 pm Bingo Night (Hilkert Hall)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
9:00 am CPR Training Session (LC John)  
9:00 am Advent Mini VBS (Hilkert Hall)  
7:30 pm Music Ministry Advent Concert (Church)

For more event details, visit [StAmbrose.us/Events](http://StAmbrose.us/Events).



## Donut Sunday

### Join Us After Mass!!!

We come together for **Donut Sunday on November 26, after all the morning and noon Masses, in the Hilkert Gym** for coffee, juice, and donuts. We'll also be filling out Christmas cards for our homebound and elderly to spread the joy of the season - join us!



**Ladies First!**  
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



Last Tuesday of the month, September - April  
6:45 pm in the Mother Teresa Room

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, our king of baking, Dave Heilman, will reveal some of his baking secrets at our November meeting. Pies, brie, and cookies will be demonstrated in time for you to prepare during Advent for the celebration of Christ's birth. RSVP to [mathdenmom@aol.com](mailto:mathdenmom@aol.com).

Join us at our next event on November 28<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP at [StAmbrose.us/AFF](http://StAmbrose.us/AFF)



**Music Ministry Advent Concert**  
December 2, 7:30 pm, in the Church





...*"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"* This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel outlines the vision of the King and work of His Kingdom. There will be a moment when all of us have to stand before the King. **We clearly hear Christ's expectations for us.** As we bring to a close the Church year and prepare for the start of Advent next weekend, it's a moment for us to reflect on our lives, our blessings, and how well we are living out the expectation of the King and doing the work of His Kingdom.

...This past week was filled with God's grace and blessing for us as a parish community. God's grace and our goodness allowed us take care of thousands and thousands of our sisters and brothers in need. The best of the stories comes from last Saturday during our Catholic Works of Mercy Thanksgiving Food distribution. **Typically, we take care of 135-150 families. Given all things, the CWM planned for 165. By the time the day was over, 210 families showed up asking for help with Thanksgiving Food.** Just like the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves, the CWM kept going into the Food Pantry and kept coming out with what every family needed. **Praise be to God.** God bless you over and again.

...**A few weeks back we collected 1,225 turkeys.** By the time everything is said and done, especially with the extra families who needed help, **every turkey was used well to care for those in need.** What we do for the least, we do for the Lord. **Many thanks** to the cooking, carving, prepping, packing and delivery teams who helped take the cooked Thanksgiving meals all over the region. **God bless** the planning team and all who were so generous with their time and donations. **Special thanks to our friends at Marc's for their support of this special outreach effort.** A little Marc's trivia for you. A huge need to make the Thanksgiving Meal program (and the PB&J brigade) work is boxes. They delivered pallets of boxes (among other things) to help make our efforts easy and possible. We are blessed!!!!

...I could go on and on and on about all the good we did these past weeks here, in Cleveland, with food, turkeys and the greatest of care and love. **The best moment for me was watching moms**

**with their kids select from your gently used coats, hats and gloves so their kids and family will be warm this winter.** They were thrilled. They were excited. They were so grateful. **I cannot put into words the deep gratitude I have in my heart for your goodness and the great good we do together.** As I reflect on the expectations and vision of Christ the King, I believe that we, as a community of faith, are working hard to bring His vision and live out these expectation together in our community and across our region. God bless you over and again.

...This weekend, we invite all those who are struggle with health of mind, body, spirit, to be Anointed with the Holy Oil. **The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a most tender gesture of Christ the King to bring us comfort, healing, hope and peace in our lives.** It is the hopeful assurance that God is with us on our journey. If you are reading this online, please bring your family members and neighbors to the Font of Mercy, Jesus Christ.

...Last Sunday evening we had a most beautiful prayer service to help us reflect on the reasons for our gratitude. It was a blessing to have our members come together with the music ministry and so many member of Saint Colette. A part of the prayer service was Biagio and Jessi Boytim sharing a powerful witness of God's healing grace. **Five years ago Biagio was diagnosed with a terrible brain tumor. This past week the doctors shared with him that he had been blessed with a miracle – his tumor is gone.** You can watch the witness by going to: StAmbrose.us/Fr-Bob-Stec-Videos. Most importantly it's a powerful reminder of God's healing grace.

...**The prayer service was also a beautiful way to welcome Father Tim Gareau to his new ministry as Pastor of Saint Colette.** It also brings a close the support and ministry Father Dan, Father Andrew and I have been doing since Father Krizner went home to Heaven on April 1. It was a blessing to share in this journey with them.

...**We are about a month away from saying 'farewell' to our beloved Father Andrew.** He will conclude his ministry at Saint Ambrose and head to his new role as Administrator (and eventually Pastor) of Saint Anthony of Padua in Parma. Amid all the Advent/Christmas celebrations, there will be many opportunities to say 'thank you' and to celebrate his 3 ½ years of priestly ministry to our parish. **Mark your calendars for Friday, December 29.** The perfect 'farewell' for this fun-loving, hard-working, faith-filled man of God brings together three of his favorite things: brauts, craft beer, and this community. Join us for

"Brauts, Beer, and Buhhha.... bye!" **All you need to do is RSVP** and join him for a very fun night. Live music. GREAT food. Good fun.

...**As we walk into the Advent Season, we will be having Advent Evening Prayer on Sunday December 3, 10, and 17 at 7:00 pm.** Come for 45 minutes of gentle, peaceful reflection to find the inner peace and strength of the Lord amid the busy days of Advent/Christmas.

...As we approach Christmas, Lisa Homady and her team are putting plans in place for the 12 Days of Christmas. We are looking for some people in our community who need a little extra hope, joy and the reminder that they are loved and cared for at Christmas and always. **If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving 12 thoughtful gifts over the 12 days before Christmas, please let her/us know (LHomady@StAmbrose.us).** You can help give a person HOPE for Christmas and beyond.

...**Make plans to come to the Advent Tea.** It's a perfect gift to give your family and friends on Saturday, December 9. See today's bulletin for all the details. It's lovely, peaceful, prayerful, and a special way to set the right tone in your heart for Christmas.

...**Our Music Ministry invites all of us (along with your friends and neighbors) to join in our Advent/Christmas concert next Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm.** We are blessed with a wonderful music ministry. Come and enjoy the hopeful, joyful music they will sow deep into our hearts.

...**This Tuesday, Dave Frattare will be at Saint Ambrose to present/discuss Internet Safety.** All are welcome to come and learn more. See this bulletin for details. It's an important topic for all of us to learn about.

...**This past weekend the Dominican Republic got rocked about with another Hurricane/Tropical Storm.** Our mission community was saturated with water but everyone is fine. I'll be heading down to the DR to help coordinate repair efforts in our mission community.

...**Watch for the new edition of our Parish Newsletter coming your way this week.** It's filled with good information as we enter into the Advent Season. **All we need is Only Jesus!** Let's come together for a blessed, peaceful Advent and Christmas season.

...God bless you over and again. **What we did for those in need, which was a LOT, we did for the Lord.** God bless you!!! Have a great week.

# INTENTIONS • Remembrance & Gratitude



## Saint Ambrose Masses & Services Schedule & Intentions

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday:** 8:15 am

**Thursday:** 5:30 pm

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm and 8:15 am (Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Prayer Service in the Chapel on the other Saturdays)

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

### Sunday, November 26 | Christ the King

7:30 am † Louis & Marion McCloud (Donna)

9:00 am † Michelle M. Knapp (Mary Lou Sull)

10:30 am † John Chalfa (Bonnie Chalfa)

12:00 pm † Carl Chmielewski (Joy Chmielewski)

5:00 pm † Ruth Thomas (Family)

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### Monday, November 27

8:15 am † Mike Cipullo & Mary Cipullo Spisak (Dorothy Cipullo)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

### Tuesday, November 28

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

### Wednesday, November 29

8:15 am † Salvatore Mannino (Mary Ann Passalacqua)

### Thursday, November 30 | St. Andrew the Apostle

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † JoAnn M. Jackson (Christopher Wiseman)

### Friday, December 1

8:15 am † Richard Stasienko (Darlene DeAngelis)

### Saturday, December 2 | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am † Cindie Schneider (Greg & Lori Betz)

4:30 pm † Martyred Church Women of El Salvador (Joe Wollet)

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### Sunday, December 3 | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Charisse Marie Williams (Jim & Pixie Blake)

9:00 am † Patricia Reidy (Family)

10:30 am † Susan O'Hara (Gabrielle Paoletta)

12:00 pm † Virginia Koenig (Dee Dee Koenig)

5:00 pm † Joseph Maleski (Chesna Family)

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## Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to schedule.

## Adoration

**Mondays, 9:00 am - 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Drop by or sign up at [StAmbrose.us/Adoration](http://StAmbrose.us/Adoration).**

## Benediction

**Experience His Divine presence, every Monday at 7:30 pm in the Chapel.**



## Week of November 19, 2023

	Nov. 19, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Nov. 19, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Nov. 20, 2022	Last Year Weekly Sunday Collection for Nov. 20, 2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 51,594	\$ 834,306	\$ 778,818	\$ 55,378.56
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (819,000)		
Over / (Under)	\$ 12,594	\$ 15,306		
Building Fund	\$ 1,081	\$ 15,747	\$ 37,883	
ACH Collection	\$ 4,272 (weekly) \$ 26,370 (monthly)			
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 4,272			
Children's Offertory	\$ 376			

*Thank you*

## Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

<b>Total Pledged:</b>	\$ 4,653,451.29
<b>Total # of Gifts:</b>	819
<b>Deposits (week of Nov. 13):</b>	\$ 460
<b>Total Collected to Date:</b>	\$ 4,287,082.83

## Ways to Support Our Parish

- **Automatic giving** (for more information, contact Lynn Rogers at [LRogers@StAmbrose.us](mailto:LRogers@StAmbrose.us)).
- **Online** at [StAmbrose.us/Donate](http://StAmbrose.us/Donate).
- **By mail** (donations can be mailed to Saint Ambrose Parish, 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212).
- Drop your **collection envelope in the baskets** at the doors of the Church or at the Parish Office or in the secured mailbox.

## IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

### Together for the Glory of God

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income. **Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.** Questions? Contact Jake Bihari at 216.215.5015 or [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us) or visit [StAmbrose.us/Endowment](http://StAmbrose.us/Endowment).



# LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

## *We Pray for Our Sick*

Andra	Christine Dabramo	John Kolesar	Luella Rakovec
Angie	Ken Daubert	Dolores Kozlowski	Mike Rieger
Ann	Diane Davenport	Theresa Krakora	Mary Ann Riess
Baby Beverlee	Tom De Masse	Jess Lahl	Terry Romph
Gary	Ron DeMichael	Knox Lette	Jack Roznik
Greg	Jennifer Dupont	Dan Lewanski	Dorothy Rumas
Joanie	Peggy Elston	Sharon Livingston	Andrew S.
Josephine	Holdigard Fanslau	Beatrice Longo	Marge Sabados
Josh	Barb Ferris	Rose Machor	Gertrude Schmidt
Karis	Micah Galuzny	Phyllis Marinelli	Lorrie Sirocky
Kim	Cheryl Gazso	Rita Miczak	Marian Swansinger
Lindey	Dan Ginley	Trudy Miller	Linda Tackla
Madeline	Jeff Golan	Lynn Moavero	Nash Taylor
Mason	Richie Golan	Marty (Butch) Morisky	Gloria Tews
Russ	Donna H.	Louise Mould	Kristine Thorn
Ruthie	Denny Halenar	Michael Mraz	Joyce Tomei
Tony	Linda Hammel	Dan Murphy	Simon Tucker
Judy Arena	Barbara Harrison	John & Faith Nelson	Lori Uhler
Ted Beba	Carol Heinle	Andrew Nemec	Mark Vozar
Gaylene Bielawski	Joan Howells	Joe Neura	Debbie Wyatt
Lisa Bielawski	Sandra Kaaikaula	Bob & Karen Pencek	Karen Zabrocki
Melissa Boey	Bonnie Kaczynski	Carol Perruchon	Pat Zdolshek
Bossone Family	Robert Keller	Judy Peskura	
Paula C.	Rosemary Kemper	Richard Pinkleton	
Marie Ceslewski	Pat Kilarsky	Ed Plitt	
Jeffrey Conrad	Agnes Knox	Steve Plitt	
Maureen Conway	Matt Koko	Angela Polis	



## *We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer*

Noah	Tim Esser	Barbara Ann Kilarsky	Jim Razzante
Todd	Mary Ferritti	Bob Klaehn	Eric Reeder
Tyler	Barbara Fiala	David Klem, Jr.	Allyson Reynes
Erin Alan	Barbara Fischer	Joy Kowalski	Cathy Ricciuto
Jody Angelone	Noah Forlini-Kotlarek	Joan Krall	Corinne Rickabaugh
Kimberly Ball	Joseph Fuizzotti	Donna Kucera	Jack Roznik
Mary Bauman	Robert Gallik	Kathy Kunkler	Donald Rundel
Fred Beba	Vince Gassi	Joyce Lancaster	Karen Ryan
Paula Berghauser	Edward Gaus	J.D. Languth	Toni S.
Melissa Boring	Beth Gerding	Dolores Lauerhahs	Kim Saffle
Sue Burdick	Mike Ginley	Jennifer Lazar	Terry Sawyer
Debbie Burrell	Jeff Golan	Terri Leitter	Andy Stamper
Gail Buttitta	Michael Golden	Carol Lersch	Jen Stancato
Shawn Calvey	Vaughan Guzik	Jill Lesiw	Angelo Stavole
Nora Carangio	Robert Hirus	Michael Luks	Jackie Symons
Charlotte Casselberry	Ron Hendrix	Richard Malone	Barbara Tescar
Mary Cipollone	David Hoffman	Helen Mancuso	Dominic Trizio
Vickie Coates	Mark Hogan	Lisa Mayfeld	Jenny Vasei
Wink Coleman	Donna Hvizdos	Stacy McFarland	Joanne Walsh
Rosie Colucci	Melanie J.	Mick McGinnis	Mary Jo Weihrouch
Megan Dauer	Josh Johnston	Sandy Metzger	Debbie Wyatt
Marcial De Leon	Bridgitte Jones	Thomas Miller	Gary Zayas, Sr.
Mary De Santis	Kathy K.	Edward Morey	
Steven Dearth	Clara Kalal	Tina Mounts	
Roger Droll	Mike Kalka	Barb Nofel	
Kristen Eble	Desh Kapur	Lisa Ocacio	
Jack Egan	Kathy Keglovich	Debra R.	

To have your loved one's name added to a prayer list, or to change the status of your loved one, email [Bulletin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Bulletin@StAmbrose.us). If a name has been removed from a list and should be re-added, please email us this request.



Invite your family, friends and neighbors and to join us as we celebrate the hope and joy of this season!

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Tuesday, December 12**

7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Friday, December 15**

1:00 - 2:00 pm

## **ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE:**

Many priests will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance to hear individual confessions.

## *Bambinelli Blessing*

**December 16 and 17**

A thirty year old tradition that started in Rome at the Vatican. Every family is invited to bring their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to all weekend Masses and receive a blessing. Experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus.

## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Fourth Sunday Advent**

**Saturday, December 23:**

4:30 pm, 6:00 pm

**Sunday, December 24:**

8:00 am, 10:00 am

**Christmas Eve -**

**Sunday, December 24**

4:00 pm Church and Hilkert Hall

6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day -**

**Monday, December 25**

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

[StAmbrose.us/Advent](http://StAmbrose.us/Advent)

## A HOME FOR ALL • We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality



### Learn Lifesaving Skills

Join us on Saturday, December 2 in the Lehner Center John Room at 9:00 am to learn the skills that could save a life! RSVP to [MHalenar@StAmbrose.us](mailto:MHalenar@StAmbrose.us) or 330.460.7381.

*\*No official documentation of certification is provided after this class.*

### Saint Nicholas Day Cancer Prayer Support Group

Come to the **Mother Teresa Room at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 6**, to pray with us, share your story, help support each other, and discuss medical updates/news. For those that have not attended before and would like to come, we are here for anyone whose life has somehow been touched by cancer. We are an "uplifting group" and try to make our time together a healing and bonding time where we get to know and pray for each other. This month's nutrition food tidbit will be incorporated in Christmas Polish style food. For more information, contact Terri at 216.990.0082 or Miriam at 330.225.9005.

### Merry Mocktail Mix-Off

#### A Zero Alcohol Event

The Medina County Health Department will host this fun event on **December 6, at 5:30 pm** at our parish. This **free** and open-to-the-public event promotes safe and sober driving. **Members and/or ministries of our parish are welcome to enter the competition as well.** For details, visit [StAmbrose.us/Event/Merry-Mocktail-Mixoff](https://StAmbrose.us/Event/Merry-Mocktail-Mixoff).

### PPC Corner

#### News & Events

Our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting of the year will be held at **6:00 pm in the Mother Teresa Room on Tuesday, December 12**. Please join us for some snacks and beverages as we plan and prepare for 2024. All are welcome!!!

ADVENTURES AT SAINT AMBROSE

## Bus Trip

### Christmas Holiday Tour

Thursday, December 7 | 8:00 am - 8:30 pm



*It's sure to be another wonderful time together with your friends from Saint Ambrose!*

**Itinerary:**

- 8:15 am Prayer Service at St. Ambrose (Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Ambrose)
- Tour of St. Coleman's Church in Cleveland
- Lunch on the Cleveland East Bank of the Flats (Sora Restaurant)
- Tour of St. John's Cathedral!
- Stop for a little shopping at Gallucci's!
- Our day trip ends with a self-paced walking tour to see the Wild Winter Lights at the Cleveland Zoo!

**All this for \$75!**

**Register at**  
[www.StAmbrose.us/bus-trip](http://www.StAmbrose.us/bus-trip)

**Please note:**  
No Refunds after November 22.  
Day Tours are subject to change at any time.  
Tour includes, Transportation, Tours of Churches, Lunch, Winter Lights admission.

## Advent Tea

GUEST SPEAKER  
**Emily Jaminet**

Come and let the love of God strengthen and deepen our hearts and minds this Advent Season. Join us for our Advent Tea as we welcome our guest speaker Emily Jaminet as she shares how to "Encounter the Heart of Jesus: Discover the True Meaning of Christmas through the Love of Christ" which is based on the Sacred Heart Devotion.

*Saturday*  
**DECEMBER 9, 2023**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm in Hilkert Hall**

Take some time for yourself, invite your family and friends, and spend a morning celebrating the true meaning of Christmas... the blessings of Loved Ones, our Parish Family, and the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Tickets* **\$25 / PERSON**



**Tickets and details at [StAmbrose.us/Advent-Tea](https://StAmbrose.us/Advent-Tea).**



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE • *We Engage and Empower Others*



### *For Our Seniors*

#### Upcoming Events

**StAmbrose.us/Route66**

Weekly Strength & Stretch is held in the Mother Teresa Room (unless otherwise specified) on Wednesdays at 8:45 am.

### *Lunch & Learn - Advent Wreath*

**November 27 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym**

Don't be a couch potato stuffed with leftover turkey, be a pickleballer! Work off those extra calories and meet some great friends.

### *Coffee & Donut Social*

**December 6 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room**

Start your day out right with going to morning Mass and then enjoying some fellowship afterwards at our monthly social.

LORD, HELP ME TO BE CONTENT  
WITH WHERE YOU HAVE ME NOW, BUT  
GIVE ME THE COURAGE TO  
GO WHERE YOU WANT ME NEXT.

*Amen.*

### *Men's Rec Basketball*

**Every Tuesday & Thursday, Year-Round**

All adult men, all skill levels are welcome to **Hilkert Gym every Tuesday and Thursday, at 9:00 pm.** For more details, contact Joe LaGuardia at 330.888.5587 or Starsbball146@gmail.com.



ENCOUNTER  
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

**ENCOUNTERING JESUS**

**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> | 5:30-7:00 PM**

**SAINT AMBROSE CHAPEL**

Help spread Christmas cheer!  
**Cookies, Cocoa  
& Caroling!**

**December 11, 2023**

**6:30pm cookies & cocoa in Lehner Center**

**7:00pm caroling**

RSVP to Caitlin by December 8th

**CARBogast@StAmbrose.us**

SAINT AMBROSE  
**YOUNG ADULTS**

### **ADVENT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS** ONCE A WEEK DURING THE WEEKS OF ADVENT

Advent is a special season for the Church.

It is the time when the world prepares to celebrate anew the coming of Christ. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in our preparations for Christmas and arrive at Christmas no more transformed than we were at the start of Advent.

A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by offering 4 week Advent Faith & Fellowship Groups. The groups will use *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family*, and we will walk with Mary and Joseph as they prepare to welcome their son, the Savior of the World.



The 4-week sessions will begin the first week of Advent and will only last an hour each session.

Choose one of the following sessions:

Monday, 6:45-7:45 pm: 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

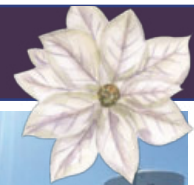
Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 pm: 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20

Friday, 4:00-5:00 pm: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

All sessions will take place in the church.



# SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • *Follow God!*



## *Dear Parish Family,*

### **SIMPLY BLESSED**

At Saint Ambrose School, and beginning with our Littlest Angels, we are making a profound difference in this world. Every day, I give thanks for the goodness of our parish and school community and your support that helps us to continue to do such great things! As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, be assured of our great thanks and prayers for you. May you know the blessings of God in your life and in your family. Jesus Christ is everything for us now and forever! May these days be blessed.

### **JOIN US ON GIVING TUESDAY TO SUPPORT SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL!**

Giving Tuesday is coming! Please visit [SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Event/Giving-Tuesday](https://SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Event/Giving-Tuesday) to support Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Littlest Angels Preschool! This year, we are looking to enhance the health and wellness for our students by upgrading our outdoor and indoor playground equipment:

- **New Swing Set for SAS**
- **New Sun Shade for LAPS**
- **New Rock Wall and Chin Up Bar for Physical Education Classes**

Please help by donating on Giving Tuesday!

### **CALLING ALL SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS!**

Our fifth and seventh grade students are working hard to prepare for Science Day using the Scientific Method and Engineering Design Process! We are still looking for additional volunteers to judge their projects during our Science Day on January 24.

Please reach out to Erin Lake at [ELake@StASchool.us](mailto:ELake@StASchool.us) if you can help or if your business would like to sponsor an award!

Joyfully,

Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*



**#weGIVECATHOLIC**  
with the Catholic Community Foundation on #GIVINGTUESDAY  
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 28**



## *Angel Scholarship Fund!*

**Catholic Community Foundation  
Angel Foundation Scholarship offers a  
\$750 Tax Credit for 2023-2024**

*Turning Taxes into Tuition!*

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## Parish School of Religion

# Advent MINI VBS

**Saturday, December 2**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

### Journey to the Manger

Come for music, activities and fun as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Sign up at [StAmbrose.us/Advent!](http://StAmbrose.us/Advent!)**

Volunteers are needed if you can spare a couple of hours.

**FREE EVENT!**  
Children ages 4-11!



## Breakfast with Santa

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 8:00-11:30 AM**

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



Childrens Crafts



**\$8.00 Tickets (2 & under free)**  
Purchase your tickets online at:  
[www.StAmbrose.us/Christmas](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Christmas)

## NOVEMBER 2023// HIGH SCHOOL fiat Youth Ministry

### fiat nights

November 26 | 6-8pm | Hilkert Hall

### fiat 1:38

November 29 | 8-9pm | fiat lounge



### We are Simply Blessed!

We have an incredible fiat Core Team of adults and young adults who serve our high school youth ministry in a variety of ways. From leading Confirmation small groups to helping plan and facilitate fiat nights to running retreats, our Core Team works tirelessly to serve our high school teens and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. **The most recent mental health studies show that it is essential for teens to have at least 3-5 adults in their life who are looking out for them, supporting them, acting as mentors, etc.** Our fiat Core Team does just that for so many of our teens - whether it is checking in on how their most recent geometry test went or showing up to cheer them on at a football game or choir concert. We are so Simply Blessed to have this wonderful group caring for our teens!

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### ABLAZE Night - Dec. 17

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Mass - 5pm  
ABLAZE - 6pm (Mother Teresa Room)

### Discipleship Team

Do you feel called to grow as a Disciple of Jesus? Would you like to help plan ABLAZE events to make them even better? Join the **Discipleship Team**.

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### Small Group Leaders

ABLAZE is looking for adults who would love to walk alongside our middle school students and help lead them closer to Christ.

Email Teresa:  
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## HERE FOR YOU • We Serve with the Compassion of Christ

### Advent Kindness Pines Together for the Glory of God

It's that time of year again when giving is the reason for the season. During the Advent season, **please look for a Kindness Pine situated at the doors of the church.** These trees are filled with tags that indicate a small need that will make a great difference to someone. Take a tag, or, two! Please attach the tag to the unwrapped gift so we can get it to the correct person. **All gift items are due by Sunday, December 10.** You can also donate online at [StAmbrose.us/Advent](http://StAmbrose.us/Advent).



[StAmbrose.us/We-Give-Catholic](http://StAmbrose.us/We-Give-Catholic) on Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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**GIVE!**  
Tuesday, November 28  
Support the 12 Days of Christmas project by participating in the #WeGiveCatholic day of online giving.

"The gifts left on our porch were a lovely surprise and we found ourselves looking forward to it every day! We enjoyed all the gifts and your thoughtfulness."

**VOLUNTEER!**  
Please contact Lisa at [LHomady@stambrose.us](mailto:LHomady@stambrose.us) by December 1 if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information.

[StAmbrose.us/We-Give-Catholic](http://StAmbrose.us/We-Give-Catholic) on Tuesday, November 28, 2023

### Mercy Monday

**Monday, December 4**

Bring your donations to our drive-thru collection at the **Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.** Items especially needed for the month of December are **Jiffy muffin mix, canned pork and beans (18 oz. size), Quick Oats, and salad dressings.** God bless you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



### We Need Your Help!

**Make a Great Difference**

Our parish is blessed to have helped almost **200 refugee families move into clean, furnished homes.** We need your help once again with the following:

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- Help set up and/or clean homes. For more details, please send an email to Father Bob at [FrBob@StAmbrose.us](mailto:FrBob@StAmbrose.us).

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## IN OTHER NEWS • *Sharing is Caring!*



## Prayers & Gratitude to Our Members Serving in the Armed Forces

<b>CPT</b>	Joseph Adams, Marine Corps	<b>CPT</b>	Keith Holcomb, Air Force	<b>A1C</b>	Jacob Priebe, Air Force
<b>MN3</b>	Garret Anderson, Navy	<b>E2A</b>	Kileo Huntington, National Guard	<b>SSGT</b>	Matthew Pyzik, Air Force
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<b>A1C</b>	Tigan Braskie, Air Force	<b>SSGT</b>	Charles Kalemba, Air Force	<b>AVCM</b>	Christopher Schornik, Navy
<b>LCPL</b>	Morgan Butas, Marine Corps	<b>LTCOL</b>	Brad Klusmann, Marine Corps	<b>LTG</b>	Stephen Sklenka, Marine Corps
<b>E1</b>	Simon Claypool, Marine Corps	<b>LT, O3</b>	Shaun Krall, Navy	<b>PVT</b>	Alex Skoczen, National Guard
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<b>LT</b>	Dr. Ryan Fashempour, Navy	<b>WO1</b>	Zachary Leuhsler, Marine Corps	<b>CDR</b>	Philip Starcovic, Navy
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Put your loved one's **name, rank, and branch of service** at [StAmbrose.us/Military](https://StAmbrose.us/Military) so that they can be included on this prayer list.

## Military Messages Ministry

### Small Deeds Done with the Greatest of Love

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## MOMENTS OF FAITH • *We are All God's Children*



### *In Loving Memory*



**Joseph Schmidt, Jr.**  
*Husband of Gertrude Smith*  
July 19, 1931 - November 12, 2023



**Jim Haight**  
*Brother of Bridget Nowak*  
April 27, 1943 - November 17, 2023

To have your loved one's name appear in the "In Loving Memory" section, call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300.

## - SACRAMENTS - *Newly Baptized*



**Oaklynn Rose Barnhardt**

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## *Marriage Banns*



**I - Nathan DeFranco and Abbey Kraft**

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## *Anniversaries*

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. David and Anne Marie Frattare** who celebrated their **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 7!** We welcome their family and friends as they join David and Anne Marie this weekend for their anniversary Mass.

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Jeff and Jennifer Yurik** who celebrate their **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 26.**



## *Milestone Moments*

Congratulations to **Kylie B., Beatrice E., Abby I., Leilani K., Elise K., Jake M., and Natalia P.** who were inducted into the Cecil R. Towslee Chapter of the National Honor Society last week at Brunswick High School.

Share your good news at **StAmbrose.us/Milestone-Moments**.

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### *Wreath Laying Ceremony*

**December 16, 2023**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Westview Cemetery, Brunswick, OH

All are welcome to the ceremony and to join other community members assisting in laying of the wreaths at veteran's graves.

To sponsor a wreath, visit **StAmbrose.us/Event/Wreaths-Across-America**.

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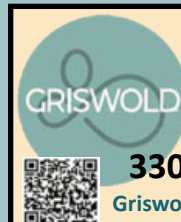
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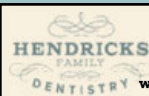


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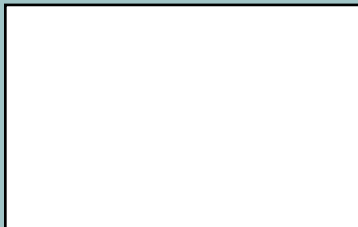
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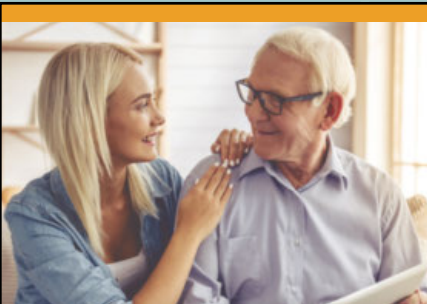


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Saturday, December 9 • 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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Sunday, December 10 • 8:00 - 11:30 am  
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Saturday, December 16 • 5:45 - 8:00 pm  
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## A Family Prayer at Advent

*Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us, a great sign of Your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to Your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in You. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to You. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of Your love. Amen.*

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