

December 3, 2023



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH: ADVENT 2023

WISDOM

*“The one who gets wisdom loves life;
the one who cherishes understanding
will soon prosper.”*

(PROVERBS 19:8)

Only Jesus... He is the perfect gift.

He is the promise of Wisdom, Hope, Strength, Peace.

Join us throughout the Advent & Christmas Season as we come
together in faith and prayer. www.StAmbrose.us/Advent

FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church & Hilbert Hall)
 6:00 pm Women's Welcome Meeting (LC Luke)
 6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (LC Matthew)
 7:00 pm Advent Prayer (Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 10:00 am Baby Bible Time (LC Fr. McGivney)
 1:00 pm Rosary for Priests & Seminarians (Chapel)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilbert 4)
 5:00 pm Mercy Monday (CWM Outreach Center)
 5:30 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
 6:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Mtg. (Mother Teresa)
 7:00 pm Athletic Boosters' Meeting (Mother Teresa)
 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)
 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 (Hilbert 4)
 6:30 pm Alpha (LC Luke)
 6:30 pm Walking w/Purpose (Hilbert Hall)
 7:00 pm Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel)
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (SAS 201)
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilbert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:45 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Hilbert 4)
 8:45 am Route 66 Coffee & Donuts (Mother Teresa)
 9:00 am Building & Grounds Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
 10:00 am The Bible Timeline (Mother Teresa)
 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilbert 4)
 4:30 pm Monthly Reconciliation (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 CONTINUED

4:30 pm Women's Guild Board Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
 5:30 pm Centering Prayer (John Paul II)
 5:30 pm MCH Mocktail Competition (Hilbert Hall)
 6:00 pm Cancer Support Group (Mother Teresa)
 6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)
 6:30 pm DC4K Meeting (LC John)
 6:30 pm DivorceCare Meeting (LC Mark)
 7:00 pm GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
 7:00 pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (John Paul II)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 ~ SAINT AMBROSE DAY!

8:00 am Parish Bus Trip (Off-site)
 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)
 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Hilbert 1-3)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilbert 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 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (Church)
 7:00 pm YA Bibles & Brew Night (Ignite Brewing Co.)
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilbert 2-4)
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilbert Gym)

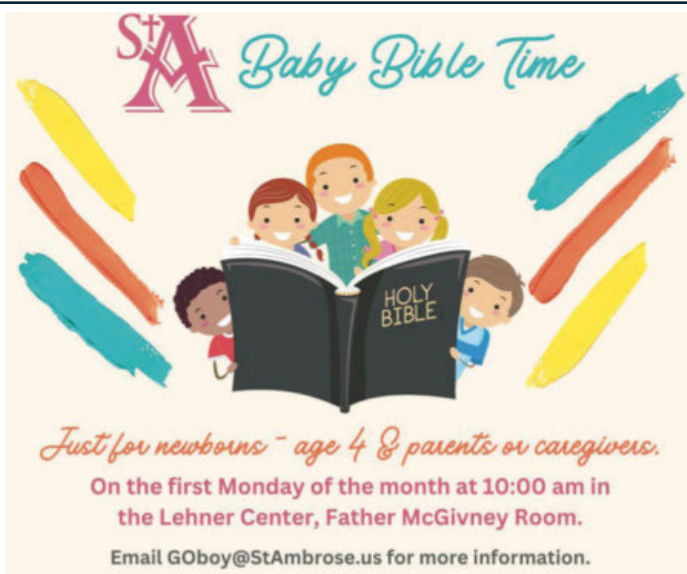
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:15 am Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)
 12:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Mother Teresa)
 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
 10:00 am Advent Tea (Hilbert Hall)
 5:00 pm Rite Acceptance of Journey to Emmaus (Church)
 5:30 pm Encountering Jesus (Chapel)

For more event details, visit StAmbrose.us/Events.



December 8 - a Holy Day of Obligation

Join us for a **Vigil Mass on December 7, at 7:00 pm.**
 Masses on **Friday** will be held at **8:15 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm.** All Masses will be **in the church.**

PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...**"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."** As we begin our Advent journey, the Prophet Isaiah gives us perfect wisdom for our lives. We are all wonderfully made by the Lord. God has made each of us good and already gifted. And, the best place we can always be is in the hands of the Potter – in the hands of the Lord. When we are in the hands of God, the potter can hold us, care for us, shape us, restore us, renew us, and keep us in His constant care. **As we walk into this season of Advent, consciously put your life – your hopes and fears – your worries and concerns – your dreams and prayers – in the hands of the potter – in the hands of the Lord.**

...**And then....WATCH.** That's the bold call and mandate of the Gospel. If we spend our every day in the hands of the Lord, then WATCH at the amazing things God will do in your life and in the life of your family.

...Speaking of family, is there a better place (and is there a better gift) than to put your loved ones every day in prayer – in the hands of the Lord. In the hands of the Lord they will find the love, care, protection and peace they need. **How can you use these Advent days to consciously put your loved ones in the hands of God.** Is there a better place for them???

...Isaiah gives us great Wisdom for our first week of Advent. Put yourself and your loved ones in God's hands. **Only in Jesus will we find the fullness of life and the healing peace we seek and need.** He is the perfect gift. He is everything we need. **ONLY Jesus.**

...**By now I hope you've had a chance to see the GREAT gift we received this Christmas.** It's a beautiful sign and powerful message that sits on the corner of the Water Tower Drive. **It proclaims, "Jesus is the Reason."** These days are about Jesus. He is Emmanuel – God with us. He is our hope, our wisdom, strength and peace. Let this sign – be a sign from God – to remind us of our focus at Advent, Christmas and always. **There is no better - or greater - gift that any of us need/seek/want than Jesus.** Only Jesus can satisfy every need, prayer, hope and longing of our hearts.

...This past week you should have received the Advent edition of **our parish newsletter – the Angelus.** It is filled with wonderful opportunities to help all of us focus on the Lord and strengthen the bonds of faith and family. You can also find the newsletter online at: www.StAmbrose.us. **Take some time to give yourself a gift this Advent and spend some extra time with the Lord and with our parish family.**

...**On Monday, December 11, as part**

of the Synoptic Gospel Series, I will be offering a presentation on the Infancy Narratives (the readings that tell of the birth of Jesus Christ). It's a great way to prepare for Christmas and deepen your understanding of God's Word. Please join us in the Mother Teresa Room at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

...If you are reading this online, please join us on Saturday night, December 2 at 7:30 pm as our Music Ministry presents their Advent/Christmas concert. Early in the season, the songs and music will help stir your soul and set the tone for a very peaceful, joyful, prayerful Advent and Christmas. **It's a perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends to something very special – beautiful music, wonderful songs, inspiring voices.**

...There are three other special musical events/concerts this Advent at Saint Ambrose. **Join us on Monday, December 11** as we welcome Contemporary Christian artist Rhett Walker for his Christmas Show. **On Friday, December 15** we welcome Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano for their concert titled, "Comfort & Joy". **And, on Saturday, December 16,** join the Singing Angels as part of our Living Nativity. Music stirs the soul. It brings joy, comfort, hope and peace. There's music for everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. **Please join us.** Jesus is the Reason. Music will help us keep our focus and fill our hearts with the hope and joy of Christ.

...**Next Saturday is our Annual Advent Tea.** It's a lovely opportunity to come together and find great friendship, tasty food, an inspiring message and the best people. See today's bulletin for details or contact Helen Lanzarotta (hlanzarotta@StAmbrose.us). All are most welcome.

...We work hard to create special family events for our entire community. **Breakfast with Santa, on Sunday, December 10, is one of those wonderful family events.** It's so special that even Santa comes and spends time with your children and grandchildren. **Invite everyone you know to join us for flavorful food, faith-based crafts, great photo ops, fun music, and Santa.** Breakfast with Santa is a great way to help your family and our parish family come together to celebrate the hope and joy of the season.

...**Father Andrew** has been such a special and important part of our parish community since his arrival in August of 2020. He will conclude his ministry at Saint Ambrose on December 31 before he starts as Administrator at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Parma. **We want to celebrate his wonderful ministry and generous spirit with a wonderful end of the year celebration on Friday, December**

29, 2023. We've tapped into some of his favorite food and his hobby. Join us for Brauts, Brew and Buhhh-bye.from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. **We will have great food, live music, the best people and some wonderful moments to say 'thank you' to Father Andrew.** Please RSVP so we can plan at StAmbrose.us/Father-Andrew.

...Teresa McCombs and Michelle Cha are working hard to create new opportunities for our junior high members. You already can hear the difference as so many are now singing, cantoring and serving in different liturgical ministries. They are also working hard with the students to create a **wonderful Living Nativity on Saturday, December 16. Check out all the details and join us on the 16th.** Even more, they are here to help our school-age students develop their gifts and talents and use them for the glory of God. If you would like to learn more about opportunities and options for your children, reach out to Michelle at mcha@StAmbrose.us and Teresa at tmccombs@StAmbrose.us.

...**This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8.** Join us on this holy day of obligation for Mass. The Vigil on December 7 is at 7 pm and on December 8 at 8:15, 12 noon, 1:30 (with Saint Ambrose School) and 5:30 pm.

...**This week we also celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas (December 6) and Saint Ambrose (December 7).** Remember to put your shoes out for St.Nick. As we celebrate our patronal feast, Saint Ambrose of Milan said "It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well!" **If Saint Ambrose could actually speak to us, he would affirm that we, as a parish community, are 'doing well' in service to the Lord.** We are living the Gospel in our lives and as a community of faith. God bless you.

...The 'thank you' notes WE are receiving from our Thanksgiving outreach efforts have expressed the greatest of thanks and appreciation for your thoughtfulness and goodness – along with the great meal.

...**Many thanks to all who have picked up their Christmas Giving Tree Tags** for the families in need in our region. You can also pick up your 'tag' online by going to: www.StAmbrose.us/Kindness-Pines.

...I cannot thank you enough for all you do for our parish community. Every day I have the humble privilege of witnessing your goodness – your faith – your commitment to the Lord. **Happy Feast Day. I am so grateful to God for you and our Saint Ambrose Parish Community.**



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 1st 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, December 3 | 1st 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)

7:00 pm *Advent Prayer Service in the Church*

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Monday, December 4 | St. John Damascene

8:15 am † Virginia Koenig (Dee Dee Koenig)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, December 5

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, December 6 | St. Nicholas

8:15 am † Carolyn Peters (Beth Saxon)

Thursday, December 7 | St. Ambrose of Milan

8:15 am *Mass with the Christmas Holiday Bus Trip*

5:30 pm † Gilbert Lopez (The Jimenez Family)

7:00 pm † Bob Clymer (Mother)

Friday, December 8 | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am Noah Forlini-Kotlarek (Straslicka Family)

12:00 pm † Tina Bruno (Friend)

5:30 pm † William Gallagher (Scotta Family & Elizabeth Gallagher)

Saturday, December 9 | St. Juan Diego

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

4:30 pm † Don & Wanda Rarick & Eileen Paul (Janet Lanning)

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Sunday, December 10 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Rosella Peitro (Friend of the Family)

9:00 am † Deacon Gary Tomazic (Saint Ambrose Parish)

10:30 am † Sister Mary Ellenann (Mike & ChiChi Adams)

12:00 pm † Deacon Gary Tomazic (Lanzarotta Family)

5:00 pm † John Borszcz (Sharon Borszcz)

7:00 pm *Advent Rorate Caeli Prayer Service*

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Adoration

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

Benediction

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

Week of November 26, 2023

	Nov. 26, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Nov. 26, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Nov. 27, 2022	Last Year Weekly Sunday Collection for Nov. 27, 2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 28,663	\$ 862,969	\$ 809,499	\$ 30,680
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (858,000)		
Over / (Under)	\$ (10,337)	\$ 4,969		
Building Fund	\$ 756	\$ 16,503	\$ 38,158	
ACH Collection	\$ 4,272 (weekly)			
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,581			
Children's Offertory	\$ 97 from 32 envelopes collected			

Thank you

Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

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

Ways to Support Our Parish

- **Automatic giving** (for more information, contact Lynn Rogers at LRogers@StAmbrose.us).
- **Online** at 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 or visit StAmbrose.us/Endowment.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

Andra	Christine Dabramo	Matt Koko	Luella Rakovec
Angie	Ken Daubert	John Kolesar	Mike Rieger
Ann	Diane Davenport	Dolores Kozlowski	Mary Ann Riess
Baby Beverlee	Tom De Masse	Theresa Krakora	Terry Romph
Gary	Ron DeMichael	Jess Lahl	Jack Roznik
Greg	Jennifer Dupont	Knox Lette	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	Norma Sutter
Lindsey	Joe Gezymalla	Trudy Miller	Marian Swansinger
Madeline	Dan Ginley	Lynn Moavero	Linda Tackla
Mason	Jeff Golan	Marty (Butch) Morisky	Nash Taylor
Russ	Richie Golan	Louise Mould	Gloria Tews
Ruthie	Donna H.	Michael Mraz	Kristine Thorn
Tony	Denny Halenar	Dan Murphy	Joyce Tomei
Judy Arena	Linda Hammel	John & Faith Nelson	Simon Tucker
Ted Beba	Barbara Harrison	Andrew Nemec	Lori Uhler
Gaylene Bielawski	Carol Heinle	Joe Neura	Mark Vozar
Lisa Bielawski	Joan Howells	Bob & Karen Pencek	Debbie Wyatt
Melissa Boey	Sandra Kaaikaula	Carol Perruchon	Karen Zabrocki
Bossone Family	Bonnie Kaczynski	Judy Peskura	Pat Zdolshek
Paula C.	Robert Keller	Richard Pinkleton	
Marie Ceslewski	Rosemary Kemper	Ed Plitt	
Jeffrey Conrad	Pat Kilarsky	Steve Plitt	
Maureen Conway	Agnes Knox	Angela Polis	

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

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

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. 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 to join us as we celebrate the hope and joy of this blessed 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

A HOME FOR ALL • We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality

Liturgy Corner Jerusalem Village

Fontanini is one of the most well-known companies that produces Nativity sets and figurines.

These figures are made in Italy and are richly detailed and hand-painted in an old-world colors for authenticity and beauty. Breathtaking in detail and workmanship visit our Jerusalem Village located in the South vestibule of the Church. This beautiful collection was gifted to Saint Ambrose by Greg Parker and his loving mother.



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, go online to StAmbrose.us/Event/Merry-Mocktail-Mixoff.

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 who 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.

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!!!

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**

Includes a lovely breakfast, dessert, & varieties of tea!

We will seat 8 per table, limited tickets available!

Get tickets online by **December 2** or purchase at Parish Life Center front office.

Be a Hostess!

Host your family & friends!

Reserve a table for up to 8 guests. Decorate your table the night before (Friday) or come early at 8:00am, ...or we can decorate for you!

To reserve your table, contact Helen at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7343.

EMILY JAMINET is on a mission to help Catholics to be impacted by the love of Christ in their hearts and homes. She is a Catholic author, speaker, podcaster, wife, and mother of seven children. She is the National Executive Director of www.WelcomeHisHeart.com, which is on a worldwide mission to help Catholics encounter the love of Christ through his devotion. Emily is also active in her parish as the Coordinator of RCIA and Adult Faith Director. She co-authored the award-winning, Catholic Best Seller *Divine Mercy for Moms*, along with *The Friendship Project*, *Prayerfully*, and *Our Friend Faustina*. She has two books about the Sacred Heart, award-winning, *Secrets of the Sacred Heart: Twelve Ways to Claim Jesus' Promises in Your Life*, and her most recent book is *Holy Habits from the Sacred Heart, Ten Ways to Build Stronger More Loving Relationships*. She is a monthly contributor to Relevant Radio, Spirit Catholic Radio, Diocesan.com, and a frequent contributor to www.CatholicMom.com. She started her ministry work by offering a daily segment on St. Gabriel Radio for moms called "A Mother's Moment" which can be heard on Catholic Radio Stations as a way to connect the vocation of motherhood and our Catholic Faith. Emily and her family live in Columbus, OH, with their children.



Get Tickets at StAmbrose.us/Advent-Tea

Rhett Walker Christmas Concert

Join us for a Christmas Show with Rhett Walker, performing his hits and Christmas classics!

Monday, December 11, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM
7:00 PM | \$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

THE FEST Get Tickets at TheFEST.us

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.

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.

Bunco

December 12 | 1:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Come join us for this fast paced and fun game that takes zero skill!



ENCOUNTER
— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

DECEMBER 9TH | 5:30-7:00 PM
SAINT AMBROSE CHAPEL

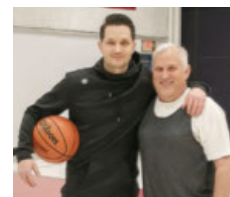
Hear our Lord as He speaks to us in the Divine Mercy chaplet and in Eucharistic Adoration.



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.



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December 17 | 7pm | Church



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • *Follow God!*

Dear Parish Family,

ONLY JESUS

We embark on our Advent faith journey as a school family. This is a time filled with many school traditions focused on Jesus Christ, who is EVERYTHING for us!

STUDENTS EXCEL AT ASTRONAUT DAY

Over 19 Pilot and Mission Specialist teams from various schools and organizations participated in Astronaut Day at NASA last weekend, and SAS had teams (grades 1-8) participate! We are so proud of how our students collaborated, problem-solved, and used their engineering and design skills! It IS rocket science!.....Next stop ... Mars!

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are grateful for all who “turned taxes into tuition” through the State of Ohio tax credit program in 2023! As a result of your generosity, nineteen families were recently awarded funds toward their tuition investment! Please take advantage of this program and make it a win-win for your family and our school family! Donate to Saint Ambrose School - up to \$750 if filing singly and up to \$1500 if filing jointly. Go to www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund/apply-for-a-scholarship and BE AN ANGEL TODAY!

WE GIVE THANKS!

This week on Giving Tuesday, we give thanks for our parents, families, faculty, staff and supporters! Many thanks to our good friends at the Human Bean in Brunswick who partnered with us to give thanks for our parents this week! This year, for Giving Tuesday, the school is raising money for new playground equipment! To give from the heart, please donate now through 12/31 to www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

Joyfully,
Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*





ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Turning taxes into tuition

Angel Scholarship Fund!

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

Turning Taxes into Tuition!

Nineteen families were awarded \$52,000 among them in Angel Scholarship funds for 2023-2024, **THANK YOU!**

Learn more at SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Angel-Fund



PSR & MORE • We Inspire with Prayer and Worship

Parish School of Religion

Schedule Reminders

For the month of December, please take note of our Advent Prayer Services & Social on **Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 pm and on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm**. We invite all of our students and their families to join us for our Advent Prayer Service and the opportunity to thank Father Andrew for his time with us.

Additionally, please note that PSR goes on Christmas break from December 19-January 2. During this time, classes will not be held. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 3, and Monday, January 8.

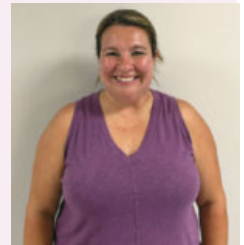
Journey with Jesus Special Person Day

What a blessing it was to be with our Journey with Jesus students and their families at our "Special Person Day." Thank you to our JWJ team for an amazing celebration.

Meet a Catechist

Mrs. Debi Trebisky is a Special Education Assistant and an advocate for Autism. She lives with her husband Dave and three kids - Ellie, Jack, and Lauren. Her favorite things to do are to read and spend time with her dogs, Frankie and Pepper.

Mrs. Trebisky became a first grade Catechist last year after being inspired by Mrs. Janet Majka and impressed with how big and welcoming the PSR program is at Saint Ambrose. Mrs. Trebisky loves working with young children. She says, *"the best part of being a Catechist is that the first graders come to me with open ears and eyes! It's their first year of PSR and I am the one who gets to introduce them to many new things about church, Mass, the Bible and Jesus!"* God bless Mrs. Trebisky for inspiring our youngest PSR students.



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Sign up today for our Diocesan Youth Conference!

Our Diocesan Youth Conference, CLE 2:16, is just around the corner on January 6th! This day-long event will bring together hundreds of teens from across the Diocese for keynote speakers, breakout sessions, games, Mass, Adoration, Confession & so much more. If you want to join the fun, contact Caitlin today to sign up!



details & more info: www.StAmbrose.us/fiat

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Christmas Service Day

Come help the "12 Days of Christmas" Team pack-up their gifts for our parishioners most in need and then travel to Cinemark Strongsville at Southpark Mall to watch the new movie, Journey to Bethlehem.

Go to stambrose.us/ABLAZE to sign up!

ABLAZE Night - Dec. 17

Come celebrate Advent with your besties at ABLAZE! **Bring a wrapped present (something \$5 or less) of something YOU love and we'll play the Left/Right Game!**

Our night will finish with attending XLT in the Church.

Mass - 5pm

ABLAZE - 6pm (Mother Teresa Room)

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.

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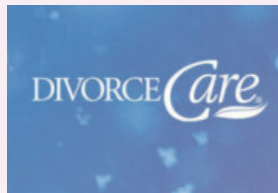
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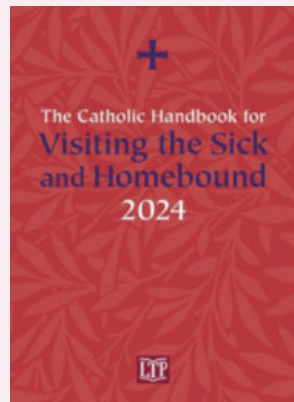
Surviving the Holidays **Help and Hope as You Navigate the Holiday Season During Divorce**

After separation or divorce, your Christmas holiday won't look the same as they used to. Traditions change. Some family members won't be there. Social gatherings can feel stressful. But, DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays can help! Join us on **Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm in the Lehner Center Mark Room** for a DivorceCare session filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays after separation and divorce.



A New Book! **Calling All Good Sams**

Please visit the PLC Office during normal business hours within the next couple of weeks to pick up the 2024 edition of "The Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound."



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 select a tag online at StAmbrose.us/Kindness-Pines.



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December 16, 2023

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A1C	Brandon Gazso, <i>Air Force</i>	LTCOL	Theresa Livingston, <i>Air Force</i>	CPT	Zachary Taylor, <i>Marine Corps</i>
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Put your loved one's **name, rank, and branch of service** at StAmbrose.us/Military so that they can be included on this prayer list.

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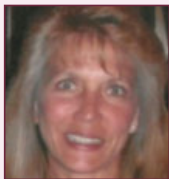
In Loving Memory



Donna Mae Wendell
Mother of James Wendell
December 24, 1937 - November 10, 2023



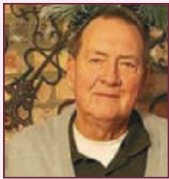
Paul Gene Amsbaugh
Father of Diane Heilman
September 27, 1936 - November 15, 2023



Dawn Baumgartner
Mother of Jennifer Hayek
February 23, 1961 - November 17, 2023



Kevin R. Zonar
Husband of Kevin Zonar
September 15, 1976 - November 19, 2023



Daniel Craig Lewanski
Husband of Anne Lewanski
September 20, 1947 - November 26, 2023

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

A Thoughtful Invitation
The Advent and Christmas seasons provide many chances to extend a sincere invitation for someone to join you for a Mass. It's as easy as saying, "join me!"



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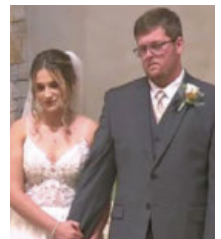
Marriage Banns

II - Nathan DeFranco and Abbey Kraft

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Just Married

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married on November 18, 2023. God
bless them now and forever.



Milestone Moments

The Rudy Family - **Emily, Ben, and big brother Dylan** are proud to welcome **Margaret Ann (Maggie)** to the world who was born on November 7, 2023.



Milestones are birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, an award or achievement...You name it, we are happy for you and want to pray for you! Submit your good news at **StAmbrose.us/Milestone-Moments**.

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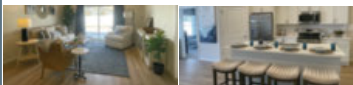
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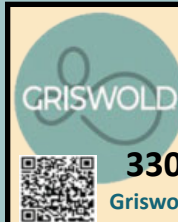
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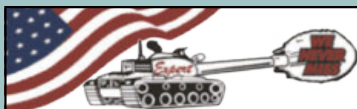
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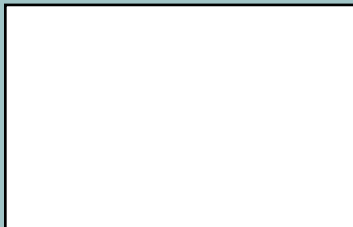
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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH: ADVENT 2023

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- THIS WEEK'S FEATURED - Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry

We've spotlighted these upcoming opportunities, just for you!

Find more details about these items in the bulletin or at StAmbrose.us/Advent

- Event -

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 9, 8:30 am

Come for Father Andrew's last Men's Breakfast

RSVP at StAmbrose.us/Mens-Breakfast.

- Service -

Mercy Monday

Monday, December 4, 5:00 pm

Bring non-perishable food donations to the Catholic Works of Mercy Center until 6:30 pm.

- Liturgy -

Evening Advent Prayer

Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 pm

A gentle, peaceful time to reflect and find the Lord's peace in our beautiful church.

- Ministry -

Advent Kindness Pines

Now through December 10

Take a tag or two from the Christmas trees at the church doors to bring joy this holiday!

Family Time During Advent

Not only is Advent a time of wonderful anticipation. It is also a great opportunity to connect with your nearest and dearest. If you've visited our parish recently, you've seen our campus come alive with Christmas lights and decorations. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and enjoy the beautifully decorated grounds - take your holiday family photos in front of our giant Christmas tree in the Hilbert Courtyard, or bring the little ones to experience a life-size Nativity scene.

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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

Sarah Hart

An Advent Reflection with Sarah Hart

Saturday December 16
9:30 am

Saint Ambrose Catholic
Church



Ticket Info

*Register online
at StAmbrose.us/Advent.*

All are welcome.

About Sarah

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith, spirit of joy, and love for teaching and leading workshops have touched the lives of thousands.

She is a Grammy Nominee and BMI Winner, an ALA Odyssey Award Winner, and an Audie Awards Nominee. Her music has been recorded by many artists including Amy Grant, Celtic Women, Matt Maher, and The Newsboys.