

December 31, 2023

Only JESUS

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving
one another, as God in Christ forgave you."*

- EPHESIANS 4:32



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~ NEW YEAR'S EVE

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR!

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)

4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

7:00 pm Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel)

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilkert Hall)

9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Hilkert 4)

9:00 am Building & Grounds Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)

4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

4:30 pm Monthly Reconciliation (Church)

4:30 pm Women's Guild Board Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

5:30 pm Centering Prayer (John Paul II)

6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)

6:00 pm Dance Fitnezz (Mother Teresa)

6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (LC John)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)

3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Hilkert Hall)

4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

6:00 pm Weekly Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 pm K of C Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)

6:15 pm Gabriel Project Meeting (LC Luke)

7:00 pm The Bible Timeline (John Paul II)

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilkert 2-4)

9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 pm Bingo Night (Hilkert Hall)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

5:30 pm New Member Dinner (Mother Teresa)

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

Weekly Adoration

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

Weekly Benediction

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

Monthly XLT

Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music at 7:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month.



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Only Jesus.
He is all you need.
Jesus Christ is
Everything for us.

He is the *wisdom, hope, strength, peace* and
healing we need....that
we seek.

Jesus Christ is
Everything for us!

*Wisdom
Hope
Strength
Peace*

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PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...“Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. and over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. and let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians outlines the ‘recipe’ for strong families. Even more, this passage outlines a good ‘examination of conscience’ for each of us every day. It gives us the way to holy, joyful, peaceful living – loving. **Take some time to read this passage over and again. As you set your ‘resolutions’ for the new year, allow God’s Word to give you guidance and the pathway to stronger families and a fullness of life in Christ.**

...On this Feast of the Holy Family, and our last bulletin for 2023, you will find a special section reminding us of our parish charisms and some of the ‘highlights’ of this year gone by. **It truly has been a year of God’s grace and blessing.** There are literally hundreds of stories, acts of service, and blessings in our community that we could have included. Let this 2023 summary remind us of parish family recipe for a church strong and welcoming for all. **Let it remind us of the great good we do together for the glory of God at Saint Ambrose.**

...Only Jesus is our refrain and focus for 2024. And only Jesus can adequately express and bless you for all of your goodness for those in need and for support for the work and ministry of our parish community. God bless you abundantly. **Special thanks** for your generosity in your Christmas and end of year giving. **Many thanks** to all who have already signed up for the Angel Scholarship Fund. God bless all who participated with soul-stirring thoughtfulness to our care for those in need over Thanksgiving and Christmas. **And... I could go on and on....God bless you!!!**

...Special thanks to all who worked so hard to make our parish celebrations of Christmas so beautiful, prayerful and inspiring. **God bless Helen Lanzarotta and the A/E team for making the Church so lovely and prayerful. God bless Travis Jurgens and Michelle Cha and our music ministers and liturgical ministers** for creating joyful and inspiring

prayer and worship for our community. **God bless Chris Gibson and John Taylor and our maintenance and housekeeping crew** for keeping up on our campus and facilities. It’s a huge task to keep the place in good order and clean!!! We are blessed. **God bless all who work every day to take care of our parish community!!!**

...God bless Rebecca, Brittany and Christie who help all of our publications have the energy and vibrancy of our parish community. Together they created a great Christmas bulletin and program. You can take a look at them online by going to: StAmbrose.us/Bulletins. **Make sure you page through the Christmas bulletin for wonderful opportunities in the new year for all of us to deepen our faith and keep Jesus Christ at the enter of our lives.** At Christmas and always – only Jesus – will provide exactly what we need.

...There are extra copies of the Christmas book, “The Rocking Chair Prophet” by Matthew Kelly on the Book Rack in the Chapel Hallway. Take one for yourself and a friend/family member.

...Crazy thought....today (December 26), our envelope provider was asking for our Easter schedule. **Funny because it’s true.** Lent starts early this year (February 14).

...This weekend we say thank you and farewell to Father Andrew Hoover. If you are reading this online, please join us for a reception/social on **Friday night from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in Hilkert Hall. There will be plenty of good food, live music, and a great way to come together as a parish family to express our thanks to Father Andrew.** Since arriving in August of 2020, he has used his amazing gifts and talents, his energy and passion for the Lord, to help all of us grow in our faith, deepen our commitment to serve the Lord, and unite together as a parish family. He will be heading out on Sunday for some time of retreat and renewal as he prepares for his ministry as Administrator of Saint Anthony of Padua in Parma. He will be greatly missed by all. **We send him with our prayers and great thanks.**

...Thank God Father Dan arrived in June. He’s been a wonderful addition to our community and will certainly help continue the care, and compassion, and ministry of Christ in our community. **We are also blessed with Nathan Frankart** who is spending his pastoral internship year with us. He will be with us until the end of April. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. **Special prayers for our own member, Dominic Kucera, who is halfway through his first year of Borromeo Seminary.** Nathan and Dominic are great examples of the healthy men who are responding to God’s

call. We just need a few more!!!

...Our FIAT youth ministry team is excited to kickoff the second semester with their Winter Kickoff on Sunday, January 7, 2024. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun, friendship and faith-filled conversations.

...Thanks to all who turned in the names and contact information of the college students in your family. **If you have a college student, please send me their info (frbob@StAmbrose.us) so we can keep in touch with them in the new year.**

...We continue with the opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on the First Wednesday of each month. **There will be several priests available on Wednesday, January 3 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.** Make use of this best opportunity to experience the healing grace of God in your life. **Father Dan will also be available on Thursday evenings after the 5:30 pm Mass.**

...Our first Welcome Dinner for new members is next Saturday, January 6, 2024 after the 4:30 pm Mass. All new members are welcome to join us. It’s a chance to meet some of our parish members, meet new members, and learn more about our parish community. **To sign up, or to register for the parish, please contact Mary Jo at mhalenar@StAmbrose.us. All are welcome!!!**

...As we bring to a close 2023, we open the door of the New Year on Monday, January 1. We will gather to celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary at 8 am and 10 am. Actions speak! **If you start the new year in prayer with the Lord, it will set the perfect ‘tone’ and focus for the year ahead.** Please join us as we come before the Lord praying for our families and fervently praying for peace in our hearts, homes and in our world. If you make God the priority on the first day of the year (and every day), God will show you and us the way!!!

...There are a few more 2024 calendars still available at the entrances of the Church. So many have commented how much they appreciate the calendar, the lovely pictures of our Church, and the inspirational thoughts to help keep their days and the year focused on the Lord. Special thanks to our community partners for their support with the calendar project.

...Happy New Year. May God bless you and your loved ones with health and peace. **Special thanks to Father Andrew. He has been such a blessing to our parish – to me. I/we will all miss him and send him forth with our prayers and most heart-felt thanks.**



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 31 | The Holy Family

7:30 am † James Sexton (Irene Sexton) **AH**

9:00 am † Mary Bukovsky (Family) **RS**

10:30 am † Mr. & Mrs. Talpain (Heidi Carol & Aqua Witkowski) **AH**

12:00 pm † Donald Berg (Darlene Hight) **DS**

5:00 pm † Pixie Blake (Joanie Tomazic) **DS**

Monday, January 1 | Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am † Marda Russell (Charlie & Cookie Clausing)

10:00 am Saint Ambrose Parish Community

Tuesday, January 2 | Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, January 3 | Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 am † Marda Russell (Cindy Flanhofer)

Thursday, January 4 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † Sal Passalecqua & Giuseppe Passalecqua (Mary Ann Passalacqua)

Friday, January 5 | St. John Neumann

8:15 am † Helen Sheridan (Saint Ambrose Parish)

Saturday, January 6 | St. Andre Bessette

8:15 am † Paul Mullins (Grace & Fred Mullins) **DS**

4:30 pm † Christine Morscher (Sisters of Saint Joseph) **RS**

Sunday, January 7 | The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am † Jacob Jurgens (Parents) **DS**

9:00 am † Robert Telenko (Wife) **DS**

10:30 am † Joan Kremser (Saint Ambrose Tuesday Study Group) **RS**

12:00 pm † Betty Ann Heffner (Rose Nemeth) **RS**

5:00 pm † Vittorio Bramante (Comella Family) **RS**

House Blessing

A Catholic Tradition for the New Year

On the Feast of the Epiphany, our Catholic tradition calls us to have our 'Homes Blessed'. As the Magi came from afar to visit the Christ Child, the priests and deacons would like to come to your home to share the gifts of God's presence and protection to you and your family. To **have your house blessed in the new year**, please contact the Parish Office at 330.460.7300 or register at StAmbrose.us/HouseBlessing.

Week of December 17, 2023

	Dec. 17, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Dec. 17, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Dec. 18, 2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 70,871	\$ 1,027,525	\$ 956,180
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (975,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 31,871	\$ 52,525	
Building Fund	\$ 10,981	\$ 40,939	\$ 39,714
ACH Collection	\$ 4,255 (weekly) \$ 26,430 (monthly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,922		
Children's Offertory	\$ 452 from 52 envelopes collected		

Week of December 24, 2023

	Dec. 24, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Dec. 24, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Dec. 25, 2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 109,035	\$ 1,136,582	\$ 1,055,106
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,014,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 70,035	\$ 122,582	
Building Fund	\$ 3,425	\$ 44,364	\$ 40,046
ACH Collection	\$ 4,255 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,770		
Children's Offertory	\$ 958 from 100 envelopes collected		

Blessed with the Best

Thank you so much for your generous support for our parish community this Christmas and always.

The collections above reflect Christmas, end-of-year, and our regular weekly collection. God bless you for your goodness. Together we will continue the work and mission of **Jesus Christ**, who is **everything** for us.

Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

Total Pledged:	\$ 4,653,451.29
Total # of Gifts:	819
Deposits:	\$ 1,885
Total Collected to Date:	\$ 4,291,552.83

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

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

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

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

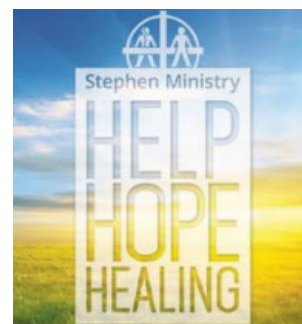


Stephen Ministry **Our Stephen Ministers are Here to Care for You!**

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But, **help is available.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry at Saint Ambrose by talking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

- Carol Maline - 330.460.7336 or Maline@StAmbrose.us
- Lisa Homady - 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

Or, visit us online at StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry.



Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish

We are a Catholic Community of faith,
centered on Jesus Christ, who is *everything* for us.



PARISH CHARISMS CARRIED OUT IN 2023



Welcoming with *Joyful Hospitality*.



- We welcomed **251 families/people** into our community of faith in 2023.
- We settled **150 refugee/immigrant families** to our country and into homes in the Cleveland area over the course of the year.
- Early in September, we **welcomed Nathan Frankart** from Saint Mary Seminary to spend his pastoral internship year with us at Saint Ambrose.
- At the Easter Vigil, **18 adults and six children** were initiated into the Church.
- In June, **Father Dan Samide** joined our parish community as a Parochial Vicar.



Serving with the *Compassion of Christ*.

- Every week, **3,265 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches** were bagged and provided to fulfill our outreach goals in Cleveland and Akron.
 - The PB&J Brigade had **300 helpers** in 2023.
 - **Three members** took on the role of PB&J Captains.
 - **Over 164,000 sandwiches** were distributed in the last year.
- Our Outreach Team successfully **completed 43 projects** for those in need of assistance and support in our local community.
- More than **55 projects** were tackled during our Community Clean Up Day last spring.
- Mission Possible returned to 'in country' mission trips with **30 missionaries**.
- We hosted our first ever **Peace, Love and Prom** for teens with special need.





Empowering, engaging, and equipping our members to do the *Work of the Lord*.

- The **Military Messages Ministry** started and is working to **offer support** both to those serving in our military and their families.
- **Thirteen people become members** in the Culture of Life/Gabriel Project.
- Our **Mental Health Ministry** took major steps forward to **foster both support and awareness around mental health issues**. Among the efforts was **hosting a workshop** for our parish and all parish employees on the challenges of teens and mental health.
- One of our members, **Dominic Kucera**, entered into his first year of study at **Borromeo Seminary**. Please continue to pray for him and his classmates.



Inspiring Others with *Prayer and Worship*.



- We welcomed **Michelle Cha** to our parish community to help grow our **liturgical ministry** with our young people.
- We welcomed **Teresa McCombs** to strengthen our **performing arts and campus ministry** to our junior high students.
- We successfully **held several 'overnight' Eucharistic Adoration** events to pray for our parish and our country.
- Every Monday, at 1:00 pm there's now a **wonderful group that prays for vocations** to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.



Giving *Thanks* with *Grateful Hearts*.



- We **dedicated the Catholic Works of Mercy Conference Room** in loving memory of faithful servant of the Lord, **Deacon Clem Belter**.
- As the year comes to a close, **we thank God** for the life, wit, and priestly ministry of **Father Andrew Hoover**.
- We **celebrated** a faithful servant of the Lord, **Grace Bouman** – long time parish sacristan – who celebrated her 100th birthday.
- We spent **October and November** reflecting in word and song that we are...**Simply Blessed**.



Thanks to the goodness of our members who, everyday, answer God's call to live and act as a community of faith centered around Jesus Christ, we continue to build His Kingdom! God bless you all in the New Year and always.

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

Liturgy Corner

ONLY Jesus in 2024

Christmas season was a very busy time for many of us. So much time preparing, and spending time with family and friends. While all that is amazing and wonderful, in comes the new year when we think about New Year's resolution. Why not your resolution be something that fills you spiritually? There are many programs that will be kicking off in the next for weeks such as:

- **Alpha begins January 11 for 11 weeks, online or in person.** Alpha helps create a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions; helps bring people together while providing the chance to encounter Jesus.
- **Good News – The Synoptic Gospels continues on Monday, January 29 at 6:45 pm, Mother Teresa Room.** Father Bob will help us learn about the Gospels and how best to read and reflect on them in our daily prayer and life.

Start the New Year by becoming a better disciple of Jesus. Find more opportunities and information at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

What is Your New Year's Resolution?

Living Your Strengths

Clifton Strengths-Finder Sessions

What are YOUR God-Given Strengths? The Clifton Strengths-Finder will unravel your God-given strengths over the course of three weeks! We have two upcoming Living Your Strengths sessions starting soon:

- **Living Your Strengths for Individuals starts February 1, 2024.**
- **Living Your Strengths for Couples begins February 22, 2024.**

Discover your God-given talents to enhance your strengths for yourself and others. For more information and to sign up, email CMaline@StAmbrose.us.

Cancel Support Group

January 3, 6:00 pm

Have you or a loved one been touched by cancer? No one should face it alone. Start your new year with us in friendship, supporting our faith and sharing your story. **All are welcome.** We are an uplifting bunch that share our experiences. We also discuss and taste nutritious foods over coffee and share how taste buds are effected by treatments. Our group will meet in the **Mother Teresa Room**.

If My People Pray A Prayer Service for Our Nation

Are you discouraged by the news, division and chaos taking place in our country? It is not hopeless. There is something we can do about it and God tells us exactly what that is in 2 Chronicles, *"If My people humble themselves and pray I will revive their land"*.

Join us at **12:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the church** for a patriotic Rosary prayer, the Litany of the Saints, and a chance for quiet reflection as we unite for our great nation.

The Prayer Book for Tired Parents

With Authors Debbie & Dave Cowden

January 21, 2024 | Hilkert Hall Gym
Following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
Noon and 5:00 pm Masses



Authors Debbie and Dave Cowden join us to discuss their book, *The Prayer Book for Tired Parents*, which features relatable, real-life reflections on the struggles that parents with young children face, as well as heartwarming stories on how they can make you a stronger parent and a better Catholic.



Don't miss this powerful and inspiring presentation for parents, grandparents and anyone who is leading young people to grow in their Catholic faith.

Reception and book signing following each talk.



Learn more at:
StAmbrose.us/event/tired-parents



For Our Seniors

Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

Weekly Strength & Stretch is held in the Mother Teresa Room (unless otherwise specified) on Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

Coffee & Donut Social

January 3 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room

Morning Mass is a beautiful way to start your day, a great New Year's resolution. To sweeten the deal we have coffee and donuts. I was so happy to talk with Terry and Phyllis last month, I hope to see you this month!

Pickleball

January 10 & 15 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym

Bounce off the couch with some pickleball. Open to all experience levels our group is fun and friendly!

Chinese New Year SOCIAL

Chinese New Year Social
Join us for Dinner!
Friday, January 12, 2024
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in Hilkert Hall
Enjoy Chinese food, themed décor, music, and craft.

Cost is \$10 per person.
Register online or at the front desk by Tuesday, January 9.

 StAmbrose.us/event/chinese-new-year



Women's Guild Poppy Seed & Nut Rolls Annual Sale



Pre-order your rolls for Easter NOW!!!

Orders will be available for pick up at Donut Sunday (in the Hilkert Gym following morning and noon Masses) on January 21, 2024.

\$15
per roll

Orders can only be placed online at StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild-Rolls.

For questions, please call Laurie Zarefoss at 330.220.4396.

Thank you for your support of our parish's Women's Guild.

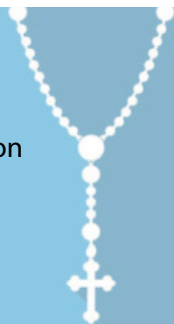
Help Make Rolls

The Women's Guild are looking for volunteers to **help make nut and poppy seed rolls on January 14 and 15**. Please contact Laurie Zarefoss at stambrosewomensguild@gmail.com for more details and to sign up.

Rosary Prayer

Just for Vocations

We invite all to a Rosary Prayer session on **Mondays in the Chapel, at 1:00 pm**. This is an opportunity to be a prayerful participant in the building and maintaining of vocations.



Wrapped in Prayer & Warmth

Love to Crochet or Knit?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayers, love, and warmth to our community members. Shawls are given to our newly baptized and to loved ones who are on our prayer list. The ministry meets at **10:30 on Thursday mornings in the Lehner Center**. Shawls can be made from comfort of your home, or in fellowship with the group on Thursday mornings. Send an email to DMcCready@StAmbrose.us for more information or to sign up to help this ministry perform the Lord's work.

HAPPY NEW YEAR • *Make Only Jesus a Resolution for 2024*



Family Prayer in the New Year

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for this opportunity to start anew in the upcoming year. It is because of You that we navigated safely through this past year. There are countless blessings around us if we have eyes to see them. We welcome the year ahead of us with HOPE.

We, as a family, Lord, know that we are so blessed. We pray for strength to get through the hardest parts of the year, and the many adjustments we would be making. We pray that should temptation stumble upon our path, we could simply look away, remembering, and desiring every goal we have set.

May our family remain close and work together towards wonderful things. We know that nothing we do compares to Your glorious work, but we strive to be like You in everything we do. Let us start this new year off the right way, and that is by talking to You, Lord God.

In Your name, we pray, Amen!

To learn more about these and all the New Year opportunities go to:
www.StAmbrose.us

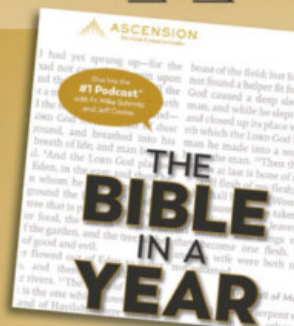
BIBLE IN A YEAR CLUB



3rd Tuesday of Every Month
1:00-2:30 pm at Saint Ambrose
Starting January 16th

OR

1st Wednesday of Every Month
7:00-8:30 pm at the
home of David & Beth Smith
Starting January 3rd



Watch or listen to Ascension press #1 podcast on your favorite app.

Bring your Bible and journal to the sessions.

For more details and to register visit StAmbrose.us/AFF



Deacon Matt has a heart for the Church's social teaching and the rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Deacon Matt will discuss the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

Once per month | Mondays, beginning September 11
6:45-8:15 pm | Mother Teresa |
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Couple's Night Out

Dance Lessons by Dance d' Elegance

January 20, 2024

6:30-8:30 pm

Grab your sweetie and let's shake off the cold winter blues on the dance floor at Dance d'Elegance in Medina.

Come learn how to dance from the pros, then enjoy food and company with other Saint Ambrose Couples.

Cost is \$35 per couple. Includes a dance lesson and pizza. BYOB.

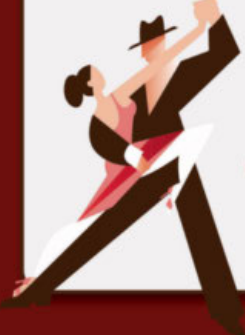
Space is limited to 25 couples. Sign up now!

StAmbrose.us/Marriage

Vote on the dance lesson you are most interested in.
The most votes wins!



Event Location:
Dance d'Elegance
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Healing the Whole Person Retreat

January 26 & 27



Join us on this journey to wholeness as we enter into the heart, face the pains and wounds within, and allow Christ's divine love to bring the **physical, spiritual and emotional healing** we ardently desire. Grounded on Scripture & Church teaching, this audio retreat is recorded by renown speakers and authors Dr. Bob Schuchts, Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT & Bart Schuchts.

Experience Jesus in His mission of healing!

Mother Teresa Room:

January 26th (6:30-9:00 pm) AND January 27th (9:00 am - 4:15 pm)

\$25 registration fee. Register at the front desk or online at StAmbrose.us/AFF



Feast of Altagracia

Celebrate the feast of Altagracia with us! Learn about our mission community in the Dominican Republic, see and experience some of the work we do and people we serve!

Saturday, January 20, 2024

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Saint Ambrose Parish
929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH



Please RSVP at StAmbrose.us/MissionPossible

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Bus Trip Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh Wednesday, February 7

\$45 per person

INCLUDES: Bus Ride • \$20 Free Slot Play • \$5 Food Credit!

8:00 am Depart from Saint Ambrose | **6:00 pm** Return to Saint Ambrose

Register online by January 30!
www.StAmbrose.us/bus-trip

Registration can also be completed at the Front Office by cash or check only.

Questions? Contact Vita Schmidt at vschmidt@stambrose.us or 330-460-7300 ext. 382





Dear Parish Family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We celebrate a very blessed 2023, as we look forward with hope to what is to come this year of 2024! Please see our top 23 in 2023 as we reflect on EVERYTHING!

GOD BLESS YOU FATHER ANDREW!

We recently had the opportunity to express our gratitude to Father Andrew. We are so thankful for his generous impact on our students and staff. We will certainly miss you, and our prayers are with you!

GOD BLESS OUR SUPPORTERS! END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Angels always and most recently during our Angels Scholarship Fund Campaign that began on Giving Tuesday. Please visit www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us for more information and to donate through tax day, April 15.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - GIVE THIS WEEKEND!

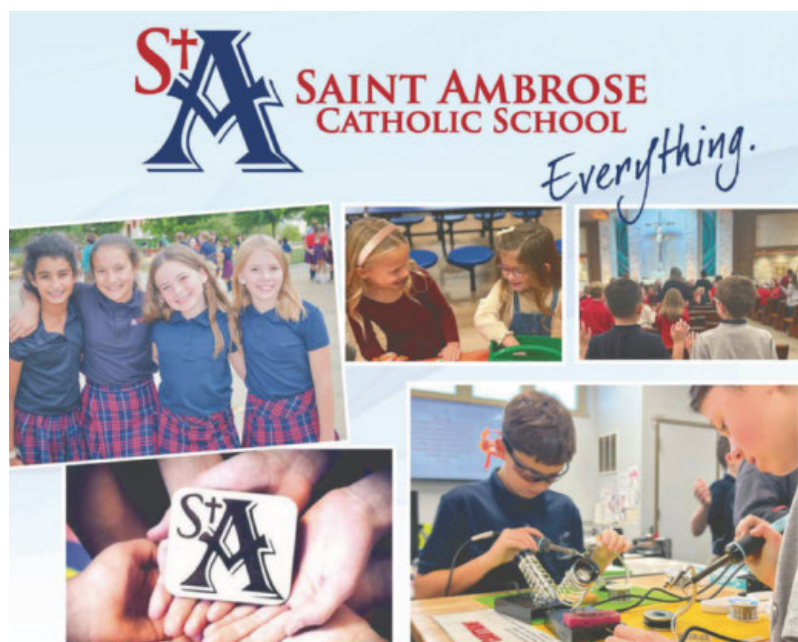
Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Scholarship Fund. This Ohio Tax credit program is a blessing to our school family, at no out-of-pocket expense to you. Thank you for giving from your heart to our Angels this Christmas. Please stop and meet with our Angel Ambassadors after all Masses this weekend to learn more.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT OPENS JANUARY 10 FOR PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE!

Don't miss the biggest event of 2024! Priority Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year opens ONLINE on January 10, 2024. Our school and parish families receive priority enrollment before the community. We always encourage early enrollment. Beginning January 10, don't miss your space(s) for the 2024-2025 school year! We are again expecting full classes and a waiting list for kindergarten. Visit us at SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

In Jesus, who is EVERYTHING for us!

Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*



Littlest Angels Preschool & Saint Ambrose School Grades K-8

Priority Enrollment

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 31

For our school, preschool and registered parish families.

Open Enrollment

FEBRUARY 14 (UNTIL SPOTS ARE FULL)

For families outside our parish and school.



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LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL- 8TH GRADE

TOP 23 OF 2023

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School



Created 318 hygiene kits for St. Herman's from a student-driven service project and our SAS grade bands donated all the products.



Saint Ambrose CYO 6th Grade football team won the championship and had an undefeated season.



Saint Ambrose CYO 7th grade boys basketball team won the CYO championship in February



Commissioned 99 NEW student Liturgical Ministers!



We said goodbye to Fr. Andrew but welcomed Fr. Dan to Saint Ambrose Parish!



Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research

Fifth- Eighth Grade students served students at International Newcomers Academy and Clark Elementary.



NJHS - 3 students were awarded the National NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award Scholarship, 28 students served over 1,344 service hours and averaged 4.18 GPA.



SAS Brain Brawl team won their division at the Saint Ignatius competition.



We hosted our first One Book One School Project and Literary Night!



Highest SAS enrollment!



Welcomed Mr. Tom Krebs as the new Vice Principal.



10 girls attended the STEM Goes Red 2023



Two of our student artists, Kaylee and Kelsey, had their artwork included in a juried exhibition at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport titled: THE NEXT 100 YEARS OF FLIGHT.



Mrs. Shreve (10 years) and Mrs. Gove (20 years) of service to the Diocese.

MathHoops
Regional Champs



MathHoops
Global Champs



Saint Ambrose and Littlest Angels Preschool raised \$347,980.62 in fundraising dollars! for assistance in Catholic education, school improvement projects and educational programs.



Young Astronaut Day - Second Place Overall and additional awards



LAPS again awarded 5-star SUTQ designation



Future City Team placed 3rd.

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Parish School of Religion

Journey to Emmaus Latest

To witness how God is working in the hearts of our people has been amazing. We are truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with them and help in preparing them for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in March 2024.



PSR First Grade Baptismal Workshop

Wednesday, January 3 -4:30pm

Monday, January 8-6:30pm

*We invite all first grade families,
grandparents and godparents to
join us for this very special
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Learn more about our teen ministry at
StAmbrose.us/fiat.

StA Baby Bible Time

Monday, January 8, 2024
10:00 am in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room

YOU CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER!

StAmbrose.us/Celebration

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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH • JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Father/Son Retreat

Saturday, Jan. 20
10am-2pm

*Spend some time with
your Dad doing something
super-fun—tubing?
Tobogganing?
Details coming soon!*

ABLAZE Night: Faith & Trust

Sunday, Jan. 21

Start the new year with ABLAZE! We will play games, eat food, and then learn more about what it really means to have FAITH and TRUST in Jesus!

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

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We Want YOUR Home Project!

Community Outreach Team

Our dedicated Outreach Team loves to offer their skilled hands and caring, compassionate hearts to help those who need it! We are looking for indoor tasks to fill our monthly projects for these upcoming winter months. If you or someone you know need help with a home project, please contact Gabby Moss at GYatson@StAmbrose.us.

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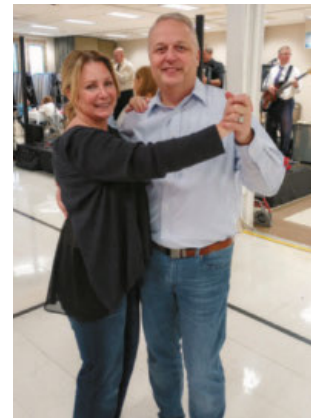
Mercy Monday **Monday, January 8**

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 **tuna, 64 ounce bottled apple juice, canned fruit, and pasta sauce**. God bless you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Save the Date **Couples' Night Out**

Grab your sweetie and let's shake off the cold winter blues on the dance floor! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 20, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm** to learn how to dance from a professional. Then, enjoy food and company with other Saint Ambrose couples. For more details and to RSVP, visit StAmbrose.us/Marriage.



Hope & Healing in the New Year **GriefShare**

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you love and lost, we welcome you to this Christ-centered program with a friendly group of people. A new GriefShare series starts in January 9, 2024! The series offers two sessions - choose which one fits your schedule:

- **Tuesdays (January 9 – April 2, 2024), 9:00 am in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room**
- **Wednesdays (January 10 – April 3, 2024), 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room**

For more details or to RSVP, contact Denise Golan at Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com

Divorce Care

Are you facing the struggles of divorce or separation? There is help in Christ, and Saint Ambrose offers a group through the Diocesan approved, non-denominational Divorce Care. Contact Mary Beth Garrity at 937.645.9436 for more information on this group that will begin meeting **weekly on January 10, 2024 in the Lehner Center John Room, 6:30 pm. - 8:30 pm**

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K)

DC4K is a scripture-based program designed to help children (ages 6-13) of families experiencing divorce and separation. A new session is **starting on January 10, 2024**. The weekly meetings will take place in the **Lehner Center Luke Room at 6:30 pm every Wednesday**. Contact Jennie Porco at JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7317 to RSVP and for more details.

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In Loving Memory



Nancy Hanacek

Mother of Jill Hanacek

October 13, 1951 - December 15, 2023



Patricia Watts

Mother of Carla Kolegar

January 22, 1940 - December 15, 2023



Dale G. Hudak

Husband of Joyce Hudak

October 21, 1952 - December 15, 2023



Frank B. Ivcic

Husband of June Ivcic

January 1, 1943 - December 19, 2023



Douglas C. Wingenfled

Husband of Margaret "Peggy" Wingenfled

February 19, 1951 - December 21, 2023

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

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Newly Baptized

Luca Anthony Calabria

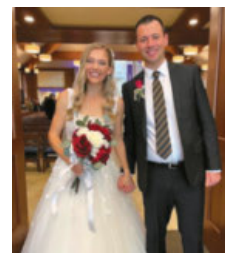
Easton June Rostocil



We want to welcome your child to the Waters of Baptism! Visit us online at **StAmbrose.us/Baptism** to start planning your child's baptism at Saint Ambrose Parish.

Just Married

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs.
Nathan and Abbey DeFranco who
were married at Saint Ambrose
Parish on December 16!**



Marriage Banns

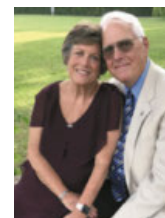
II - Ian Anderson and Josephine Carrino

I - Liam Donnelly and Anna Findley

Are you recently engaged? Plan your wedding with us! Get started planning one of the most special moments of your life by checking out many great resources at **StAmbrose.us/Wedding**.

Milestone Moments

**Allan and Jennifer Cole celebrate
their 50th wedding anniversary on
December 30!**



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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