

December 10, 2023



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH: ADVENT 2023

HOPE

*“The wolf will live with the lamb, the
leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf
and the lion and the yearling together; and
a little child will lead them.”*

(ISAIAH 11:6)

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 10

- 8:00 am Breakfast with Santa (Hilkert Hall)
- 5:00 pm Women's Welcome Meeting (LC John)
- 6:00 pm Men's Renewal Team Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 7:00 pm Rorate Caeli Advent Prayer Service (Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 10:30 am Chosen Group Session (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 11:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)
- 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)
- 6:00 pm YA Cookie, Cocoa, Carols (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 6:45 pm Synoptic Gospels (Mother Teresa)
- 7:00 pm Rhett Walker Christmas Concert (Church)
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)
- 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00 am GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:30 am Walking w/Purpose (Mother Teresa)
- 1:00 pm Route 66 Bunco (Mother Teresa)
- 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. (Mother Teresa)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 6:30 pm Walking w/Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
- 7:00 pm Advent Communal Penance (Church)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting (SAS 201)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:00 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Hilkert 4)
- 10:00 am The Bible Timeline (Mother Teresa)
- 12:00 pm If My People Pray Service (Chapel)
- 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 CONTINUED

- 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)
- 6:00 pm Dance Fitnezz (Mother Teresa)
- 6:00 pm Women's Guild Holiday Dinner (Hilkert Hall)
- 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 14

- 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 Infant of Prague Guild Meeting (LC Luke)
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)
- 6:15 pm Sitting with Scripture (Virtual)
- 6:15 pm Gabriel Project Meeting (LC Mark)
- 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 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 15

- 1:00 pm Advent Communal Penance (Church)
- 5:00 pm Parish Bingo Night (Hilkert Hall)
- 7:00 pm Comfort & Joy Concert (Church)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Bambinelli Blessing Weekend

- 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:30 am Sarah Hart Retreat (Hilkert Hall)
- 5:30 pm Healing Prayer Session (Church)
- 5:30 pm Living Nativity (Parish Grounds)

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

Come Back on Sunday Night!

Rorate Caeli Candlelight Prayer Service

The Rorate Mass is a **Votive Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary**. The interplay of light and darkness during the service speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit:

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem." (ISAIAH 45:8)

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

All are welcome to this beautiful service that will take place this **Sunday, at 7:00 pm in our church.**



Rhett Walker

Christmas Concert



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

Monday, December 11, 2023

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

THE FEST Get Tickets at TheFEST.us

PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...**"Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard 'delay,' but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."** The Lord is our HOPE. That's the message for our reflection on this Second Sunday of Advent. Hope comes from the Lord. God is patient with us. God does not want us to perish but to be fully alive in Christ. A day or a moment with the Lord is like a thousand years. Think of the promise and the power of the message our first reading Isaiah proclaims. Do not ignore this fact – beloved. **God is faithful and we need to use these Advent days to walk faithfully with the Lord our God.** Only Jesus is what we need. Only Jesus will we find true hope and lasting peace. He is the reason for the season and is everything for us, now and forever.

...The second week of Advent is a full and blessed week for our parish community. **There are opportunities for everyone this week.** Take some time to review the bulletin or go online to: StAmbrose.us/Advent for all the details.

...If you are reading this online, we start the week off with Breakfast with Santa on Sunday morning. We have a great breakfast along with crafts, activities, and SANTA. **Bring the kids and grandkids for a great family gathering at Saint Ambrose.**

...On Monday, The FEST is blessed to welcome contemporary Christian artist Rhett Walker to Saint Ambrose for a great Christmas concert. He's got a great voice and an inspiring message for all of us to hear as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas. You can get all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us. The concert begins at 7 pm in the Church.

...This coming Friday Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano come to Saint Ambrose with their Comfort and Joy Christmas tour. They both have beautiful voices. It's a perfect way to breathe deeply and find comfort and peace in the Lord in the busy days before Christmas. Their concert begins at 7 pm.

...On Friday, all of our parish and school employees will be blessed with some time for prayer and reflection. They do so much for our community, it's a way to give them some special time with the Lord. **Please keep them in your prayer.** May God bless and renew their spirit.

...Sarah Hart has an inspiring message to share with the women of our community on Saturday morning. **Join in a morning of reflection.** So often moms say, "I have no patience." Or often feel "tapped out." The best way to refocus, refuel and renew your spirit is to some time with the Lord. This morning of reflection is the perfect way. See today's bulletin for all the details or contact

Gayle Oboy at GOboy@StAmbrose.us.

...And on Saturday, bring the kids and grandkids for the Living Nativity and Singing Angels Concert. **It promises to be a perfect family night out.** See today's bulletin for all the info.

...We all like to be included and invited to parties, events, and gatherings. We really do. A great way for you to do the work of the Lord – and help your loved ones and friends remember the reason for the season – is to invite them. Ask them to join you for one of the concerts or events. Especially ask them to join you for Christmas Mass. **Your personal invitation to your kids, grandkids, family members, neighbors and friends makes all the difference.** We all like to be invited. This year let's make sure no one is left out. Don't be shy. Don't be worried about what they will say or respond. All you can do is invite - again - and again - and again. **And one day, you'll be surprised and they'll say yes.**

...BTW...the one gift every person, every family, our country and our world desperately need is Jesus. ONLY Jesus can save us. ONLY Jesus can help us and heal us. **ONLY Jesus is the perfect gift we need.**

...Sad to say, but true, we are in the final weeks before we send our beloved Father Andrew to Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Parma. He's had such a great impact on all of us...myself included. In the spirit of Father Andrew, join us for a fun evening with him (and for him) on Friday, December 29 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. There'll be Brats, Beer and buh-hy-byes. There will actually be plenty of good food for everyone of all ages. There will be plenty of refreshments for every child of God. There's going to be live music and great fun. Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for Father Andrew and his priestly ministry and service to our parish community. **Please help us by RSVP'ing to: StAmbrose.us/FatherAndrew.**

...Father Andrew will be leading Advent Night Prayer this Sunday at 7 pm in the Church. Last week, on the first Sunday of Advent, about 25 people came together for this very peaceful, gentle and comforting prayer. **Join us this Sunday (and next Sunday) for Advent Night Prayer.**

...This coming Tuesday evening, we are blessed to have many priests joining us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 7 to 8 pm in the Church. **We have a second opportunity on Friday from 1 pm to 2 pm.** Come and find the healing, forgiveness and peace only Jesus can give.

...Please pray for our teens who are on retreat this weekend. God bless our FIAT team who will spend their weekend helping about 35 high school students spend some

time reflecting on the Lord and how God wants to bring them the wisdom and peace they need – that they seek. Hold them in your prayers.

...My own niece, Becca, keeps reminding me to pray for her during Finals (this coming week). She is looking for some divine wisdom (and test answers). She reminds me that all of us need to keep our college students in our prayers during finals and always. **If you have a college student in your family, please send me their contact information (name/address/email) so we can send them a 'back to school' kit in January.** They need to know that their family, and parish family, care about them. Please help us keep connected with all of our college students (FrBob@StAmbrose.us).

...Please also pray for those who will be receiving and distributing the 12 days of Christmas. The prayer is that this beautiful ministry will bring hope and peace to those who have gone through difficult times this past year. **We still have room for a few more recipients.** If you know of someone who needs some 'hope' please contact Lisa Homady at LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

...Take some time this week to walk/drive thru the campus to see the beautiful tree and Christmas decorations. **God bless our Building and Grounds crew, along with our maintenance staff, for their efforts to make our parish sparkle for Christmas.**

...Today's bulletin contains a very important insert about the Angel Scholarship fund. Long story short, you can give an amazing gift of Catholic education to one of our students at no extra cost to you. **If you pay tax to the State of Ohio, you can give that amount (up to \$750 per person or \$1500 per couple) to the Angel Scholarship fund directed to Saint Ambrose School.** It takes less than five minutes to do. I know it sounds too good to be true, but it is really true... that simple...and easy to do. This will give a child and family the support they need to attend Saint Ambrose School. It is also a great help to our parish community. Please, please check out the insert.

...Prayers for the nine adults who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments through the Journey to Emmaus/RCIA experience. This weekend they celebrate the Rite of Enrollment where they make their commitment to open their heart to the Lord and prepare to be a part of the Catholic community.

...God bless you this Second Week of Advent. **Find a way to do something special this week to renew your spirit and fill your soul with the joy and peace of the Lord.** Jesus is the Reason for the season... and forever. Have a blessed 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 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 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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Monday, December 11 | St. Damasus I

8:15 am † Patricia Reidy (Ann & Tom Behrend)
 5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, December 13 | St. Lucy

8:15 am † Roberta Dempsey (Izzo Family)

Thursday, December 14 | St. John of the Cross

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*
 5:30 pm † Patrick Butas (Family)

Friday, December 15

8:15 am † Diane Sandor (Sharon Borszcz)

Saturday, December 16

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*
 4:30 pm † Samuel Wagner (Wife)

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Sunday, December 17 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Patricia Boehnen (Family)
 9:00 am † Robert Telenko (Wife)
 10:30 am † Marian Knotek (Mary Straslicka)
 12:00 pm † John & Annette Pojman (The Adams Family)
 5:00 pm † Trevor James Pacek (Frank & Sharon Pacek)
 7:00 pm *Advent Prayer Service in the Church*

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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.

Benediction

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



Week of December 3, 2023

	Dec. 3, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Dec. 3, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Dec. 4, 2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 50,594	\$ 913,563	\$ 861,212
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (897,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 11,594	\$ 16,563	
Building Fund	\$ 815	\$ 17,318	\$ 38,415
ACH Collection	\$ 4,277 (weekly) \$ 20,209 (monthly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,315		
Children's Offertory	\$ 240 from 30 envelopes collected		
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Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$ 4,653,451.29
Total # of Gifts: 819
Deposits (week of Nov. 27): \$ 1,470
Total Collected to Date: \$ 4,288,817.83

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.

In Loving Memory Christmas Flowers

Contributions to our annual Christmas Flower Fund made in honor of your loved ones, are most welcome and can be made online, now through December 17, at StAmbrose.us/Flowers.

Your generous donations go toward the cost of the beautiful flowers that adorn our blessed Church during the Christmas season.



LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

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

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 Missal	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

Jesus is THE Reason

Bambinelli is the Italian word that means, "Little Baby Jesus." **Next weekend is our annual Bambinelli Sunday.** We encourage you to bring your Baby Jesus to Mass with you to be blessed during all the Masses. We'll have hay for your manger and special prayers that you can take home. Use this teachable moment to talk with your family about our faith. This will remind all of us that amongst the garland and presents, Jesus is the true reason for the Christmas season. Other teachable moments include:

- *Reading the Christmas story in Luke 2 as a family - go through your Nativity and talk about each piece as described in the Bible, ending with Baby Jesus.*
- *Remembering to "find" the true meaning of Christmas during this season - everyday during the season, Baby Jesus can be hidden somewhere around the house (much like the Elf on the Shelf). Each day, your child(ren) can search and find Christ to put him in the manger. This reminds us to seek to find Him throughout the season and the year.*

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. Contact Debbie McCready at DMcCready@StAmbrose.us for more information.



Healing prayer teams will be available in the church on Saturday, December 16, after the 4:30 pm Mass to offer prayers for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. All are welcome.

An advertisement for 'Simply Blessed Sangria'. The background is a rustic wooden surface decorated with various fruits like lemons, oranges, and apples, along with some dried herbs. At the top, it says 'PURCHASE YOUR Simply Blessed Sangria TODAY!' in a mix of bold and regular fonts. Below this, a dark banner reads 'Specially designed for our Saint Ambrose parish'. The main text describes the sangria as a perfect wine for Thanksgiving and Christmas, mentioning a special greeting and blessing by Fr. Bob on the back of the bottle. It lists the price: '1 BOTTLE \$14' and '2 FOR \$25'. The website 'www.StAmbrose.us/Sangria' is provided. It also states that the wine will be available by Thanksgiving and that the proceeds will help with church missions, adult faith formation scholarships, and retreat costs. A small image of a bottle of sangria is shown on the left side of the ad.

If My People Pray

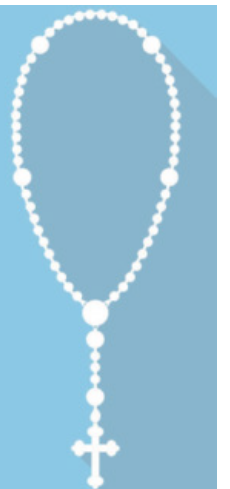
A Prayer Service for Our Nation

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.

Rosary Prayer For Vocations

Prayer is the support that brings to fruition the seed of the vocation within those who offer their lives to serve Our Lord. We invite all to a half hour 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.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE • *We Engage and Empower Others*

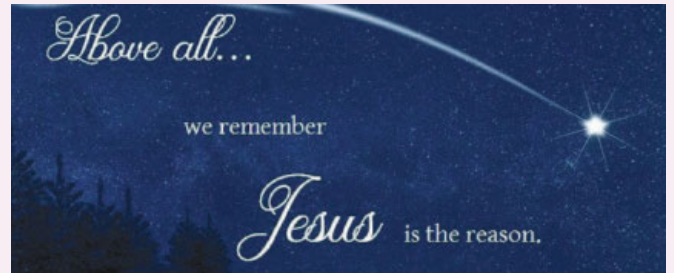


For Our Seniors

Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

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



Bunco

December 12 | 1:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Come join us for this fast paced and fun game that takes zero skill! Please RSVP by sending an email to JOsowski@StAmbrose.us.



Solstice Social

December 21 | 4:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

As we close in on the final days before Christmas, we'll celebrate the last rays of sun. We will keep you merry and bright! Find more event details at StAmbrose.us/Route66. Please use the online form in the solstice event to RSVP or send an email to JOsowski@StAmbrose.us.



Schedule Changes!


December Lunch & Learn

The lunch & learn originally scheduled for December 15 is being rescheduled for February 29. Details will be out in February's bulletins.


Chair Strength & Stretch

Please note that the start time for our weekly session is back to 9:00 am!





Brats, Beer, and Buhhh-bye...




Father Andrew is such a blessing to our parish. We will be sad to see him leave Saint Ambrose on December 31 as he begins a new ministry at Saint Anthony of Padua in Parma, Ohio.

There are three things he really enjoys – a good brat, craft beer, and the company of good people.

So, Father Andrew's Thank You Celebration will be held on Friday, December 29 at 6:00 pm until the brats are gone and all of our buhhh-byes are done.

Let's fill Hilkert Hall for a wonderful night dedicated to thanking Father Andrew and celebrating the almost four years of inspiring ministry and great work he has done for the Lord and our parish.

RSVP'S WILL BE MOST HELPFUL AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT STAMBROSE.US/FATHERANDREW.



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • Follow God!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- ROMANS 15:13

Dear Parish Family,

HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

This week we lit the candle of Hope. Jesus came as the hope for the world. We asked some of our kindergarten students to help us with what HOPE and JESUS mean to them this Advent. Here is what they had to say:

"I hope Jesus has a good birthday." - Luna

"I hope to bring a heart to Jesus." - Christiana

"I hope Jesus spends time with me." - Josie

"I hope Jesus is always in my heart." - Olivia

"I hope Jesus gets a dog." - Nate

"I hope Jesus has a Christmas tree with a star on top." - Nora

"I hope Jesus is funny." - Paxton

LITTLEST ANGELS CHOIR CHRISTMAS

Many thanks to all of our Littlest Angels and their families for bringing the joy of Christmas to Mass this morning!

WE CHOOSE TO SERVE

This past week we commissioned our student Liturgical Ministers into their new areas of ministry! We have over 145 newly commissioned Student Liturgical Ministers this year! Thank you, Jesus, for these students and their families and their YES to the Lord!

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are grateful for all who "turned taxes into tuition" through the State of Ohio tax credit program! As a result of your generosity in 2022, 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 by December 31, 2023 - up to \$750 if filing singly and up to \$1500 if filing jointly. Go to www.catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund and BE AN ANGEL TODAY!

Joyfully,

Lisa Cinadr, Principal

2024-2025
Priority Registration
OPENS ONLINE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
Open Enrollment
OPENS ONLINE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024
SaintAmbroseSchool.us/admissions





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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!**

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A Blessed Mini VBS

We had an amazing morning at our "Journey to the Manger" Advent Mini VBS this past week. The children journeyed through participating in prayer, crafts, Bible adventures, snacks and games. Thank you to all the teens who brought it to life along with our adult volunteers.

Journey to Emmaus Update

Our Journey to Emmaus Inquirers spent the afternoon serving others at Ronald McDonald House last Sunday. We prepared and served dinner to the families in residence. God calls each of us to give to those in need.



PSR Advent Prayer Service
Wednesday, December 13 at 5pm
or
Monday, December 18 at 7pm

We will have the opportunity to thank Father Andrew for his ministry and being an important part of our PSR program

Join us for cookies & cocoa after the service.

High School Youth Ministry

Metanoia Weekend

Please pray for our teens who are at this weekend's Metanoia Retreat. This is our annual retreat that provides our high school age students with the opportunity to encounter the Lord's love and mercy. May they spend this **"time of fulfillment"** to grow in God's peace, hope, strength, and wisdom.

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Christmas Service Day
Sunday, Dec. 10
2-6:30pm

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Go to stambrose.us/ABLAZE to sign up!

ABLAZE Christmas Party
Sunday, 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

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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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2023 Fall Campaign

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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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 veterans' graves.

To sponsor a wreath, visit
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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.

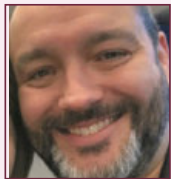
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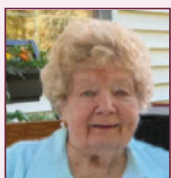
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September 4, 1928 - December 1, 2023

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Yianni Leon Kostandaras



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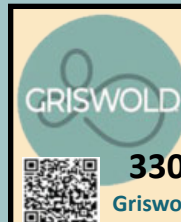
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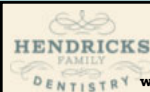


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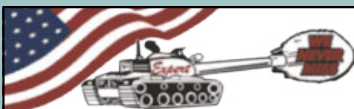
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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH: ADVENT 2023

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 -

Rhett Walker Concert

Monday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Brought to you by The FES and happening here at Saint Ambrose! Tix at StAmbrose.us/Advent.

- Service -

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 am

Sponsor a wreath for a veteran at

StAmbrose.us/Event/Wreaths-Across-America.

- Liturgy -

Sarah Hart Advent Reflection

Saturday, December 16, at 9:30 am

All are welcome to this great Advent event!

Register at StAmbrose.us/Advent.

- Ministry -

Comfort & Joy Concert

Friday, December 15, 7:00 pm

Steve Angrisano + Sarah Hart = Comfort & Joy!

Join us for some Advent inspiration.

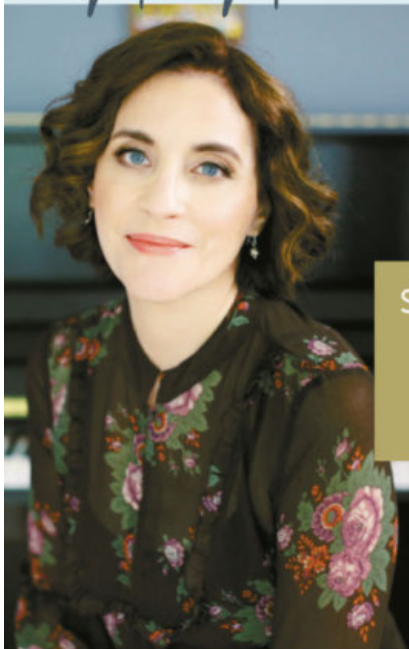
Bambinelli Blessing

Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your family's Nativity to any of our **Masses on December 16-17** to have it blessed!

Then, take it home, wrap it, place it under your Christmas Tree...And, on Christmas morning, make the first present you unwrap be the Baby Jesus. Because **ONLY Jesus** is the true reason for the season!

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An Advent Reflection with Sarah Hart



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
HILKERT HALL

\$15
(INCLUDES
BREAKFAST)



Register online at StAmbrose.us/Advent.



Living Nativity

Saturday, December 16 | 5:30-8:00 pm

Join us this Christmas Season as we celebrate the Greatest Gift – the Gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ as we perform the Living Nativity for our community.

This year's Living Nativity presentation will include:

- A children's Christmas play of "The Crippled Lamb" by Max Lucado
- A beautiful live recreation of the night our Savior was born
- Live performances from our Saint Ambrose Choir and The Singing Angels
- Delicious refreshments in Hilkert Hall for your entire family!

Invite your entire family for this beautiful Christmas tradition!



Your family is invited to be a part of the Living Nativity procession! We will provide you with biblical costumes. No rehearsal required. Sign-up today at StAmbrose.us/Event/Living-Nativity.