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Rejoice! **Catholic Schools Week 2024**
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FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 am Catholic Schools Week Mass (Church)
 10:00 am SAS Open House for CSW (School)
 5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church & Hilkert Hall)
 6:00 pm Women's Welcome Weekend Mtg. (LC Luke)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 10:30 am Chosen Faith Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
 6:45 pm Synoptic Gospels (Mother Teresa)
 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 am GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
 9:30 am Walking w/Purpose (Mother Teresa)
 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
 6:30 pm Healing Hearts (LC Mark)
 6:30 pm Walking w/Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
 6:45 pm Ladies First Meeting (LC John)
 7:00 pm Route 66 Rec/Fit/Fun (Hilkert Gym)
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (SAS 201)
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Mother Teresa)
 9:00 am Building & Grounds Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
 10:00 am The Bible Timeline (LC Fr. McGivney)
 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 CONTINUED

5:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room)
 6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)
 6:00 pm Dance Fitnezz (Hilkert Gym)
 6:30 pm DC4K Meeting (LC John)
 6:30 pm Divorce Care Meeting (LC Luke)
 7:00 pm GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
 7:00 pm Consoling the Heart (Family Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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)
 5:45 pm Alpha Session (LC John)
 6:00 pm Weekly Reconciliation (Church)
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)
 7:00 pm Living Your Strengths (LC Fr. McGivney)
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:00 pm Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)
 5:00 pm Bingo (Hilkert Hall)
 7:00 pm Presentation of the Lord Mass (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
 10:00 am LAPS Open House (Littlest Angels
 Preschool)
 6:00 pm Marriage Date Night (Hilkert Hall)

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



Synoptic Gospels Monthly at 6:45 pm

Join our very own Father Bob Stec for his teachings on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. He will look into their accounts collectively and comparatively and share his insights. **The next date is January 29 in the Mother Teresa Room.** Please register online at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.



Ladies First!
 SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



January 30, 2024

6:45 pm in the Lehner Center John Room

Learning about women of the Bible can help us understand and apply powerful lessons about the value of resilience, trust, hope, courage, gentle kindness, humility, and faith in our everyday lives. Come and join us for faith, friendship and food.

RSVP to mathdenmom@aol.com.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS AT MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him. His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee." Today's Gospel underscores the importance of knowing Jesus in a most personal way. **ONLY Jesus can change everything in your life.** He can cast out demons. He can heal the sick. He can forgive us of our sins. He can set us free. **We need to know Jesus in a most personal and intimate way – by name!!!!**

...Over the next two weeks, you will be seeing, reading and receiving lots of good information about upcoming programs and opportunities throughout the Lenten season to help each member – of every age and background – come to know Jesus, by name, in a most personal way. **Imagine if you – and every member – took a few hours (that's all) during Lent to come to know the Lord more personally, more intimately.** The blessing in your life and in our community would be amazing, stunning, and overwhelming. **Start today by taking a good look through the bulletin, or you can always go online to: www.StAmbrose.us/Lent.** Today's Gospel is powerful. He can cast out your demons. He can heal and forgive. You can call him by name!

...This weekend we kick off **Catholic Schools Week.** We are so blessed as a community to sponsor a very active and vibrant school program. From our Littlest Angels through our eighth graders, our students are learning the greatest of things (came in second last week in the State of Ohio Future City competition). Even more, they are learning and growing in the ways of the Lord. We are working hard to help our young people know Jesus. Only Jesus can give them everything they need. **The culture and spirit in our school programs is inspiring. We are blessed! Special thanks to Lisa Cinadr, Tom Krebs, Catherine Mitchell and the wonderful faculty and staff they work with for the good of our students.** In this Catholic Schools Week we pray for our school leaders, teachers, staff and students. We celebrate the great things taking place in Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool. **We strive to provide the best of faith-based education for our young people and their families.** Take some time to read and see the good things taking place at SAS by going to: SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

...This coming Monday morning our school will host a special Community/Civic Leaders Breakfast at 7:30 am. We are blessed to

welcome 95.5 The FISH to this event. They will air live from Saint Ambrose School from 6 am to 9 am. If you would like to attend the breakfast, please contact Breanne at blogue@StASchool.us. **Tune in Monday morning.** Special thanks to our Friends from Beyond Juicery for their support for this special breakfast and broadcast.

...The State of Ohio has established a special program called EdChoice which can help make Saint Ambrose School possible for every child. **To learn more about EdChoice, contact Breanne Logue (blogue@StASchool.us) or Lisa Cinadr (lcinadr@StASchool.us).** Every parent has the possibility to choose a faith-based education at Saint Ambrose School.

...This weekend we are also blessed to welcome our second graders and their families to Mass for their **Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist.** It's a special time to help form the minds and hearts of our children so they know the Lord and they prepare to receive the love of Jesus deep in their hearts and lives. **Please keep our young people in your prayers.**

...Last weekend we were so blessed that so many wanted Bibles on Word of God Sunday. **We have replenished our supply both for Bibles and special children's bibles (My First Bible).** You can pick one up in the sacristy, or contact Helen Lanzarotta (hlanzarotta@StAmbrose.us). It's a good day when we run out of Bibles. Let's pray we all use them.

...Speaking of Bibles...we are looking to bring back Bible Bags for the children who are in the Family Room for Mass. **We need a few helpers to put together the Bible bags for each weekend (it will probably take about an hour).** If we get 3 or 4 people who can help assemble, it could be a once a month commitment for an hour that will help our youngest members learn the Bible stories and come to know Jesus from the youngest moments of their life. **If you can help, send me an email: frbob@StAmbrose.us.**

...Next Saturday we are so blessed to welcome Extreme Faith Productions to our parish as we celebrate World Marriage Day and support married life. They are comedians that come with an incredible 'show' that allows you to laugh, joke and ponder the gift of married love. **See today's bulletin for all the details.** It's a great show...a great night out...and a great way to refresh your married love. **Please join us.**

...Lent is right around the corner and with it comes our **annual Lent Fish Fry.** The team has been working to plan some great food and fellowship every Friday of Lent. **We are looking for some people to help bring the Fish Fry to life. To learn more, or sign up to volunteer, please contact Jake Bihari**

at jbihari@StAmbrose.us. Mark your calendars – lobster mac and cheese and funny videos are days away!!!

...God bless Gayle Oboy and Diane Heilman for their leadership for Walking with Purpose. They lead over 100 women in a weekly Bible Study. So many are deepening their relationship with the Lord and finding the power and grace of God's blessings. **Last week they were asked to lead a regional event for Walking with Purpose.** It's a powerful affirmation of the great work they are doing for the Lord and our community. Walking with Purpose has a morning and evening session every Tuesday.

...Ladies First takes place this coming Tuesday at 6:45 pm in Mother Teresa Room. Every month a room full of women come together to share life, friendship, food and a great spiritual message. **All are welcome.**

...Last Sunday was Word of God Sunday and it highlights the priority and centrality of the Word of God – The Bible – in our Christian faith. It is our manual for living the life of faith. **This coming Monday, January 29th, I will resume the Synoptic Gospel Class. All are welcome to come and learn more about the Gospels from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm in Mother Teresa Room.** Add your name to the email list so you can get notes and reminders by going to: StAmbrose.us/AFF.

...Marian Badaczewski and Carol Maline are excited to be offering another round of **Living Your Strengths for Married Couples based on the CliftonStrengths.** It's a great way for a couple – of every age – to best understand themselves and their partner. Those who have participated in prior years will tell you how much they appreciated the new sense of understanding and awareness to help refresh their marriage and work best as couples. **See today's bulletin for all the details.**

...Next Friday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day. We will celebrate a special Mass at 7 pm and bless the candles that will be used in Church throughout the year. He is our Light that shines bright and shows us the way.

...Thanks to all who signed up to join the proofreader team. **We are still in need of some photographers.** All you need is a smart phone and willingness to snap some pics at parish events/programs. **To learn more, send me an email: frbob@StAmbrose.us.**

...As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, God bless all of our students, faculty and staff of Saint Ambrose School. **Let's all be life-long learners in the ways of the Lord.**



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, January 28 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Walter Zavada (Zavada Family)

9:00 am † Greg Crane (Elmer & Louise Dubs)

10:30 am † Ernest LaManna (Robert & Rita Micko)

12:00 pm † Jacob Jurgens (Family)

5:00 pm † Andrew Thomas (Daughters)

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Monday, January 29

8:15 am † Edward Kostyack (Camille Kostyack)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, January 30

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, January 31 | St. John Bosco

8:15 am † Esther Petee (The Varnish Family)

Thursday, February 1

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † Russ Burchard (Marcia Beck)

Friday, February 2 | Presentation of the Lord

8:15 am † Bob McCreedy (Debbie McCreedy)

7:00 pm *Presentation of the Lord Mass in the Church*

RS

Saturday, February 3 | St. Blaise, St. Ansgar & the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am † Zane Brushaver (Rose Mary Gannon)

4:30 pm † Pat Ciekanski (Marilyn Plitt)

RS

Sunday, February 4 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Louis & Irene Hollo (The Hollo Family)

9:00 am † Greg Crane (Jim & Pixie Blake)

10:30 am † Giancarlo Monterosso (The Mannino Family)

12:00 pm † Barbara Merrill (Tanya Bryant)

5:00 pm † Patricia Anne Dupont (Olliver & Dowie Families & Charles E. Depont)

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Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to schedule.

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.

Week of January 21, 2024

	Jan. 21, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Jan. 21, 2024	Jul. 1, 2022 to Jan. 21, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 54,875	\$ 1,329,897	\$ 1,226,386
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,170,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 15,875	\$ 159,897	
Building Fund	\$ 1,391	\$ 58,151	\$ 42,659
ACH Collection	\$ 4,250 (weekly) \$ 25,885 (monthly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 996		
Children's Offertory	\$ 284 from 51 envelopes collected		

Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

Total Pledged:	\$ 4,653,451.29
Total # of Gifts:	819
Deposits:	\$ 34,900
Total Collected to Date:	\$ 4,326,452.83

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.

Now Hiring

Join Our Parish Team

As we walk into the new year, we are looking for a few people to join our parish team:

- We are in need of a **part-time payroll specialist** to join our Business Office.
- We are also looking for some **help in our maintenance and housekeeping department**. We are looking for part-time help which would include setting up and cleaning up from parish events/programs and helping lock up our parish campus at the end of the day.

For more information about either position, please send an email to Jobs@StAmbrose.us.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

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

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

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

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

Are you experiencing a "Winter" in your life?

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of a layoff, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our **Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life.** They provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders:

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

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

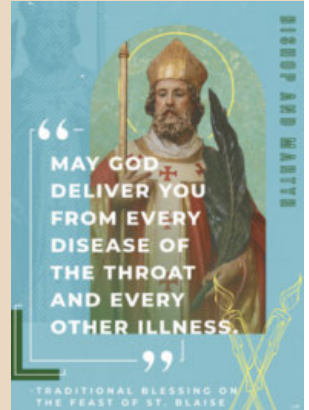
Liturgy Corner

Upcoming: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord & Throat Blessing

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas Day. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication. The Gospel of Luke mentions the Presentation of Our Lord, "for it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-23). Jesus is presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven.

He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally, candles that are used throughout the year are blessed at Mass, hence coining the term "Candlemas." Not every parish will have blessing of candles, as it is not necessary to have only beeswax taper candles to be blessed for use. Candles designated for religious use in the Church or home can be any style: votive, tealight, or taper.

Join us in the Church on February 2 at 7:00 pm for a Candlemas Celebration. And, at all the Masses during the weekend of February 3-4, have your throat blessed for the Feast of Saint Blaise.



Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, February 7

- At some point in our lives, we have known someone who has been affected by cancer.
- Perhaps you are suffering or have suffered from cancer. Our group is open to all, whether in remission or recently diagnosed, a friend of someone, whether you are involved in our church or not, all are welcome. We read Scriptures to remind us that we are not alone and that God is always with us. We open our hearts and include in our prayers all those affected by illness including those who could not be with us, eat some nutritious foods, and discuss our own medical updates. Come to the **Mother Teresa Room at 6:00 pm** to share your story. We are an upbeat group. In addition to discussing nutrition this month, we'll be tasting Chinese New Year's food for fun, luck, happiness, and good fortune.

For more information, contact Terri at 216.990.0082 or Miriam at 330.225.9005.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

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

Invite your friends! Space is LIMITED...register early!

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

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.

Rec/Fit/Fun - Cornhole

January 30 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym

Corn hole requires a little more skill than bunco but come out and have some fun whether you are good or bad! RSVP to JOsowski@StAmbrose.us.

Pickleball

February 6 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym

Get warmed up with some pickleball! All levels are welcome!

Coffee & Donut Social

February 7 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room

It's a last chance to enjoy some donuts before Lent! It's also a great chance to meet someone new or get to know someone better. With a parish as big as ours, it's the little moments of connection that make us the family of God.



Rosary Prayer

Just for Vocations

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

Ohio 529 Savings Plan

presented by

THE SAINT AMBROSE

Endowment Fund Committee

**Thursday, February 15, 2024
7:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room**

Learn more about education savings vehicles, including 529 plans and the new 529 to Roth roll over.

RSVP

Please RSVP to Mary Jo Halenar at mhalenar@stambrose.us or by visiting StAmbrose.us/endowment



Living Your Strengths

Clifton Strengths-Finder Sessions

What are YOUR God-Given Strengths? The Clifton Strengths-Finder will unravel your God-given strengths! This class can provide you with the answers to these questions along with helping you recognize and experience YOUR unique strengths you use in your everyday life.

Sign up for one of our upcoming Living Your Strengths sessions:

- **Living Your Strengths for Individuals that begins February 1, 2024 (3-week session).**
- **Living Your Strengths for Couples that begins February 22, 2024 (2-week long session. Please register by February 13 so you can take the required on-line assessment prior to the first class.)**



Discover your God-given talents to enhance your strengths for yourself and others. For more information and to sign up, email CMaline@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7336.



SAINT AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy New Year!

As we reflected on 2023, we were humbled and energized to look back on all the great moments we got to spend together with our high school teens – six retreats, three conferences, countless fiat nights, lock-ins, Confirmation small groups and so much more.

As we start 2024, we are looking forward to another incredible year packed with meaningful opportunities for all of our high school teens to grow in faith, strengthen bonds of friendship, and come together to have a lot of fun. All fiat events & programming are open to any/all high school teens – so please invite any high school teens you know to join us in 2024!

to learn more & stay connected...

- follow fiat on instagram (@stambrose_fiat)
- follow fiat on facebook (facebook.com/stambrosefiat)
- check out the parish website (www.StAmbrose.us/fiat)
- email Caitlin to join the e-mail newsletter (CArbogast@StAmbrose.us)



Thank You!

We would not be able to offer any of these incredible opportunities for our teens without our amazing fiat core team. These individuals give selflessly of their time, talent and energy to make all of our fiat events possible – please keep them in your prayers!

Thank you: Natalie Bottger, Jess Calhoun, Caleb Crowley, Madelyn Deighton, Meghan Deighton, Nathan Frankart, Thomas Gorman, Kris Koch, Michelle Koerper, Sadie Koerper, Jakob Malloy, Nicholas Matheis, Melanie Moody, Lizzie Morris, Zach Morris, Sean O'Brien, Morgan O'Malley, Jim Rauschenbach, Bill Till & Sarah Till

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Metanoia X Retreat

In December, we gathered for our tenth annual Metanoia Retreat and had an amazing weekend of faith, friendship, and a lot of fun! Here's what the teens who joined us had to say about their experience:

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Wonderful time, great food, environment, people, and opportunity with Jesus.

God answered prayers I never thought He would.

Very fun, lots of faith-filled opportunities. I started to pray more during this retreat and hope to keep it up.

I definitely grew closer to God and had so much fun and met amazing people.

This Metanoia was life changing for me.

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Fiat retreat team

We are so blessed to have an incredible team of sophomores, juniors and seniors who work together to plan, prepare and facilitate many of the retreat experiences for their peers including Metanoia. From planning activities to giving witness talks or leading prayer experiences, our teens have done an incredible job and continue to inspire all of us!

Thank you: JJ Burrell, Ellie Gillispie, Joey Knapper, Izzy Kopacz, Callie Koval, Juju Lawrence, Charlie Margosian, Marisa McCartin, Keegan McCrary, Brendan Meidenbauer, Joey Neff, Brayden Osborn, Matthew Skonieczny, Brady Stibley, Rosie Till, Ellie Trebisky, Amanda Twarowski, Chloe Wilson, Shane, and Witt

P.S. We are thrilled to be bringing back our Spring Retreat this year - save the date for the weekend of April 12-14 and plan to join us for another incredible retreat experience! Sign up today!



JOIN US IN FEBRUARY:

Souper Bowl of Caring

FEBRUARY 10-11

Help us "Tackle Hunger" and raise money for our monthly Community Meal Program! Sign up to volunteer online at www.StAmbrose.us/fiat and help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000 to fight hunger!

Ashes on the Asphalt

FEBRUARY 14

Join us on Ash Wednesday! Start Lent with your friends & classmates and join us for a brief prayer service in the Rec Center parking lot at 6:50am followed by distribution of Ashes.

Fiat's Got Talent!

FEBRUARY 25

Our annual talent show is coming up on Sunday, February 25 from 6-8pm in Hilkert Hall & Gym. All teens are welcome to join us for a fun evening! Willing to share your talent with the group? Sign up online at www.StAmbrose.us/fiat



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • Follow God!

Rejoice "...A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan." - POPE FRANCIS

Dear Parish Family,

REJOICE! HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

We join schools around the Diocese, and across the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week! The theme this year in our Diocese is REJOICE! We thank God for our amazing school and community of families and supporters. Please join us after the 9:00 am Mass for a reception, and all are welcome to stop by and say hello to our Advancement team who will be at the school welcoming guests from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. This week we celebrate our faith, our families, and our community.

SAS STUDENTS TAKE 2ND PLACE FOR FUTURE CITY IN THE STATE OF OHIO!

Full STEAM ahead... Congratulations to our Omnigeia Future City Team! They showcased their city in the state competition and earned 2nd place in the state of Ohio! The team of 7th and 8th grade students also won for "Best Land Surveying" and "Best Project Plan Winner"!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: LAPS OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

We are hosting new parent tours at our preschool campus on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Register online for a tour time from 10:00 am - 11:30 am to meet the teachers and visit our 5STAR preschool campus during Catholic Schools Week! Register online today at SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE!

Parish members are invited and encouraged to apply for preschool-8th grade classes during our Priority Enrollment which takes place until January 31. Please reach out to our Admissions team at SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions or call 330.460.7318 with any questions you may have or to schedule a personal tour. We are again expecting a full kindergarten class for the 2023-2024 school year. Parish families enjoy early enrollment with priority consideration for our preschool-8th grade classes.

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Priority Enrollment

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 31

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Open Enrollment

FEBRUARY 14 (UNTIL SPOTS ARE FULL)

For families outside our parish and school.



www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Apply-Today

Parish School of Religion

February Schedule Reminders

Please note the following for February:

- **No PSR classes will be held on Wednesday, February 14 and Monday, February 19.**
- **We invite all of our third and fourth grade students to join us for our "Beatitudes" Retreat on Saturday, February 3 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Lehner Center. We will celebrate Mass together at 4:30 pm.**



Adult Confirmation

Those seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation and to celebrate Confirmation are invited to join us for our first formation session on **Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 am in the Lehner Center.**

A Journey to the Cross
LENT MINI VBS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
 9:00-11:00 AM | HILKERT HALL GYM

FREE EVENT!

We invite you to join us during Lent as we prepare our hearts for the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

The morning will take us on a journey through 40 Days of Lent filled with Bible adventures, games, crafts and more.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join.

Register at StAmbrose.us/Lent



ablaze **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

SUN 04 5PM MASS
 All 7th Graders are especially invited to serve as liturgical ministries, sit together and share in this special Mass together.

SAT-SUN 10 & 11 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
 Help us collect money for the poor during the weekend Masses. Sign up @ stambrose.us/ablaze

FRI 16 GAME NIGHT
 7pm - Lehner Center
 Board games, Mario Kart tournament, tons of snacks! Come hang out!

SUN 18 ABLAZE NIGHT: CALLED TO SERVE
 5pm Mass, 6pm Mother Teresa Room

SAT 24 MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT
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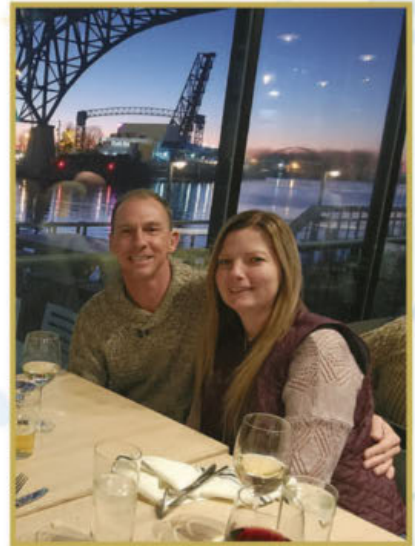
Auditions Happening Soon Star in a Musical!

Children of Eden is a musical about the creation of man, Noah, and the ark. The performances will take place outside (weather permitting) this coming summer - July 2024. Michelle Cha, our Minister of Performing Arts, hopes to be able to include many of our Saint Ambrose members for this All Parish Musical. There will be a sitting chorus as well as a staged chorus. There are also many roles, including 2 young boy leads. **Auditions will take place this coming spring.** For more information, send an email to MCha@StASchool.us. More details to follow soon!



It's a Date!

The Saint Ambrose Marriage Enrichment Ministry recently hosted two lively nights out on the town for couples to experience! In November, couples enjoyed dinner on the river, followed by a blend of sightseeing, learning, and laughs aboard the award-winning Funny Bus Comedy Tour. At our January date night, couples kicked off their snowy shoes and warmed their hearts in the embrace of their loved one as they learned new dance steps at Dance d'Elegance and enjoyed the company of other Saint Ambrose couples.



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

DAVID DEAN
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MICHELLE MILLER
Comedian

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Singer/Songwriter

A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER & MUSIC

Marriage Date Night Comedy Event
February 3

Living Your Strengths for Couples
February 22 and 29

Lent Reflection and Fun for Couples
March 16

Pickleball and Pizza
April 20

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Mercy Monday

Monday, February 5

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 February are **cake mix, Chef Boyardee, Quaker Oats (18 oz.), and pancake mix**. God bless you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

*Annual Health
& Wellness Fair*

Sunday, March 3, 2024
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Hilkert Gym at Saint Ambrose

Calling All Vendors!

Come to Our Health & Wellness Fair

We will be hosting our **14th Health and Wellness Fair on March 3, 2024** and are looking for a variety of vendors to join us! **This is a great opportunity to showcase your business** and share with our community what they can do to physically, mentally and spiritually be fit, healthy and full of life. Our friends at Marc's will be offering their healthy breakfast during the Fair, and we typically have many people coming to view our vendor's information as well.

The cost for a vendor's table is only \$35.00. Space is limited so act quickly by emailing JPorco@StAmbrose.us.

Healing Hearts

CHILDREN GRIEVE TOO



Children may have a difficult time to process emotions and feelings surrounding the loss of a loved one.

It can be tough for them to talk about these feelings or know what to do with them. While we can't spare our children the pain of loss, we can try thoughtful and hopeful activities focused on God's love.

Healing Hearts is a 6-week program designed to help and support children and adolescents who have lost a loved one and will focus on bringing hope, healing and joy to your child.

New Series: January 23 – February 27, 2024
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
in Lehner Center, Mark

Please contact Jennie at JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7317 to RSVP or for more information.

Prayers & Gratitude to Our Members Serving in the Armed Forces

CPT	Joseph Adams, <i>Marine Corps</i>	E2A	Kileo Huntington, <i>National Guard</i>	SSGT	Matthew Pyzik, <i>Air Force</i>
MN3	Garret Anderson, <i>Navy</i>	1LT	Matthew Hupp, <i>Army</i>	LCPL	Lukas Robison, <i>Marine Corps</i>
SPCL	Andrew Bajusz, <i>National Guard</i>	IT3	Jeffrey Jones, <i>Navy</i>	E5	Carsten Safran, <i>Army</i>
SSGT	Kurt Becka, <i>Air Force</i>	SSGT	Charles Kalemba, <i>Air Force</i>	AVCM	Christopher Schornik, <i>Navy</i>
A1C	Tigan Braskie, <i>Air Force</i>	LTCOL	Brad Klusmann, <i>Marine Corps</i>	LTG	Stephen Sklenka, <i>Marine Corps</i>
E1	Simon Claypool, <i>Marine Corps</i>	LT, O3	Shaun Krall, <i>Navy</i>	PVT	Alex Skoczen, <i>National Guard</i>
CPT	Michael Duniec, <i>Air Force</i>	SPC	Jacob LeRoy, <i>Army</i>	PVT	Xavier Skoczen, <i>National Guard</i>
LT	Dr. Ryan Fashempour, <i>Navy</i>	WO1	Zachary Leuhsler, <i>Marine Corps</i>	CDR	Philip Starcovic, <i>Navy</i>
PFC	Tyler Faught, <i>Army</i>	CPL	Nicholas Levitsky, <i>Marine Corps</i>	MDN3/C	Mollie Stracensky, <i>Navy</i>
SPC	Matthew Fischer, <i>National Guard</i>	LTCOL	Leonard Livingston, <i>Air Force</i>	SrA	Nathaniel Taylor, <i>Air Force</i>
A1C	Brandon Gazso, <i>Air Force</i>	LTCOL	Theresa Livingston, <i>Air Force</i>	CPT	Zachary Taylor, <i>Marine Corps</i>
LCDR	Serena Gerfy, <i>Navy</i>	PFC	Alex Lowry, <i>Army</i>	CADET	Adam Wegas, <i>Army</i>
MDN1/C	John Ham, <i>Navy</i>	MAJ	James Maskovyak, <i>Army</i>	SrA	William Wiener, <i>Air Force</i>
PO	Rob Hartman, <i>Navy</i>	SPC	William Mortensen, <i>Army</i>	A1C	Paige Zoltowski, <i>Air Force</i>
ICE2	Walter Hicho, <i>Navy</i>	LCPL	Christian Nowak, <i>Marine Corps</i>		
CPT	Keith Holcomb, <i>Air Force</i>	A1C	Jacob Priebe, <i>Air Force</i>		

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.

Give Back to Those Serving

Our Military Messages Ministry invites you to become a Prayer Warrior, Military Messenger, or to give support for postage, stationery, yellow ribbons, and more. Visit StAmbrose.us/Military to learn more.

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- 1/29 | Catholic Marriage Centering
- 2/12 | Mary as the New Eve Luminous Mysteries
- 2/26 | Spiritual Warfare Art Divina
- 3/11 | Sacramental Life Meditation
- 3/25 | Reconciliation Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4/8 | Masculinity Joyful Mysteries
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Contact for more information:
Deacon Tom Sheridan 440-932-7437
John Ballash 330-433-0574
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<https://stambrose.us/event/mens-welcome-weekend>

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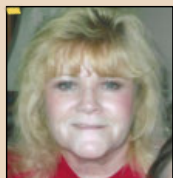
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Lisa Ocacio
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To have your loved one's name appear in the "In Loving Memory" section, call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300.

- SACRAMENTS -

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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.

Milestone Moments

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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Lenten Soup Suppers

February 21, March 7 & March 20
in the Mother Teresa Room

Join us as we gather for a delicious soup dinner, great fellowship, and spiritual reflections and discussions which will focus on our Lenten themes. We are so blessed and fortunate to have a wonderful line-up of speakers joining us, and we look forward to welcoming them with joyful hospitality.

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



StAmbrose.us/Lent



Topics & Speakers

Wednesday, February 21st

6:00-8:00 pm

"What It Means to Practice Almsgiving"
Ed Plaspohl, Social Concern Advocate
and Nathan Frankart,
Parish Seminarian Intern

Thursday, March 7th

6:00-8:00 pm

*"What Exactly Happened to Jesus? -
The Anatomy of the Crucifixion"*
Dr. Matt McDaniel

Wednesday, March 20th

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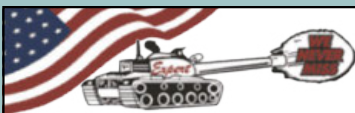
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- This Week's Featured -
Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry
We've spotlighted these upcoming opportunities, just for you!

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

- Event -
Parish Bus Trip
 RSVP by January 30!!!
Last call to get tickets for the February 7 Bus Trip! Buy them at StAmbrose.us/Bus-Trips to be able to join us at Rivers Casino.

- Service -
Unpack the Alleluia!
 Upcoming Opportunity
Adopt-a-member during Holy Week this year. Gifts provided - you deliver them along with much needed joy and hope!

- Liturgy -
Synoptic Gospels
 January 29, 6:45 pm
Join Father Bob in the Mother Teresa Room for his teachings on the Synoptic Gospels. RSVP at StAmbrose.us/AFF.

- Ministry -
Ladies First Session
 Tuesday, January 30, 6:45 pm
Learn more about the wonderful women of the Bible while enjoying yummy food and fostering bonds of sisterhood.

To learn more about these and all the New Year opportunities go to:
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BINGO



Friday, February 2
 Buy any Lightning, get one small Lightning FREE.
\$1 Fries, \$2 Onion Rings

Sunday, February 18
 FREE Extra Coverall with two or more 9-on packages.
\$5 Chicken Fingers & Hand Cut French Fries

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 7:00PM BINGO BEGINS**




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The Spiritual Journey – Reflections on the Wizard of Oz

Sunday, February 25
 Mass - 5:00 pm | Reception - 6:00 pm |
 Mission - 7:00-8:30 pm

Monday & Tuesday, February 26-27
 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church

Friar John Paul will be back to lead in reflections of our spiritual journeys, by examining the classic characters in one of the world's most beloved tales. **See how Dorothy's journey can give us an insight into the true spiritual journey home to God.** What message the the wicked witch, flying monkeys, and Toto have to tell us? Click your heels and enjoy this journey down the yellow brick road of life.

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