

January 7, 2024

Only **JESUS**

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

"Let every nation adore You, Lord."

PSALM 72



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
10:00 am Baby Bible Time (LC Fr. McGivney)
11:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
5:00 pm Mercy Monday (CWM Outreach Center)
6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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 Walking w/Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
6:30 pm Alpha Session (LC Luke)
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)
9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Hilkert 4)
10:00 am The Bible Timeline (LC Fr. McGivney)
12:00 pm If My People Pray (Chapel)
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
4:30 pm Women's Guild Board Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 CONTINUED

5:00 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 Luke)
6:30 pm Divorce Care Meeting (Mother Teresa)
7:00 pm Route 66 Pickleball (Hilkert Gym)
7:00 pm Women's Guild Meeting (Hilkert Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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 Meeting (LC Luke)
6:00 pm K of C Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)
6:30 pm Alpha Session (LC Mark)
7:00 pm The Bible Timeline (John Paul II)
7:00 pm Men's Fellowship Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilkert 2-4)
9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 pm Route 66 Chinese New Year (Hilkert Hall)
6:30 pm Love Dare Session (Mother Teresa)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Mother Teresa)
9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
6:00 pm Couples' Night Out (Hilkert Hall)

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

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.

Infant of Prague

Second Thursday of the Month

6:00 pm

Lehner Center, Room Luke

The Infant of Prague Guild are Catholics who promote a deeper love of the Infant Jesus. This is accomplished through the recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant Jesus, teaching children about the Child Jesus, and preparing small bags for those who are being Baptized. Membership is open to all Catholics. Auxiliary members, those unable to attend monthly meetings, only need to commit to daily recitation of the Chaplet.

More details at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

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.

PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...*"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."*
Happy Feast of the Epiphany – the little Christmas. We continue to bask in the Light of Christ and the Joy of Christmas. And this is the heart of our Gospel today. We are called to be overjoyed at the star – the Light of the World Jesus Christ. **Being mindful every day the blessing of having Emmanuel – God with us – should stir our hearts to an overwhelming sense of joy.**

...Take a minute to look at (or recall) the Saint Joseph relief in our Church. **In the upper left corner is the radiant 'star' that shines through every aspect of Joseph's life.** He is led by and basks in the Light that is Christ and we are called to do the same. As you reflect on the Joseph relief, it is the light that cuts through every moment and aspect of his life. It is the Light that shows him the way. Look to the Magi and Joseph. **Spend your days seeking and living in the Light of Christ.**

...**In the presence of Christ, the Magi were moved to share the best they had with the Lord.** As we bring to a close the Christmas season, so many, many of you – our members – did the same thing. From the generosity and quality of gifts given from the Angel Giving Tree, to your thoughtful care and goodness in helping us provide food for 190 families in our local community and 400 in the City, to your generosity and support for our parish community at Christmas, and always. **In so many ways, you are giving the best you have to the Lord. God bless you over and again.**

...**And in that same spirit, your affirmation and outpouring of care and appreciation for Father Andrew was worth more than all the gold, frankincense and myrrh.** I know that he left on Sunday night 'overjoyed' by the blessings of God, grateful for the friendships formed and the great good we all did together for the glory of God at Saint Ambrose. **God bless Father Andrew as he begins his ministry at Saint Anthony of Padua on January 15, 2024.**

...**Father Dan will be taking a few days away this coming week. So...next Sunday Father Carlin is coming to take the 10:30 and 12 noon Masses.** If you are a long-timer, you will recall that back in the early 80's he was assigned to Saint Ambrose. If you have Parma roots, he left here and has been the Pastor of Saint Charles. **And... if his health stays good....one year from this weekend, when he retires as Pastor**

of Saint Charles, he will 'come home' and start helping out again at Saint Ambrose. Full circle!!!! Exciting!!!!

...This past week our very own Trish Strazar was appointed as a "Case Specialist" for the Tribunal. Trish is an amazing member of our parish community who wants, as her ministry, to help people gently walk thru the annulment process. **She joins Father Dan, Deacon Matt and me to assist in experiencing the healing grace that comes through the annulment process.** If Trish can be of help and/or for more information about Annulments contact Trish at tstrazar2002@aol.com.

...Kim Nemet and Helen Lanzarotta are such a blessing to couples preparing for Marriage and their wedding day. Last Sunday (December 31) we had our 'last' wedding for 2023 and are ramping up for the new year. **We are thrilled and blessed to walk with approximately 35 traditional wedding couples and another 15 or so who are having their marriage blessed in the Church.** Both for lovely, meaningful and comfortable thanks to the great ministry of Kim and Helen. **If you are planning to get married and/or would like your marriage blessed in the Church, please let us know.** We are here to help (frbob@StAmbrose.us or knemet@StAmbrose.us).

...We are also blessed to have 15 couples who assist and serve as Couple to Couple Ministers. Their time with the soon to be married couple is both great for the couple and for them as it enriches their own marriage. This week our C2C ministers are coming together on January 16 to start the planning for 2024. **If you would like to learn more about Couple to Couple Ministry, please reach out to Kim (knemet@StAmbrose.us).** It truly is a blessing in your life as well as the engaged couple you journey with.

...**Speaking of Marriage, mark your calendar and make plans to attend our World Marriage Day celebration on February 3.** We've lined up a great comedian troupe that will add joy and laughter to a good meal and great friendship. See today's bulletin for all the details. **Invite your married family and friends to join you for a fun night out celebrating marriage at Saint Ambrose.**

...This coming Saturday our Parish Pastoral Council is starting an important conversation to help our parish reflect on the needs of our junior high, high school, college-age and young adult members. We are meeting with the wonderful people who are already doing great work to serve this important part of our community. We are truly blessed. The hope is that the conversation will lead to some next steps to

help all of our young people deepen their personal relationship with Christ and find a real welcome and support from/in our parish community.

...**This coming Sunday FIAT kicks off for the second semester. All high school students are most welcome.** Parents please share the invitation and encourage your teen to join in the Winter Kickoff food and fun. See the bulletin for all the details.

...Joyce Osowski does an amazing job planning activities and events for our empty-nesters and senior members. **One of the highlights of the year takes place this coming Friday, January 12...it's the Chinese New Year celebration.** It's a great way to meet some new people and start the year off with good food, fun and friendship. Please RSVP to Joyce at: josowski@StAmbrose.us

...Today's bulletin is also filled with other wonderful invitations (e.g. ALPHA, Walking with Purpose, Bible in a Year, and so much more). **Find a way to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus. We are here to help.**

...My niece, Sarah, is celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** along with so many of our teens in April. God bless my sister... she was 'picking the time' the other day which reminded me to invite any adult who has not been confirmed to allow us to help you prepare for this special Sacrament. Linda Kaminski coordinates the very comfortable and meaningful process. Now is a good time to raise the question and get more information. **It breaks my heart - over and again - when people have been asked to serve as a godparent who have not been confirmed (thus unable to serve as godparent).** Please let us help you. To learn more, please send me an email and I will make sure you get good info (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

...**As our college students head back to school, please send us their contact information so we can stay in touch with them (frbob@StAmbrose.us).**

...**In our mission community, the Feast of the Epiphany (little Christmas) is when they share gifts with others.** Please pray for our mission community. **We are putting together a mission team for June.** Ever thought about it? Want to at least learn more??? Let me know (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

...**Overjoyed is the gratitude in my heart to God for you and our parish community.** May you know the overwhelming blessings of God in your life and heart as well. Have a great week.



INTENTIONS • Remembrance & Gratitude

Saint Ambrose Masses & Services Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:15 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm and 8:15 am (Mass on the 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 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**

Monday, January 8 | The Baptism of the Lord

8:15 am † Leah Scurti (The Porcos)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, January 9

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, January 10

8:15 am † Richard Baronek (Joe & Jackie LaGuardia)

Thursday, January 11

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † Helen Belovich (Joan Thesling, John Phillips, & Vince Phillips)

Friday, January 12

8:15 am † Kay Hyclak (Friends & Family)

Saturday, January 13 | St. Hilary of Poitiers & the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

4:30 pm † Paul Mullins (Ray & Cindy Yanuck) **RS**

Sunday, January 14 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Rosemary Churma (Rosemary Gannon) **RS**

9:00 am † Patricia Armagno (The Women's Guild) **RS**

10:30 am † Patricia Boehnen (Friend) **Carlin**

12:00 pm † Patricia Reidy (Family) **Carlin**

5:00 pm † Biagio & Ruth Ali (Mary Jo Straslicka) **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 31, 2023

	Dec. 31, 2023	Jul. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023	Jul. 1, 2022 to Jan. 1, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 63,468	\$ 1,200,050	\$ 1,116,454
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,053,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 24,468	\$ 147,050	
Building Fund	\$ 10,374	\$ 54,738	\$ 41,161
ACH Collection	\$ 4,255 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 7,536		
Children's Offertory	\$ 282 from 39 envelopes collected		

Grateful and Blessed

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift to the Lord in support of our parish community this Christmas and always. Your Christmas and end-of-year giving was truly a great blessing and will help us continue to spread the Joy and Hope of Christ to our community and those in need. God bless you over and again.

Ways to Support Our Parish

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

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Together for the Glory of God

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

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

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

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

Carol	Kristen Eble	Kathy Keglovich	Lisa Ocacio
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	Andy Stamper
Gail Buttitta	Vaughan Guzik	Jill Lesiw	Jen Stancato
Shawn Calvey	Ron Hendrix	Michael Luks	Angelo Stavole
Nora Carangio	Robert Hirus	Richard Malone	Jackie Symons
Charlotte Casselberry	David Hoffman	Helen Mancuso	Barbara Tescar
Mary Cipollone	Mark Hogan	Lisa Mayfeld	Dominic Trizio
Vickie Coates	Donna Hvizdos	Stacy McFarland	Jenny Vasel
Wink Coleman	Melanie J.	Mick McGinnis	Mary Jo Weihrouch
Rosie Colucci	Josh Johnston	Sandy Metzger	Debbie Wyatt
Megan Dauer	Bridgitte Jones	Thomas Miller	Gary Zayas, Sr.
Marcial De Leon	Kathy K.	Sonia Missal	
Mary De Santis	Clara Kalal	Edward Morey	
Steven Dearth	Mike Kalka	Tina Mounts	
Roger Droll	Desh Kapur	Barb Nofel	

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.**



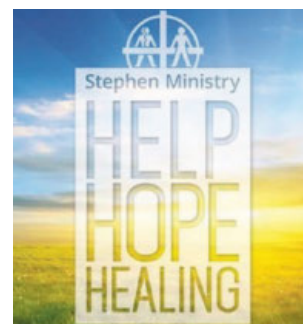
Stephen Ministry Our Stephen Ministers are Here to Care for You!

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 CMaline@StAmbrose.us
- Lisa Homady - 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

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



A HOME FOR ALL • We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality

Liturgy Corner

Epiphany of the Lord

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be a 'representation' of things to come. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth."

House Blessing Kits are available through this week at the doors of the Church.

Alpha is Back!

Make Alpha a New Year's Resolution

The New Year is the

PERFECT time to give

Alpha a try! Alpha is a

series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks.

Each talk looks at different questions around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe,

and everyone is welcome! **Alpha is about a fresh and renewed start in your walk with the Lord.** Each session includes a free meal, a short film with big ideas about an element of faith and meaning, and a time for people to share their own questions and perspectives with the group.

For more details and to register for the January 2024 session of Alpha, visit StAmbrose.us/Alpha.

"The Alpha course is a study that will guide you in knowing who Jesus is, how to invite him into your daily life through prayer and how we can grow together in our faith with others through Christian fellowship."

Jan Deighton



Poppy Seed & Nut Rolls Help Make Rolls



The Women's Guild are looking for volunteers to help make nut and poppy seed rolls on **January 14 and 15**. These baking sessions will take place in the PLC Kitchen. **All are welcome to come and help.** Email stambrowewomensguild@gmail.com for more details and to sign up.

BIBLE IN A YEAR CLUB



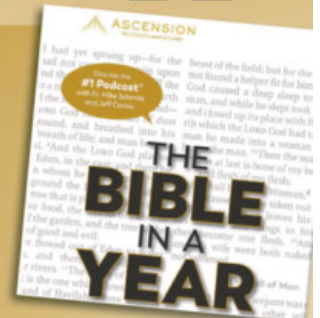
3rd Tuesday of Every Month
1:00-2:30 pm at Saint Ambrose
Starting January 16th

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.

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



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.

Pickleball

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

We're offering a double dose of pickleball this month! All experience levels welcome, just show up!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!!

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

Lunch & Learn

January 16 | 11:30 am | Mother Teresa Room

Join us for a light lunch and a deeper dive into the topic of vitamins & supplements. RSVP by sending an email to JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7341.

On the Radar

Upcoming Musical Auditions

The 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 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 that need filled. **Auditions will take place this coming spring**. For more information, send an email to MCha@StASchool.us. More details to follow soon!



NEXT SESSION HAPPENS SOON!!!

January 15 | 6:45 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Learn more at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

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



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

Living Your Strengths

Clifton Strengths-Finder Sessions

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

- **Living Your Strengths for Individuals starts February 1, 2024 (3-week long session)**
- **Living Your Strengths for Couples begins February 22, 2024 (2-week long session)**



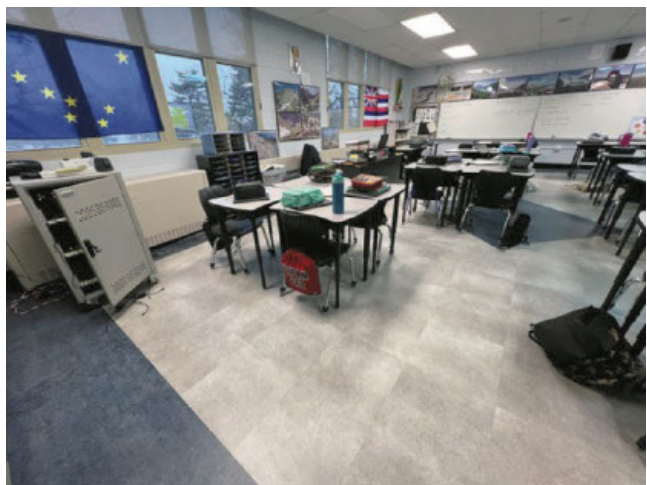
Discover your God-given talents to enhance your strengths for yourself and others. For more information and to sign up, email CMaline@StAmbrose.us.

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • Follow God!

Dear Parish Family,

FOLLOW THE LEADER- NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

So blessed! We have had some exciting renovations over our Christmas Break! Your fundraising dollars have been hard at work - thank you! All four of our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms received new flooring! The K-8 faculty and staff lounge and staff restrooms are also receiving a much needed face lift. Join us for our Angel Gala Disco on March 9 to have great fun and support our Key Three Fundraisers so we can continue to invest in our school and future!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024 - SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3

This is also the week of Book Fair!

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.



www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Apply-Today

All are invited

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MARCH 9, 2024

WEYMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB

For event details, to RSVP or sponsor, visit
<https://SaintAmbroseSchool.us/AngelGala>

PSR & MORE • We Inspire with Prayer and Worship

Parish School of Religion January Schedule Reminders

Please note the following for the month of January:

- PSR classes resume on Monday, January 8.
- There will be **no classes** on Wednesday, January 10 and Monday, January 15.

Family Teaching Masses

Join us for our PSR Family Teaching Masses in January. We will walk through the Mass together, learning the different parts of the liturgy to better help us participate in the most Holy Mass. These will take place here at Saint Ambrose on Wednesday, January 17 at 5:00 pm and on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 pm.

First Eucharist News

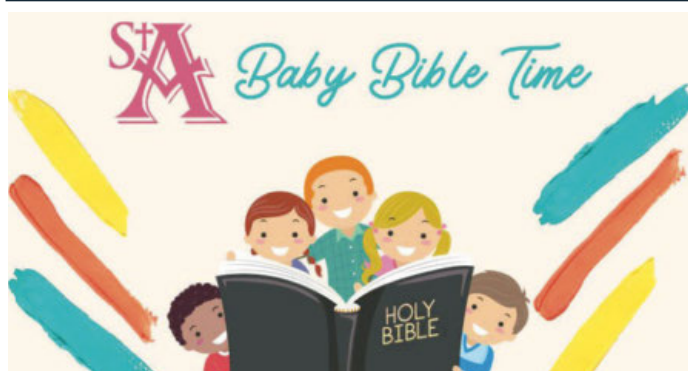
As we walk into the new year, our second grade students will be focusing on preparing for First Eucharist which will be celebrated in May.

Mark your calendars for some very important dates:

1. **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** will be held on **Monday, January 15 at 6:30 pm in the Church.** Steve Angrisano will be joining us to share music and the importance keeping the Eucharist in the center of our families.
2. **Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist** will be held on **Sunday, January 28 at the 9:00 am and 10:30am Masses.**

Adult Confirmation News

Our **Adult Confirmation Sessions will begin on Saturday, February 3.** This program is for adults who were baptized and have received First Holy Communion but were not Confirmed. Being anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the God's mission.



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



MLK Day of Service
Monday, Jan. 15
10am-2pm

Help us make our Souper Bowl of Caring snacks and complete other service projects for our parish.
Sign-up at
stambrose.us/ablaze

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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high school youth ministry

JANUARY 2024

DATE	WHEN/WHERE	EVENT
1.6	10am-9pm; JCU	CLE 2:16 Youth Conference
1.7	6-8pm, Hilkert	fiat winter kick-off
1.8-1.11	see schedule	Confirmation Small Groups
1.10	8-9pm, lounge	fiat night
1.14	6-8pm, Hilkert	fiat night
1.21	see bulletin	Prayer Book for Tired Parents Presentation
1.21	6-8pm, Hilkert	fiat night
1.22-1.25	see schedule	Confirmation Small Groups
1.24	8-9pm, lounge	fiat 1:38
1.27	5-8:30, Hilkert	Parish Winter Carnival
1.28	6-8pm, Hilkert	fiat night

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

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you loved and lost, we welcome you to this Christ-centered program with a friendly group of people. A new GriefShare series starts January 9, 2024!

The series offers two sessions - choose one that 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.

Military Messages Ministry **A Special Note of Gratitude**

Our parish community would like to recognize LCPL Morgan Butas. LCPL Bates recently completed his service requirements in the United States Marine Corps and is now back home with his family in the Cleveland, Ohio area. We thank him for his service and wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

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.



MILITARY FAMILY MASS

Friday January 26 | 6:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for Mass as we pray for our active-duty members.

We will lift up intentions for their protection, and for their families to be supported and given peace.

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.

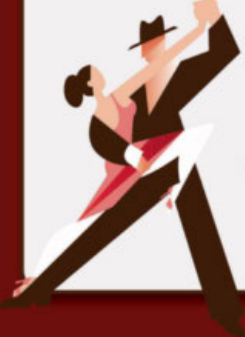
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StAmbrose.us/Marriage

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



Event Location:
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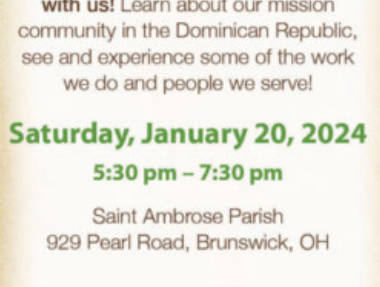
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Mother Teresa Room:

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



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



In Loving Memory



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Mother of Michael Walsh
February 10, 1950 - December 27, 2023



Todd Alan Rebick
Brother of Terri Dillon
July 3, 1962 - December 27, 2023



Richard J. Ramser
Grandfather of Father Rob Ramser
April 9, 1936 - January 1, 2024

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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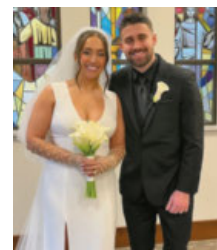


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II - Liam Donnelly and Anna Findley

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World Marriage Day
Saturday, February 3, 2024
5:00 pm - Dinner in Hilkert Hall
6:30 pm - Doors Open
7:00 pm - Event Begins

Join us for this special celebration of your covenant marriage.
World Marriage Day, a celebration of Christian marriage that honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family.

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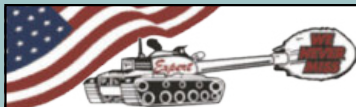
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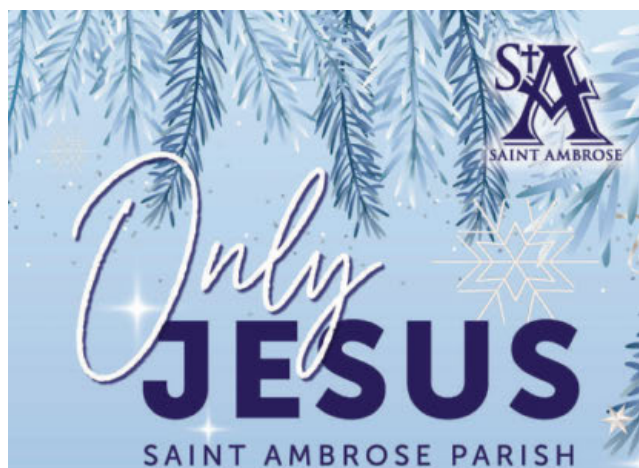
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Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry**

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

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

- Event -

Route 66 Chinese New Year Social

January 12, 6:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

Join us to celebrate the Year of the Dragon!

Register by January 9 at StAmbrose.us/Route66.

- Service -

Community Outreach Projects

Year-Round

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- Liturgy -

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- Ministry -

Synoptic Gospels with Father Bob

Monday, January 29

Join Father Bob for teachings on the Synoptic Gospels in the Mother Teresa Room at 6:45 pm.

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To learn more about these and all
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JANUARY 26

6:30PM



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