

February 11, 2024

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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help us "Tackle Hunger" on February 10-11!



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ~ WORLD MARRIAGE DAY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 10:30 am Chosen Faith Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 11:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
- 6:30 pm Military Messages Ministry Mtg. (LC Luke)
- 6:45 pm K of C Cor Session (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 6:45 pm Social Justice Meeting (Mother Teresa)
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)
- 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 ~ SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:30 am Walking with Purpose (Mother Teresa)
- 12:00 pm Called & Gifted Meeting (John Paul II)
- 12:00 pm Route 66 Mardi Gras Social (Mother Teresa)
- 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:30 pm Walking with Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
- 6:30 pm Healing Hearts (LC Mark)
- 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. (Mother Teresa)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 am** *Ash Wednesday Service (Church)*
- 6:50 am** *Ashes on the Asphalt (Brunswick Rec. Parking Lot)*
- 8:15 am** *Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)*
- 9:00 am Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Mother Teresa)
- 9:30 am Building & Grounds Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 12:00 pm** *Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)*
- 12:00 pm If My People Pray Service (Chapel)
- 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 4:30 pm** *Lenten Fish Fry (Hilkert Hall)*
- 5:00 pm** *Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)*
- 5:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)
- 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 (PLC Work Room)
- 7:00 pm** *Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 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 Legion of Mary Rosary (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Alpha Session (Hilkert 3-4), LC Mark
- 6:30 pm NAMI Support Group (LC Luke)
- 7:00 pm Living Your Strengths (LC Luke)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 CONTINUED

- 7:00 pm 529 Savings Plan Presentation (Mother Teresa)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:00 am Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)
- 4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry (Hilkert Hall)
- 6:30 pm Marriage Enrichment (LC John)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 7:00 pm Ablaze Game Night (LC Luke)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:00 am Lent Mini VBS (Hilkert Hall)
- 1:00 pm Ablaze Mother-Daughter Retreat (Mother Teresa)
- 5:30 pm Healing Prayer Session (Church)

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



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Morning Prayer Service:
6:30 am in the Church

Ashes on the Asphalt:
6:50 am at the Brunswick
Recreation Center
Parking Lot

Masses:
8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm,
and 7:00 pm in the Church

Fish Fry:
4:30-7:00 pm
in Hilkert Hall

Check Your Mailbox...

Lent Newsletter

If you haven't already received it, watch your mailbox for our latest newsletter, **The Angelus**. It's got everything Lent-related at Saint Ambrose. Plus, some great stories about fellow members are included! It can also be viewed online at StAmbrose.us/Lent.



PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...**"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once."** Today's Gospel is another powerful story of Jesus' desire to help and heal. Jesus' constant took care of those 'left out and pushed out' by society. He is the Font of Mercy. He is the healing grace and perfect love each of us need and seek. **Even on days when we feel unlovable, Jesus loves us and cares for us...now and always.**

...This weekend we have two opportunities to continue Jesus' work and ministry of caring for those on the 'margin.' On this Superbowl Sunday, our junior high and high school students will be at the doors of the Church and in Hilkert Hall asking for your support for **the Souper Bowl of Caring**. Proceeds from this effort are used to support our monthly community meal program. In January, our community provided fresh, homemade meals for 508 people in our local community. There are many, especially our seniors, who struggle with food poverty. This monthly fresh, flavorful meal is a way of offering some support and, especially, making sure they know that we, as a community of faith, care greatly for them and about them. **To provide about 6,000 meals this year (not counting Thanksgiving/November), we need to raise at least \$18,000. Any help and support would be greatly appreciated by our teens and those we serve. God bless you.** For those reading online, you can go to our parish website to make a donation: www.StAmbrose.us/donate (indicate Souper Bowl of Caring).

...This weekend is also the annual **Catholic Charities Appeal**. Catholic Charities blankets the entire region with the tender care and compassion of the Lord. They continue His work by reaching out and caring for those who live on the margins of society. They also offer meaningful care and help to hundreds of thousands who find themselves in need of healing, hope, help and support. **If all of us do what we can do – together – Catholic Charities can take care of 400,000 in the name of Jesus with the support of our Catholic community.** You can make your donation online as well by going to: www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-charities-appeal. See today's bulletin for a complete insert of the important work Catholic Charities is doing across the region. Please make sure when you make your donation that you indicate you are part of Saint Ambrose so it is applied towards our CC commitment/goal.

...**God bless the LoFaso Family.** Sam and

Joelle have been active members of our community and so supportive of all the work we do together. Catholic Charities profiled them as a Parish Champion to celebrate their commitment to the work of the Lord in our parish community and through Catholic Charities. **You can see a special feature video with the LoFasos by going to: StAmbrose.us/Videos.**

...Last weekend's Marriage Date Night was amazing – funny – wonderful. About 300 couples joined in a great evening. **We have a special Lent Retreat for Married Couples on March 16 with Dr. Ted Raddell.** Come and experience the healing and peace of Christ in your marriage so that your Easter will be filled with greater joy than ever.

...As we celebrate World Marriage Day this weekend, last Sunday I invited/ challenged married couples to let their kids and grandkids hear them say something wonderful and positive about being married and their spouses. One of our members actually sent a text to his adult kids saying that he 'loved his wife (their mother)'. They all wanted to know if he was sick!!! What a blessing!!!! What a great witness. **Let your kids and grandkids hear you say something wonderful about their mom/ dad/grandmother or grandfather!!!** God bless all of our married couples.

...Many thanks to over 200 members who responded to the call to spend some time in prayer **last Sunday/Monday in Eucharistic Adoration**. At any given moment, there were 15-18 people in the chapel praying. **Humbling. Inspiring. Thank you.**

...This week we kick off the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Come and be marked with ashes as a sign of your desire to use the forty days to turn close to the Lord. **The season of Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with Christ and strengthen the bonds of faith and family.** Coming in your mail is the Lent edition of the Angelus (also online at: StAmbrose.us/Lent). Take some time to find a way to take advantage of some of the many Lenten opportunities.

...There are **Little Black Books** at the doors of the Church. It's a two minute daily reflection. **Imagine if thousands of us reflect and pray about the same holy thought for 40 days!!!**

...**Our Lent Fish Fry kicks into full gear this week both on Ash Wednesday and Friday.** Make plans to come for a flavorful Lent meal. This year's proceeds will be used to replace the Pearl Road sign. **God bless our Fish Fry Team.** As you'll see in today's bulletin, we are also blessed with great bakers in our parish. **If you can help provide 'dessert' for the Fish Fry, we would be so grateful.** For more information contact Melissa at: mplute@StAmbrose.us.

...**Lent Rice Bowls** are at the doors of the Church as well. **Small change makes a big difference.** In the season of Lent, we are called to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If all of us make some small sacrifices (give up the drive thru coffee once per week), together we can build a house (or two or three) in our mission community for some of the poorest of the poor.

...**Hold the date of Saturday, February 24 for a very special concert commemorating the second anniversary of the War in Ukraine.** We are blessed to welcome the U4U Band. This Ukrainian band will provide soul-stirring music and reflections as we hold our sisters and brothers in the Ukraine in prayer and solidarity. Invite everyone you know to join you. It's important that we be mindful of the war and violence taking place in the Ukraine. For more information go to: www.bit.ly/u4udinner.

...**God bless so many of our members who continue to help set up homes for these refugees. Last week alone, they set up ten houses/apartments with your gently used furniture.** God bless them/you and our community for the GREAT good you do in the name of the Lord.

...**This week we welcome Michael Schetz to our Parish Business Office.** Mike has three children in the school and comes with a deep breadth of experience. He's going to be a great blessing to our community. **We are also looking for good part-time administrative support/organizer type of person.** If you are interested in learning more, send your resume to: Jobs@StAmbrose.us.

...**Janet Majka** has done a great job working with our PSR program for the past 8 years. She is a blessing - over and again. **She is going to continue her great work for our parish and focus on RCIA, RCIC and Reach More Evangelization programs.** She worked closely with Father Andrew and with his departure to Saint Anthony, she will pick up that full responsibility. **We are looking for someone who can take over her work in PSR. We are looking for someone who is a great organizer (like Janet) and, ideally, has some education background.** Interested?? Want to learn more, let me know (frbob@StAmbrose.us). You can use your great gifts and talents to help inspire hundreds and hundreds of our young members. **God bless Janet and our Catechetical Team.**

...**Please make every effort to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass/services.** See today's bulletin for details. God bless you abundantly. **May these days of Lent be blessed.**



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, February 11 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Donna McManamon (Family)

9:00 am † Beverly A. Schlueter (Marge & John Sabados)

10:30 am † Joyce Bouslay (Women's Guild)

12:00 pm † Ann Grayson (Jean)

5:00 pm † Daniel Boskovitch (Barbara Boskovitch)

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Monday, February 12

8:15 am † Joseph D. Trabold (Roseann & Chuck Cookson)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, February 13

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, February 14 | Ash Wednesday

6:30 am *Prayer Service with Ashes in the Church*

6:50 am *Ashes on the Asphalt (Brunswick Rec. Center Parking Lot)*

8:15 am † Steven Boreczky (Edward Boreczky & Marcia Parks)

12:00 pm † Collin Nemet (Family)

5:00 pm † Betty A. Sheldon (Kaaikaula Wichmann Family)

7:00 pm † Magdalena Lanzarotta (Mike Lanzarotta)

Thursday, February 15

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † Charles Cox (Robert & Barbara Marko)

Friday, February 16

8:15 am † Esther Cunzolo (Dennis Reidy)

7:00 pm *Stations of the Cross in the Church*

Saturday, February 17 | Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

4:30 pm † Vittorio Bramante (Thomas Family)

5:30 pm *Healing Prayer in the Church*

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Sunday, February 18 | First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am † Ronald Niemesch (Women's Guild)

9:00 am † Erminia Panecasio (Skip & Vita Schmidt)

10:30 am † Henry & Helen Guzel and Joyce Brown (Debbie Roth)

12:00 pm † Robert Garbutt (Friend-Fisher Family)

5:00 pm † Jeanette Luks (Christina Guk)

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Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to schedule.

Week of February 4, 2024

	Feb. 4, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Feb. 4, 2024	Jul. 1, 2022 to Feb. 5, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 53,942	\$ 1,409,870	\$ 1,314,797
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,248,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 14,942	\$ 161,870	
Building Fund	\$ 1,420	\$ 59,936	\$ 43,527
ACH Collection	\$ 4,300 (weekly) \$ 20,612 (monthly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,675		
Children's Offertory	\$ 265 from 32 envelopes collected		



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.

Weekly Adoration

Mondays, 9:00 am - 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

Drop by or sign up at StAmbrose.us/Adoration.

Weekly Benediction

Experience His Divine presence, **every**

Monday at 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

Monthly Healing Prayer

The Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry will be offering healing prayer **following the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass next Saturday, February 17**. Healing prayer teams will be available in the Church to offer prayer for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

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

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

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

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

Ministers are Ready to Care

Need someone to talk to... about everyday life's ups and downs?

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you to provide one-on-one Christian care. If you would like to learn more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: **Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336; or Lisa Homady at 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

The Steps of Christian Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass.

With the guidance and preparations by a priest and a catechist, the person may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the **Rite of Acceptance**. During this rite, he/she stands before the parish community and states that he/she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. As a sign of their new way of life, the catechumens are signed with the cross + on the forehead along with all the senses (ears, eyes, lips) heart, shoulder, hands and feet.

This Sunday, at the 10:30 am Mass, our RCIA catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Signing. At this rite, each of them are called up to sign their name in a book. They also affirm and state his or her intention and readiness to make a faith commitment.

On February 11, the **Rite of Election** includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism; they are then called the Elect.

At the Easter Vigil, the **Elect are Baptized, Confirmed, and make their First Holy Communion**, thus becoming full members of the Body of Christ, the Church.



Bakery Needed

God Bless You for Your Generosity!

Once again, we will be selling baked goods at our Fish Fry fundraiser starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and every Friday in Lent in Hilkert Hall.

Last year, the generosity of our bakers was a huge hit! It goes without saying, **without your help none of this would be possible.** Any bakery donation to support our Fish Fry Bakery is very much appreciated. **You may drop items off on the day of a Fish Fry or even the night before in the kitchen across from the Mother Teresa Room. Please make sure it is clearly marked FISH FRY BAKERY and include YOUR NAME on it.** Thank you for your kind and very much appreciated donations. If you need to have the bakery picked up, this can be arranged as well. Please call Terri Blasko at 216.990.0082 to make these arrangements.

COR

FOR ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 6:45 PM – 7:45 PM
FR. MCGIVNEY ROOM OF THE LEHNER CENTER

A program for ALL men of our parish, Knight or not! "Cor" exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue. Participants become missionary disciples by **developing deeper relationships with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.**
Join us every other Monday.

Register at StAmbrose.us/AFF

DATES & TOPICS:

- 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
- 4/22 | Leadership Litany of St. Joseph

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

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For Our Seniors

Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

Weekly Strength & Stretch is held in the Mother Teresa Room on Wednesdays at 9:00 am (except the first Wednesday of the month which is in Hilkert 4).

"Lord, help us to see in your Crucifixion and Resurrection an example of how to endure."

- Mother Teresa

Mardi Gras Social

February 13 | 12:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Don't delay, RSVP by Sunday, February 11. Grab your beads and join us for some food and fun! Email JOsowski@StAmbrose.us, complete and submit the event form at StAmbrose.us/Route66, or call 330.460.7341 and leave a message to RSVP.

Pickleball

February 19 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym

Depending on the weather, this may be the last indoor pickleball of the season. All skill levels are welcome and we have extra equipment.

A Look Ahead...

Upcoming Opportunities

February 29: Lunch & Learn - Medicaid & Assisted Living, 11:00 am AND Rec/Fit/Fun - Belly Dancing, 7:00 pm

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS FOR COUPLES

February 22 & 29, 2024 | 7:00-8:30 pm

By taking the Clifton Strengths-Finder, you will **unravel your God-given strengths** and by attending this **FREE 2-week course**, you will learn how to use them!

This understanding will **help you and your partner strengthen your relationship.**

MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LEHNER CENTER, LUKE ROOM.

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 13 BY CONTACTING CAROL MALINE AT 330.460.7336 OR CMALINE@STAMBROSE.US.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND YOU MUST TAKE AN ONLINE ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS MEETING.



Fellowship in Faith

A Fun Night Out!

Last month, thirty of our brother Knights attended a Lake Erie Monsters game together. It was a lot of fun!



A Servant's Heart

Catholic Schools Week

On January 31, we teamed up to give back to our Angels and made over 1,000 pancakes and sausage breakfasts.



MISSION: *Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, and in their community.*

STAMBROSE.US/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS

Women's Guild News

Homemade Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls

The Women's Guild will be **selling their amazing, homemade nut and poppy seed rolls weekly at Lenten Fish Fry nights.** Rolls are \$15.00 each and can be paid for by cash or check.

Stay tuned for the announcement of when the Women's Guild will have its homemade Easter candy sale! And, for more information about our parish's Women's Guild, visit StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild.



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • We Follow Our Leader, Jesus Christ!

Dear Parish Family,

REJOICE!

One of the great celebrations we enjoyed during Catholic Schools Week was honoring **Collin**, our eighth grade student who is a recipient of the Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision Award by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). "This award recognizes students in elementary and secondary schools who through selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals are changing the world while bearing witness to their Catholic faith," (www.ncea.org).



"Teaching the whole child is not just about what the student learns in isolation; it's about how they relate to their community," said NCEA President/CEO, Lincoln Snyder. "The students who have won the NCEA Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Awards articulate the goal of Catholic education to educate and nourish the whole person, to understand that Jesus loves us so much he asks us to do something great for others. These young people have answered that call in light of our faith and are examples to us all."

Congratulations also to our Saint Ambrose School teachers and staff! This award honors our team and the great ministry and mission each member embodies from Littlest Angels Preschool through eighth grade. **We are simply blessed!**

WHAT A FANTASTIC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

We have so many reasons and pictures to REJOICE about!



In Jesus, who is EVERYTHING for us!
Lisa Cinadr, Principal

Littlest Angels Preschool & Saint Ambrose School Grades K-8

Open Enrollment

FEBRUARY 14 (UNTIL SPOTS ARE FULL)
For families outside our parish and school.

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Apply-Today

NIGHT AT THE Disco

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE
15TH ANNUAL ANGEL GALA TO BENEFIT SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL
AND LITTELST ANGELS PRESCHOOL

PRESENTED BY J&M BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC

MARCH 9, 2024

WEYMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB
3946 Weymouth Rd. | Medina

EVENT DETAILS

- Cocktails & appetizers
- Sit-down dinner & dessert
- Open bar
- Silent auction
- Live auction with Auctioneer Bob Hale
- Games, sideboards and raffles
- Music by DJ Kris Koch

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS INCLUDE:
Color advertisement on school website, company logo on banner, recognition in school social media posts, school emails, and recognition in parish bulletin plus other great benefits for each sponsorship level (see website). Sponsorship levels also include a number of event tickets!

- Boogie Bar Sponsor \$2500
- Saturday Night Fever Sponsor \$1500
- Mirror Ball Dessert Sponsor \$1000
- Do the Hustle Sponsor \$750
- Angel Pride Giving \$50-500

Tickets must be purchased by February 26, 2024.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://SaintAmbroseSchool.us/AngelGala> for more information and to support this year's Disco Angel Gala!

PSR & MORE • *We Inspire with Prayer and Worship.*

Parish School of Religion

February Schedule Reminders

Please note the following for February:

- We will hold a **Lenten Workshop** for our third grade students on **February 12 at 6:30 pm.**
- Our next **RCIC session** will be held on **February 15 at 6:30 pm** in the **Lehner Center.**

Recap of Our "Beatitudes" Retreat

Our third and fourth grade students had an amazing day on retreat last week. The theme was "Beatitudes," living our lives imitating Christ. Students spent time in prayer and meditation, and did many faith-filled activities. But, the highlight of the day, without a doubt was the Beatitude Escape Room.



Thank you to Ms. Lauren and Ms. Chloe for leading this blessed day.

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



Journey to Emmaus

Rite of Election

We will be celebrating the **Rite of Election with our catechumens at Saint John Cathedral on Sunday, February 18.** As they take the next step on their journey of faith, please continue to pray for our **18 adults and 11 children** who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens indicate their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect, giving them the title "members of the elect." The word "election", in this case has nothing to do with politics; rather, it is a discernment that God is present in the lives of the catechumens and is inviting them into a fuller life of the sacraments.

Celebration of the rite has two parts: a sending and a receiving. First, catechumens are sent by their parishes. This is a public pronouncement that they are ready to enter a covenant relationship through participation in the sacramental life of the Church. This is the first of many sendings they will experience in their faith journey. Those who are sent can then be received. The bishop accepts the parish community's judgment, receives the catechumens and invites them to enter their names in the Book of the Elect.

Catechumen Spotlights

Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting our Journey to Emmaus catechumens. Their journey is as important to us as it is to them and along with our prayers, we encourage our members to connect with these special individuals to make them feel even more welcome into our faith and our community.

Meet, Shaun Hahner.

His faith journey actually began because of and with his family - his son was baptized this past fall and his daughter will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation with him at the Easter Vigil. Shaun shares that the **"One thing I like about the Journey to Emmaus process is sharing some moments of faith with my wife and children at Mass."**



Meet, Jennifer Eich

who has thought about converting for a while. Then, she got engaged and for her fiancé and her, it was important that they have a Catholic wedding. So, Jennifer said, **"It felt like the right time!"** Like many others, Jennifer was worried about the time commitment of the Journey. But, she shares, **"we meet on Sundays right after going to Mass"** so it works!



Meet, Todd Bucy.

Todd has a great life and is blessed with a beautiful family. His decision to set upon the Journey to Emmaus came about from a desire to bring his family together as a unit with God at the center. Todd says that since embarking on the Journey, he's learned so many new things. He also shares that he loves that **"Saint Ambrose feels like a family."**



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February 16 - Stuffed Shells

February 23 - Fish Tacos

MARCH 1 - Fried Shrimp

MARCH 8 - Fish Sandwich

MARCH 15 - Coconut Shrimp

MARCH 22 - Lobster Mac & Cheese

MARCH 29 - Tuna Melt

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Sign up online by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **StAmbrose.us/AFF**.

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- ☐ Thursdays (2/22 - 3/28) | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Combination of Virtual & In Person
- ☐ I would like to participate on my own.
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There are many ways, such as the following listed, for you and your family:

- **Coming to the parish, Monday - Thursday at 4:00 pm to help pack the lunches.**
- **Making sandwiches at home and then dropping them off at the parish before 3:00 pm, Sunday through Wednesday.**
- **Donating sandwich making supplies and/or snacks, or making a monetary contribution so that we can do the shopping for you!**



Lately, we have been short on individually packaged snacks and would love to have a few new sandwich makers join the Brigade.

We are so grateful to everyone who helps make this happen! The kindness of members have allowed us as a community to feed our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information on how you can serve our PB&J Brigade, please contact Gabby Yatson by sending an email to GYatson@StAmbrose.us or calling 330.460.7327.

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.



Lenten Soup Suppers

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.

Wednesday, February 21st

6:00-8:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

"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 | Mother Teresa Room

"What Exactly Happened to Jesus? - The Anatomy of the Crucifixion"

Dr. Matt McDaniel

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00-8:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

"How to Pray & Fast, Especially During Holy Week"

Fr. Dan Samide

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



Soup Makers Needed!

Upcoming Lent Soup Suppers

During this Lenten season we are **looking for helpful hands to prepare for our Lenten Soup Supper series**. If you are willing to share your time and talent by either providing delicious soup recipes or by preparing a wonderful meal together that we will enjoy as a team while we dive deeper into our Lenten mission, email GYatson@StAmbrose.us.



Next Session

February 12, 2024

6:45 pm

Mother Teresa Room

Deacon Matt will discuss the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Learn more at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

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Ashes on the Asphalt

February 14 | 6:50-7:10am

Join us on Ash Wednesday - February 14th - from 6:50-7:10am in the Rec Center Parking Lot for our annual Ashes on the Asphalt! Start Lent off with your friends & classmates and stop by for a quick prayer service and ashes before the school day begins.



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February 18 | 6-8pm | Lehner Center
February 25 | 6-8pm | Hilkert Hall

small groups

February 19-22 | Confirmation Groups
February 21 | fiat 1:38, 8-9pm, lounge

other events

February 10-11 | Souper Bowl of Caring
February 14 | Ashes on the Asphalt



Attention, Teens! Annual fiat's Got Talent!

All high school teens are invited to join us for our annual talent show coming up on **Sunday, February 28, at 6:00 pm in Hilkert Hall.** Head to StAmbrose.us/fiat to sign up to share your talent for a chance to win great prizes and bragging rights for the year to come! All are welcome!

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Join us for Our Lent Retreat Day!

All young adults are invited to join us on **Saturday, March 2 for our annual Lent Retreat Day!** Join us as we escape the chaos for a day to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time in prayer, and much more. Details and registration can be found online at StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults.

Lent Prayer Partner

In the Church and near the front desk you will find a basket for prayer requests.

Leave your prayer request in the basket and pick one up. Hold this request in special prayer throughout Lent.

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*"Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you have received
it, and it will be yours."*

(MARK 11, 24)



You can also always submit your prayer intentions by going to www.StAmbrose.us/prayer.



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All current and past participants of
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Or contact Kim Kocuba at kkocuba@stambrose.us
or Gayle Oboy at goboy@stambrose.us

Lenten Parish Mission with Friar Johnpaul

**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 do 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.

**For more details and to RSVP,
visit StAmbrose.us/Lent.**



Stand Firm: Men's Renewal February 24-25, 2024

Our renewal weekend is given for parishioners,
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grown together in Christ over the past year,
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For more details and to sign up, scan the QR
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leaders:

- Deacon Tom: 440.552.7437
- John Ballash: 330.419.0574
- Scott Hodan: 440.336.2199

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Mission Rice Bowl

Your Lenten Sacrifice will help to keep their bowls filled in the Dominican Republic.

It costs \$14,000 to build a 528 sq. ft. home (average family is 6 people).

Each home consists of 1 bathroom, 2 bedrooms, a cooking area (not a full kitchen), a living room and a porch.

A 25 lb bag of rice costs about \$18 US dollars and a ½ gallon of cooking oil costs about \$17 US dollars. The rice will feed the family for several weeks.

For most families, rice is the main meal they will eat each day along with some beans and maybe, if they're lucky, chicken or pork.

The average worker works a 10-14 hour day in construction, agriculture or the local hotels and makes about \$18.00 a day.

A liter of gasoline costs about 157 pesos.....

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Saint Patrick's Day Celebration!

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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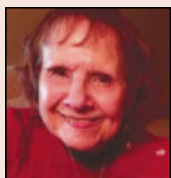
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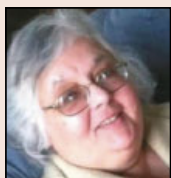
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Brother-in-law of Marty Zachlin
September 2, 1937 - January 29, 2024



Virginia Kitsteiner
Mother of Laurie Kemer
April 19, 1932 - February 1, 2024



Madeline Anne Ferrante
Mother of Chris Ferrante
October 23, 1948 - February 3, 2024



Gary Johnson
Husband of Dilma Johnson
October 4, 1947 - February 3, 2024



William Formoso, Sr.
Father of Michael Formoso
April 21, 1945 - February 5, 2024



James J. Winkleman
Husband of Joan A. Winkleman
January 11, 1939 - February 5, 2024

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

- SACRAMENTS -

Newly Baptized



Colton Allen Tritt
Leo Andrew Perpetua
Beckham Robert Glaser
Elijah James LeCastre
Rosie Lynne Connelly

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**.



Happy 15th birthday, **Samuel P.!**

We recently received news that the following individuals achieved academic achievements:

Jacob B., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll
Lucas D., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll
Isaac J., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll
Seth J., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll
Leilani K., Brunswick High School, Principal's Roll
Ethan R., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll
Aiden T., Saint Edward High School, Honor Roll

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Our parish community proudly recognizes all of our member's talents and abilities. The above names were submitted to us with permission to publicize. Please consider sharing your own or those of someone you know by emailing the information such as what is indicated above to **Bulletin@StAmbrose.us**.

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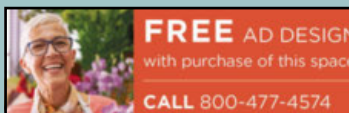
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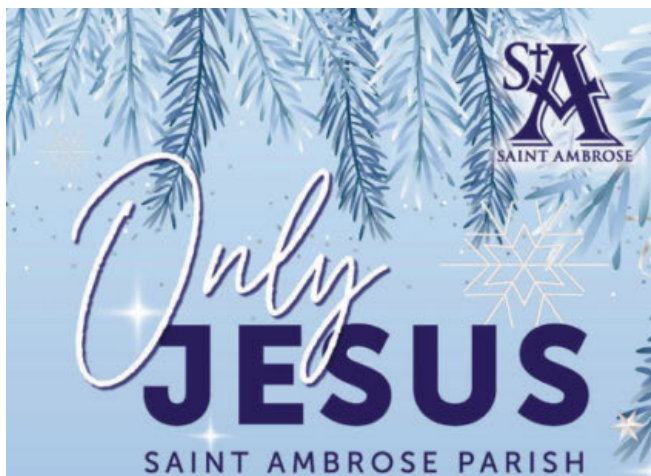
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**- This Week's Featured -
Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry**

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

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

- Event -

Ablaze Game Night

February 16, 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center
All middle school/junior high students are invited
to this faith-filled, safe, and fun night! Email
TCombs@StAmbrose.us for more details.

- Service -

Vendors Needed

Annual Health & Wellness Fair: March 3
Promote your business' service or product to
hundreds of people! Send an email to
JPorco@StAmbrose.us for more information.

- Liturgy -

Young Adults Retreat Day

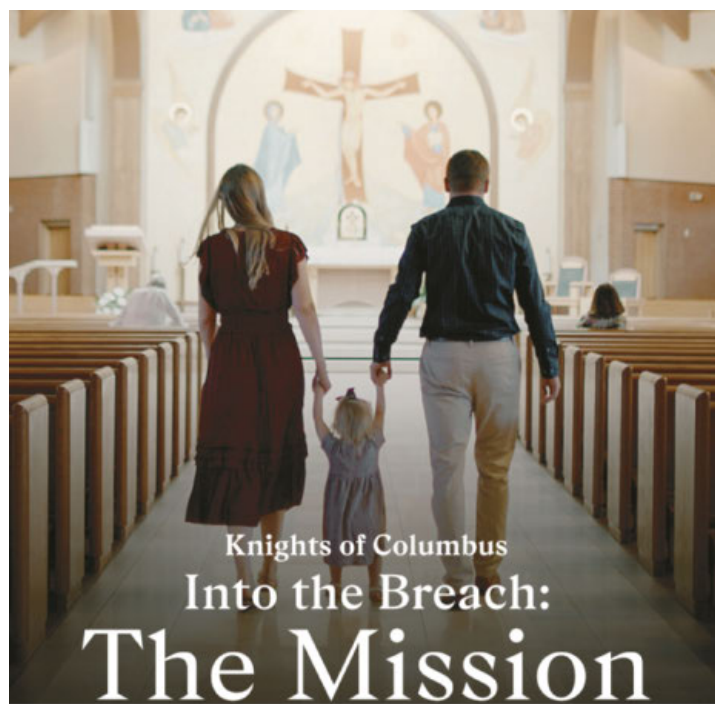
Saturday, March 2
Join us for a day to make new friends, spend
time in prayer, and much more. Register at
StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults.

- Ministry -

Living Your Strengths for Couples

February 22 & 29, 7:00 pm
Register for this upcoming session to learn
how to use your strengths to enhance your
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