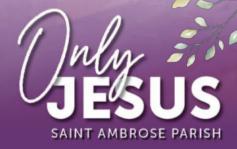
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February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent



Join us throughout Lent! See all Lenten opportunities at StAmbrose.us/Lent.









FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

DONUT SUNDAY IN HILKERT GYM AFTER ALL THE MORNING MASSES

- 12:30 pm
 5:00 pm
 5:00 pm
 6:00 pm
 7:00 pm
- 6:00 pm Refugee Appreciation Dinner (Mother Teresa)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Chosen Faith Group (LC Fr. McGivney) 10:30 am 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4) 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John) Synoptic Gospels (Mother Teresa) 6:45 pm 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room) Route 66 Pickleball (Hilkert Gym) 7:00 pm 7:30 pm **Benediction** (Chapel)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney) 9:30 am Walking with Purpose (Mother Teresa) Bible in a Year (LC Fr. McGivney) 1:00 pm 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew) 3:00 pm OneHope NEO Food Sort (Hilkert Gym) 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4) Hearts of Hope Group (LC Luke) 6:00 pm Lent Rosary Challenge (Chapel) 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Walking with Purpose (Hilkert Hall) Healing Hearts (LC Mark) 6:30 pm 6:45 pm Ladies First Meeting (Mother Teresa) Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel) 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room) 7:00 pm 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 am	Route 66 Strength & Stretch (Mother Teresa)
10:00 am	Bible Timeline Session (LC Fr. McGivney)
1:30 pm	Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
5:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Family Room)
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper (Mother Teresa)
6:00 pm	CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)
6:30 pm	DC4K Meeting (LC John)
6:30 pm	Divorce Care Meeting (LC Luke)
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting (Hilkert Hall)
7:00 pm	GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
7:00 pm	Consoling the Heart (PLC Work Room)
THURSDAY	, FEBRUARY 22
10:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
6:00 pm	Weekly Reconciliation (Church)

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6:00 pm	Lent Rosary Challenge (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Alpha Session (Hilkert 3-4, LC Mark)
7:00 pm	Living Your Strengths (LC Luke)
7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
9:00 pm	Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 am	Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)
4:30 pm	Lenten Fish Fry (Hilkert Hall)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

MEN'S RENEWAL RETREAT WEEKEND

9:00 am	Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
9:00 am	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (Hilkert Gy	m)
9:00 am	Alpha Retreat (Hilkert Hall)	
1:00 pm	Ablaze Mother-Daughter Retreat (Moth	ıer
-	Teresa)	-
6:00 pm	Peace Concert (Church) 🛛 🛛 💊 🐾	1

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



Donut Sunday Sunday, February 18

All are welcome to join us in the **Hilkert Gym after the morning Masses** for delicious donuts, fresh brewed coffee, and faithful fellowship!

Are you a ministry leader who would like to **feature your ministry at a Donut Sunday?** Awesome - we'd love to set you up! Sign up by emailing Vita Schmidt at VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us.



Monday, February 19, at 6:45 pm Join Father Bob Stec **in the Mother Teresa Room** for his teachings on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. He will look into their accounts collectively and comparatively and share his insights. Sign up at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

..."God added: "This is the sign that I am aiving for all gaes to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." As we enter into the Season of Lent, our first reading proclaims the faithfulness of God. God has established a holy covenant - a sacred bond - with us. God sent His Son not to condemn us but to save us. He is the new covenant. From our Baptism, God embraces with a love that will never let go. These forty days are our opportunity to strengthen our embrace with the Lord our God. Only Jesus can save us. Only Jesus can forgive and heal us. ONLY Jesus is all we need every day and forever. Use these forty days of Lent to hold the Lord close in your life. It will truly make all the difference.

...Today's bulletin, along with the Lent newsletter you received in your mail last week, are filled with meaningful, prayerful, helpful and inspiring opportunities this Lent to choose the Lord. Of all the decisions, make one choice for Jesus. Find a way, a program, a prayer, that can help you make the one choice for only Jesus this Lent. You can find the newsletter online at: StAmbrose.us/Lent.

...This Lent we are inviting you to write your prayer petitions down and place them in a basket at the entries of the Church. While there, you can dig into the basket and pull out another member's prayer intention. **The** goal is to pray with and for one another this Lent. We bring all of our needs to the Lord in prayer. Imagine the blessing of knowing that another member is holding your intention close in prayer. No names are necessary. Only write your prayer petition on the special card, drop it in the basket, and if able, select someone else's prayer intention.

...The Church looks so prayerful for Lent. **God bless** our Women's Guild who donated the new Lent banners for the sanctuary, along with the new vestment for the priest/ deacon. **God bless** our A/E team and, especially, Helen and Mike Lanzarotta. They do such an inspiring job to help our Church reflect the liturgical seasons. **Helen can always use some help.** If you can offer a little help, please let her know (HLanzarotta@ StAmbrose.us).

...On Ash Wednesday in the scriptures we were reminded of the spiritual tools of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here at Saint Ambrose, we often say, **'small change...**

makes a big difference.' The Lent Rice Bowls are at the doors of the Church. Imagine if we all made some small/meaningful sacrifices and offered what we saved in the Rice Bowl. The funds would allow us to build homes for those most in need in our mission community (www.missionpossible.us). A couple in our parish wants to both help those in need and inspire us to do the same. If we, together, raise \$15,000 through the Rice Bowls, they will match our offering so we can build at least two homes in our mission community. What an opportunity to do good for those most in need.

...God bless our teens for the great job they did last weekend leading **the Souper Bowl of Caring. God bless all who supported their efforts to raise \$18,000 for our monthly community meal program.** Together we met the goal and will make sure that 6,000 have a fresh hot meal over the course of the year. God bless you over and again.

...Thanks, too, for the response to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** last weekend. Catholic Charities extends the care of Jesus Christ to over 400,000 people in our region. God bless you for your thoughtfulness and faithfulness to the work of the Lord. You can also learn more about the important work of Catholic Charities by going online to: www. ccdocle.org/support-us/donate-online.

...There are Little Black Books at the doors of the Church. Make sure you pick one up and spend a few minutes a day reflecting on the 'covenant' – the faithful love of God in your life. There are also some good books on the Book Rack in the Chapel Hallway.

...Speaking of the Chapel, last weekend's Adoration was such a blessing for our parish community. There were times during the 24 hours when there was 20+ people in the Chapel praying and focusing their lives on Jesus. We have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 9 am until 7:30 pm. The Church and Chapel are open every day so you can spend some time in prayer and reflection.

...If you are reading this online, this Saturday we have about 80 of our young people coming together for Lent mini-VBS. It's a great way to help our children and grandchildren understand the blessings that come when we walk faithfully with the Lord our God.

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...We are blessed with THREE different

Stations of the Cross. We have the bronze stations in the Church. Our Chapel has a beautiful mosaic set of Stations from the Ursuline Motherhouse. Thanks to Matthew Stracensky, we have lovely outdoor Stations by the Grotto. **The Stations of the Cross help us to connect our life journey with the journey and the struggles of Jesus.** They are a helpful source of meditation and prayer. Take some time this Lent season to 'check out' all three versions of the Stations of the Cross. **Join us every Friday evening at 7 pm as we remember and recount the Stations of the Cross in the Church.**

...Over the past 2 ½ years, members of our parish community have helped to set up about 275 homes/apartments for refugees, immigrants and those transitioning from homelessness. It's a beautiful ministry made possible by a team of our members. Over the past few weeks, they have set up at least a dozen homes and are quickly running out of gently used furniture. If you have gently used furniture that you can donate to such an important ministry, please send me an email (frbob@ StAmbrose.us). We are also in need of household items. Watch for a complete list next week.

...This coming week marks the second anniversary of the tragic war in the Ukraine. We have been so blessed to help resettle so many Ukrainian families. **This coming Saturday, February 24, please join us for a beautiful, soul-stirring, and moving concert presented by very talented Ukrainian refugees. We need to fill the Church** in solidarity with the Ukrainian community. We need to fill the Church in prayer for an end of war and violence. Please join us for refreshments prior to the concert at 6 pm in Hilkert Hall followed by this inspiring concert. See today's bulletin for all the details.

...The Cross stands boldly on the corner of the water tower drive to remind us - over and again - to use these days to center our lives on Jesus Christ. He is our Savior. He is the one who can heal and forgive us. He is our everything. ONLY Jesus...again - and again - and again.

...There are many wonderful opportunities for all of us to use these days of Lent to deepen our journey with the Lord. Hold the Lord close in your life. Please invite someone to join you for a parish Lent event or program. Friar Johnpaul is coming back to do our Lent Mission. There's something for everyone this Lent at Saint Ambrose.

...Only this I want...but to know the Lord. Imagine if that's our desire and prayer for 40 days???!!! God bless you and your loved ones.



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 18 | First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am	† Ronald Niemesch (Women's Guild)
9:00 am	† Erminia Paneccasio (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)

Monday, February 19

8:15 am + Linda Csensich (John)

5:30 pm Prayer Service in the Chapel

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, February 21 | St. Peter Damian

8:15 am † Trevor James Pacek (Frank & Sharon Pacek)

Thursday, February 22 | Chair of St. Peter

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*5:30 pm + Steve Yacynych (The Varnish Family)

Friday, February 23 | St. Polycarp

8:15 am	† Helen Sheridan (Helen Lanzarotta)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, February 24

8:15 am	Prayer Service in the Chapel	
4:30 pm	† Samuel Wagner (Gail Wagner, wife)	RS
Sunday, F	ebruary 25 Second Sunday of Lent	
7:30 am	† Ron Niemesch (Music Ministry)	Johnpaul
9:00 am	† Gladys Kemski (The Kemski Children)	DS
10:30 am	† John, Jane, Helen & Michael Roth	RS
	(Debbie Roth)	
12:00 pm	† Rob Price (Michael Rieger)	RS
5:00 pm	Michael Luks (Christina Guk)	Johnpaul

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 February 11, 2024

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	Feb. 11, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Feb. 11, 2024	Jul. 1, 2022 to Feb. 12, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 33,780	\$ 1,443,650	\$ 1,347,940
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,287,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ (5,220)	\$ 156,650	
Building Fund	\$ 979	\$ 60,915	\$ 44,028
ACH Collection	\$ 4,280 (weekly	it is a second s	
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 550	XIV.	330
Children's Offertory	\$ 305	1	

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.

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

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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.



"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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LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

We Pray for Our Sick

Baby Beverlee Greg Joanie Josephine Josh Karis Lindey Madeline Mason Russ Ruthie Tony Judy Arena Andra Armour Ted Beba Gaylene Bielawski Lisa Bielawski Melissa Boey **Bossone Family** Paula C. Marie Ceslewski Jeffrey Conrad Maureen Conway

Carol

Noah

Todd

Tyler

Paulette

Erin Alan

Jody Angelone

Kimberly Ball

Mary Bauman

Paula Berghauser

Melissa Boring

Debbie Burrell

Shawn Calvey

Nora Carangio

Mary Cipollone

Vickie Coates

Wink Coleman

Charlotte Casselberry

Sue Burdick

Gail Buttitta

Fred Beba

Christine Dabramo Ken Daubert **Diane Davenport** Ron DeMichael Jennifer Dupont Peggy Elston Holdigard Fanslau **Barb Ferris** Barbara Freiberger Micah Galuzny Cheryl Gazso Dan Ginley Jeff Golan **Richie Golan** Nancy Grill Donna H. **Denny Halenar** Lauren Halsey Linda Hammel Priscilla Harris Barbara Harrison Carol Heinle Joan Howells

Bonnie Kaczynski **Robert Keller Rosemary Kemper** Barbara Ann Kilarsky Pat Kilarsky Carol Klem Agnes Knox Matt Koko John Kolesar Theresa Krakora Jess Lahl Knox Lette Darlene Litman Sharon Livingston Sister Colette Livingston **Beatrice Longo Rose Machor** Phyllis Marinelli Rita Miczak **Trudy Miller** Lynn Moavero **Christene Marie Molland** Marty (Butch) Morisky

Michael Mraz **Bob Murphy** Dan Murphy Margaret Napalo Michael Napalo John & Faith Nelson Andrew Nemec Joe Neura **Cliff Nowak** Diann Ordvec Ed Ordvec **Bob & Karen Pencek** Judy Peskura **Carolyn Pietrzak Richard Pinkleton** Ed Plitt Steve Plitt Angela Polis Mike Rieger Mary Ann Riess Jack Roznik **Dorothy Rumas** Marjorie Rutkowski

Andrew S. Christine S. Marge Sabados Annette Schaefer Gertrude Schmidt Lorrie Sirocky Erica Stora Norma Sutter Marian Swansinger Linda Tackla Nash Taylor Gloria Tews Joyce Tomei Simon Tucker Lori Uhler Sharlene Veres Mark Vozar Debbie Wyatt Karen Zabrocki Pat Zdolshek

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

Rosie Colucci Tom Craig Megan Dauer Marcial De Leon Mary De Santis Steven Dearth **Roger Droll** Kristen Eble Jack Egan Marv Ferritti Barbara Fiala Barbara Fischer Noah Forlini-Kotlarek Joseph Fuizzotti Robert Gallik Vince Gassi **Edward Gaus** Jeff Golan Michael Golden Vaughan Guzik **Ron Hendrix**

Robert Hirus David Hoffman Mark Hogan Donna Hvizdos Melanie J. Josh Johnston **Bridgitte Jones** Kathv K. Clara Kalal Mike Kalka Desh Kapur Kathy Keglovich Barbara Ann Kilarsky Bob Klaehn David Klem, Jr. Joy Kowalski Donna Kucera Kathy Kunkler Joyce Lancaster J.D. Languth **Dolores** Lauerhahs

Jennifer Lazar Terri Leitter Carol Lersch Jill Lesiw Michael Luks **Richard Malone** Helen Mancuso Lisa Mavfeld Stacy McFarland **Mick McGinnis** Sandy Metzer **Thomas Miller** Sonia Missal Edward Morey **Tina Mounts** Barb Nofel **Carol Perruchon Richard Pietolungo** Debra R. Jim Razzante Eric Reeder

Allyson Reynes Cathy Ricciuto **Corinne Rickabaugh** Jack Roznik **Donald Rundle** Karen Ryan Toni S. Kim Saffle Mark Shelton Andy Stamper Jen Stancato Angelo Stavole Jackie Symons Barbara Tescar Jessica Till Dominic Trizio Jenny Vasel Mary Jo Weihrouch Debbie Wyatt Gary Zayas, Sr.

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.

Journey to Emmaus Catechumen Spotlights

As we journey through the season of Lent, we invite you to remember in your prayers the 19 adults and 6 children who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. May their hearts be open to the Lord. May they know the prayerful support, care, and warm embrace of our parish community.

Meet, Cheryl Michaels who grew up a Christian, attending Grace Baptist Church in



Brunswick, Ohio. Cheryl's husband is Catholic and she wanted to start going to Mass with him more and to get their children involved in the Catholic faith. Cheryl says that being on the Journey to Emmaus has given her a "better understanding of the Scriptures read at Mass each week" which she appreciates! Meet, Jamie Germuska. Jamie came to the Journey to Emmaus because her



mom and both of her sisters and their families are Catholic and she wanted to learn more about Catholicism. For Jamie, the thing she has loved learning about is the Sacraments within our faith. Jamie also shared that she "loves how welcoming and friendly everyone is" at Saint Ambrose."



Come bond with each other and God.

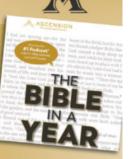
February 24, 2024 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Hilkert Hall 1 & 2



1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month 12:00-1:30 pm Fr. McGiveny Room

OR

1st Wednesday of Every Month 7:00-8:30 pm Saint Ambrose



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

Bring your Bible and journal to the sessions.

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





La la Cara Cala

Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral Mass & Tour

Spaghetti Warehouse For Lunch

Our Lady of Consolation Tour & Prayer Time



Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE • *We Engage & Empower Others.*



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).

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 plenty of equipment.

Lunch & Learn - Medicaid & Assisted Living February 29 | 11:00 am | Mother Teresa Room

Medicaid can help you pay for Assisted Living, but there are some important details you should know. Danielle from Generations Senior Living will break it all down for you. RSVP to JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or through the event form at StAmbrose.us/Route66.

Rec/Fit/Fun - Belly Dancing February 29 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Rooms 1 & 2

Come join us for some fun as we shake off the cold. No special skill needed, great for all abilities! RSVP to JOsowski@Stambrose.us.





Bakery Needed You are Appreciated!

Once again, we will be selling baked goods at our Fish Fry fundraisers every Friday during Lent in Hilkert Hall.

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. 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. God bless you during the Lenten season, and always.

Weekly Parish Bulletin - February 18, 2024

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

'Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust.

- FATHER THOMAS MERTON

Dear Parish Family,

ONLY JESUS

Our students prepared for the holy season of Lent with our annual palm-burning prayer service led by Father Bob earlier this week.

We burned the palms we used on Palm Sunday, which signifies Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. These same palms, which were burned to ashes, were used at our Ash Wednesday services as a sign of our repentance.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Congratulations to our SAS graduating class of 2024! The students of the class of 2024 have all been accepted to their first high schools of choice! Our prayers are with them as they finalize their decisions and plans. We continue to work with high schools that highly desire our graduates! What a wonderful testimony and affirmation to our faculty, staff, and school community.

Congratulations to our Academic Scholar Award recipients the following students placed in the top 10% in the NATION on the high school placement tests and received outstanding academic scholarships! Wow!

- Madeline S., Trinity High School Academic Scholar
- Logan D., Holy Name High School Academic Scholar
- Alexi C., Alex S., and Lucas C., Padua Franciscan High School Academic Scholars
- Liam L., Walsh Jesuit High School Academic Scholar

SIMPLY BLESSED

What a privilege it is to spend time in new family interviews as part of our admissions process for preschool - eighth grade. It is a great honor to meet with prospective new members of our school family. They affirm our critical mission every day as we keep Jesus Christ, who is everything for us, at the center. Thank you to our parish family for your continued support and sharing of all the beautiful things happening at Saint Ambrose School. We are simply blessed.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Please reach out to our Admissions team with any questions you may have or to schedule a personal tour for the 2024-2025 school year at 330.460.7318 or, visit SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions.

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





Special thanks to Cavs Academy for leading our school in spirit last week!



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

WEYMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB

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Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish

PSR & MORE • We Inspire with Prayer and Worship.

Parish School of Religion February Schedule Reminders

Please note the following for February:

- NO classes will be held on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.
- Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 21 and Monday, February 26.

Third Grade Lenten Workshop

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, our third grade students and their families joined us for our Lenten workshop. Time was spent in prayer, learning about Lent and how we can walk through the season of Lent focused only on Jesus.

Family of Faith Session

Our students and their families joined us for our February session which focused on Lent through family-centered activities and prayers.

"Fasting" from More Than Food. By Rebecca Kaaikaula

Many adults, including myself hang on to three words during the Lenten season: "pray, fast, give." I am trying to remember when I learned that these three words were the pillars for preparing my heart for Christ's Resurrection. I remember that while growing up, my family and I took these three things very seriously. It was so serious that it would be the topic of every dinner conversation for weeks before the start of Lent. My dad would say, "When it comes to praying, fasting, and almsgiving, Jesus went over and beyond for us and didn't skip a beat while doing it, and neither will we." So, we'd challenge ourselves to prav more, fast harder, and give all we could during Lent. These challenges were relatively easy to decide upon, though. We were even excited about the prospect of the season of challenging ourselves to become closer to Christ. However, now that I am a mom, I am stunned at how challenging it is for my kids to understand why we "fast" during Lent and things we can fast from. We pray more as a family during Lent - that's probably the easiest thing we can do with all the resources at hand, such as our parish's prayer cards. Giving is easy, too. But, when it comes to the word "fasting," my children and others I've observed seem to have difficulty understanding the concept. "Mom, you want me to starve?" Kai asks. Of course, the answer to that question is "no." Fasting doesn't have to mean giving up eating. Maybe I'm the only one having trouble explaining the concept. But in case I'm not, here are some alternatives to fasting that don't involve food to share with your children:

Fasting from video games. Fasting from complaining. Fasting from bad habits. Fasting from grudges. Fasting from anger. Fasting from being hurtful.











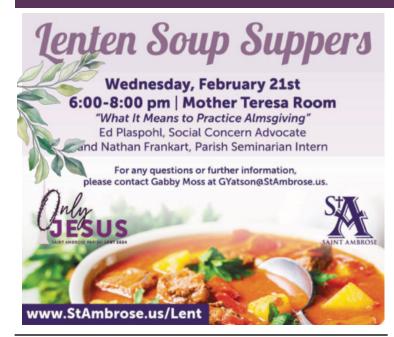
SUNDAY, FEB. 18

5PM - MASS 6PM-ABLAZE MOTHER TERESA ROOM

• "BE THE HANDS AND FEET" GAMES

- PIZZA & TREATS <u>BRING A DESSERT</u> <u>TO SHARE!</u>
- BRING A FRIEND ENTER THE GIFT CARD RAFFLE!

HERE FOR YOU • We Serve with the Compassion of Christ.



Catholic Charities Counseling Weekly, Here at Saint Ambrose Parish

Life is faced with many challenges and oftentimes having someone to talk to helps a great deal. We are blessed to collaborate with Catholic Charities for Outpatient Mental Health Services. If you find yourself struggling and in need of additional support, please call Catholic Charities at 330.723.9615 to schedule your appointment. We will have space reserved here on campus **every Tuesday between the hours of 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm,** and if this time does not work for you, then you can schedule another time and we will reserve space for you.

PB&J Brigade Can You Help?

The Brigade is for everyone and we can use your help! There are many ways, such as the following listed, for you and your family to help:

- 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!

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

OneHope NEO Food Sort Lend a Hand!

OneHope NEO helps coordinate community efforts throughout Cleveland's near west side neighborhoods. Our parish works closely with OneHope NEO on many great initiatives including a monthly food distribution. We ask our members to help sort food into bags for this distribution. **Please consider joining us on February 20, at 3:00 pm in the Hilkert Gym.** It's easy and fun - a great service to do together as a family with your children.

Mercy Monday Monthly Food Collection

Your generous donations of nonperishable items continue to support our programs that feed hundreds each week - thank you! Simply pull your vehicle up to



our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center on Monday, March 4, from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm and let us unload. Items that we need for March include *pasta sauce, canned fruit, jelly, and Jiffy Muffin mix.*



Join us for a delicious, healthy breakfast provided by our good friends at Marc's!

Visit a variety of local vendors who can share great tips and samples. Learn what you can do physically, mentally and spiritually to stay fit, healthy and full of life.

Invite your family and friends to join you for Mass & breakfast!





A variety of vendors and Community Partners! Stop at all of the booths to

explore more ways to improve your overall health.

Eating healthier has never been easier!

Marc's breakfast will include fresh fruit, yogurt, bagels, granola and more right from their local store.

or further information, contact Jennie Porco JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330-460-7300

www.StAmbrose.us/Health-Fair

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Upcoming Meeting Living Word Ministry

Join the Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry on **Tuesday, February** 20, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel as we lift up our hearts

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small groups

details & more info:

www.StAmbrose.us/fiat



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and voices in praise, worship, sharing, and healing prayer. Bring your Bible and come prepared to allow the Spirit to touch our lives through God's Word. *Come, Holy Spirit, heal me of my sin!*

> GH SCHOO Youth Ministry

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

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

fiat's Got Talent!

All high school teens are invited to join

us for our annual talent show coming

up on February 25, at 6:00 pm in

Hilkert Hall. Scan the QR code to sign up to share your talent for a chance to



Unpack the Alleluia during this year's holy week as we **"adopt a member" and deliver random acts of kindness** during one of the holiest times of the year.

We provide the gifts, the addresses, everything you need, we just need YOU to deliver gifts to one of our fellow parishioners who needs a little bit of a "pick me up" during this season. It is easy, thoughtful and a wonderful opportunity to pass along the Light of Christ.

For more information or to join, please contact Gabby Moss at GYatson@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7327.

Stand Firm: Men's Renewal February 24-25

Our renewal weekend is given for parishioners, by parishioners. This group of men who have grown together in Christ over the past year, formed to share with you an environment of faith, fellowship, and fun. For more details and to sign up, scan the QR code or contact any of the following retreat leaders:



Deacon Tom at 440.552.7437, John Ballash at 330.419.0574, or Scott Hodan at 440.336.2199.

Please accept the gift of the Holy Spirit with this invitation to attend the men's renewal weekend. It will change your life!



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In Loving Memory



Elaine Joyce Fedor *Mother of Diane Miklovich* February 23, 1931 - February 3, 2024



Edward John Bees *Father of Debbie Boehmke* July 19, 1941 - February 9, 2024



David Nalesnik Brother of Rachel Buttitta May 18, 1976 - February 13, 2024

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



Our hope is always in the Lord.

Hearts of Hope invites all widows to come and find good conversation, healing and hope.

MONTHLY MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

For more information and to RSVP email Lisa at LCinadr@StASchool.us

Hit the Links with Us Limited Spots this Year!

Our 2024 Men's Golf League will begin on April 8! We play on Monday evenings at **Bunker Hill** and we only have a limited number of openings this year. If you are



interested or would like to sign up, contact Dan Wish at danielwish@aol.com or 330. 241.1336.

- SACRAMENTS-Newly Baptized

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 our parish.

Milestones & Achievements

Milestones are birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. Receiving an award or achieving something great are also milestones! We are happy for you and want to pray for you so submit your good news at **StAmbrose.us/Milestone-Moments.**

the Stars Minong Us!.

Many of our younger parish members were "Stars" last weekend in the "Mean Girls" Musical at Brunswick High School and at the Brunswick City School District Showcase!





And, kudos to our fiat Core Team who wore their best pink to show their support. They represented us well and looked amazing!

Our parish community is so proud of all of our members who performed or were involved in last weekend's shows. We are truly blessed with the best!



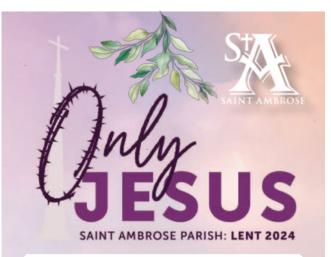


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- This Week's Featured -Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry

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

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

- Event -

fiat's Got Talent

February 25, 6:00 pm in Hilkert Hall Attention teens - be sure to sign up for this fun evening that includes lots of chances to win some great prizes!

<u>- Service -</u>

Mission Rice Bowl

All throughout the Lenten season! Small change makes a big difference especially since a parish family has offered to match funds raised so we can support Mission Possible!

<u>- Liturgy -</u> Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat

Saturday, February 24, 9:00 am in Hilkert Hall Spend some quality time away from the hustle and bustle of every day life. Register at StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.

- Ministry -Lenten Parish Mission

February 25, 26, and 27 Friar Johnpaul is back with us! He'll take us on another great spiritual journey - this time down the "Yellow Brick Road" of Life!

To learn more about these and all the Lent opportunities, visit **StAmbrose.us/Lent**

Knights of Columbus Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family

Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family is a dynamic new video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world.



Wednesdays During Lent February 21 - March 27, 2024 7:00-9:00 pm

St. Ambrose School Gillingham Innovation Center Register at StAmbrose.us/Knights-of-Columbus

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.

