

*February 4, 2024*

*Only*  
**JESUS**  
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

*"In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*

*- PSALM 16:11*



## FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church & Hilkert Hall)  
 6:00 pm Women's Welcome Meeting (LC Luke)  
 6:00 pm Men's Renewal Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (LC Matthew)  
 7:00 pm XLT Night (Church)  
 8:00 pm Overnight/Extended Adoration (Chapel)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:00 am Overnight/Extended Adoration (Chapel)  
 10:00 am Baby Bible Time (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 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)  
 6:30 pm Mental Health Ministry Mtg. (John Paul II)  
 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)  
 7:00 pm Athletic Boosters' Meeting (Mother Teresa)  
 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 am GriefShare Group (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)  
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
 4:00 pm Parish Council Leader Mtg. (John Paul II)  
 6:30 pm Healing Hearts (LC Mark)  
 7:00 pm Route 66 Pickleball (Hilkert Gym)  
 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)  
 7:00 pm Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel)  
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Hilkert Hall)  
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:45 am Route 66 Donut Social (Mother Teresa)  
 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 Service (Chapel)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 CONTINUED

1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)  
 4:00 pm The Bible Timeline (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 4:30 pm Monthly Reconciliation (Church)  
 5:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room)  
 6:00 pm CWM Food Distro (CWM Outreach Center)  
 6:00 pm Dance Fitnness (Hilkert Gym)  
 6:00 pm Cancer Support Group (Mother Teresa)  
 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 Women's Guild Meeting (Hilkert Hall)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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)  
 6:00 pm Infant of Prague Guild Meeting (LC Luke)  
 6:15 pm Gabriel Project Meeting (John Paul II)  
 6:30 pm Alpha Session (LC John)  
 7:00 pm Living Your Strengths (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship Meeting (Mother Teresa)  
 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:00 pm Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

#### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEKEND!

8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Mother Teresa)  
 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)  
 5:00 pm Neon Bingo (Hilkert Hall)

**For more event details,  
 visit [StAmbrose.us/Events](http://StAmbrose.us/Events).**



# Pray With Us!

**Extended Eucharistic  
Adoration Hours this  
Weekend**

Join us February 4th-5th for extended hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Starting with XLT (Exalt! - a time of Eucharistic Adoration with praise & worship music) at 7pm in the Church followed by overnight adoration until Monday at 8pm in the Chapel. Sign up today!

Sign up using the QR code, or contact  
 Caitlin: [CARbogast@StAmbrose.us](mailto:CARbogast@StAmbrose.us),  
 330.460.7387



## PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

*...“So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, “When shall I arise?” then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.”*

Our first reading this weekend is from the Book of Job. It sounds like Job may have been talking about winter in Northeast Ohio!!! **The good news is that the story of Job will move from the darkness and struggles of his life to a deeper trust in the Lord our God.** We all have bad days and go through difficult seasons. Christ is our light that shatters our darkness. Prayer is a source of comfort and peace. **When you find yourself getting caught up in the ‘yuck’ of winter and perhaps your life, take a deep breath and turn to the Lord.**

...These weeks are very difficult for many people. **I know that in my conversations, so many struggle with a heavy of heart at this time of year.** Let’s pray for one another and bring the Light of Christ to each other. Kind words. A random call. A thoughtful deed. Even a caring question like “how are you doing?” can make all the difference. **Let’s, especially, be attentive to the needs of our seniors and our teens.**

...If you are reading this online, this Saturday night we are blessed to host/welcome the Marriage Date Night. It’s a fun night for couples with real comedians and musicians. They come to help celebrate the blessing of married love through laughter, good humor, and tender reflections. Come and enjoy a great meal and wonderful night – this Saturday, February 3. Go online for all the details: [StAmbrose.us/Event/World-Marriage-Day](http://StAmbrose.us/Event/World-Marriage-Day).

...Another way to lift some of the ‘heaviness’ of your heart is to **celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).** I had a powerful conversation a few weeks back with someone who has been carrying regret for over sixty years. **A way to heal your heart and unload the burden is through this Sacrament. Several priests will be available this Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.** Come experience the tender mercy of the Lord.

...And, another way to find light and hope every day - and always - is to come to the Lord in prayer. **This Sunday night and Monday, we are inviting - and asking - all of our members to come and spend some time in prayer before the Lord.** Eucharistic Adoration will start on Sunday at 6 pm and continue overnight through

Monday at 7 pm. **We need the Lord. We need His peace. We need to keep our families centered on Jesus Christ.** To learn more go to: [www.StAmbrose.us/](http://www.StAmbrose.us/) Adoration or just stop by anytime for some time of prayer with the Lord.

...Last week we had an amazing celebration of **Catholic Schools Week. Amid all the activities was a special moment when we shared some GREAT news that one of our students, Collin G., is a recipient of the Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision award by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).** Collin is a godly young man who serves God, our parish, his peers and everyone in need over... and over... and over again. **Collin is indicative of the wonderful young people we have in our community who are working, and growing, and serving in God’s ways.** Congratulations Collin and his parents.

...This past Sunday, a random member did the most thoughtful thing – they dropped off tons of yarn that can be turned into prayer blankets. These blankets bring such comfort to those who are sick and suffering. **An amazing group of women also crochet/knit Baptism ‘blankets’** used to ‘blanket’ our newest members with the love of God and the warmth of this community. **God bless our members who serve in this special ministry. If you would especially like to make these Baptism Blankets (we need about 150 per year), please contact Helen Lanzarotta ([hlanzarotta@StAmbrose.us](mailto:hlanzarotta@StAmbrose.us)).** We go through a ton of white yarn!!!! Praise be to God.

...This past week a few members offered to help take pictures at parish events. **We could use a few more.** All we want to do is get 12-15 members and when we need pictures, we will send out an email to see who can assist. Many photographers make for great communications!!! **To learn more or sign up, please send me an email ([frbob@StAmbrose.us](mailto:frbob@StAmbrose.us)).**

...The Season of Lent is rapidly approaching. **The Little Black Books are at the doors of the Church this weekend.** They offer a daily reflection to help you keep focused this Lent on Only Jesus.

...Last weekend’s Winter Carnival was a great family night out. **Unity Catholic Credit Union** was on hand to share in the fun with their give away wheel. They shared a good piece of trivia, in 2023, they saved their members (anyone in our parish is welcome) \$1,273,309 by refinancing loans and credit cards to the Unity Credit Union rate. That’s a lot of

\$\$\$\$. **They are always available to help you.** You can reach out to them at: [www.unitycatholiccu.org/](http://www.unitycatholiccu.org/). **They are great community partners and do incredible work helping all our Saint Ambrose School students learn financial literacy.**

...Here’s a happy sign of spring and summer. **This past week our good friend, Gary Panteck, shared that his company, Brunswick AutoMart, will again provide the Grand Prize for our Summer Festival Raffle.** Praise be to God. **Can summer be far away!!!**

...Are you ready for Superbowl Sunday??? Even more, are you ready for the Souper Bowl of Caring??? Our junior high and high school students have been preparing to help all of us come together...work together...to support our monthly community meal program (which provides over 5,000 meals (not counting Thanksgiving) to our sisters and brothers in our local community. A homemade, flavorful meal makes all the difference in their lives. It nourishes their soul knowing that they are not alone!!! **The teens will be at the doors of the Church next weekend collecting your donations, along with selling snacks for your Superbowl gatherings.** God bless you.

...This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé. We ask God’s blessing and intercession for physical health and well-being. **The special St. Blasé blessing will be offered after all the weekend Masses.** Let’s pray for the sick and suffering. Let’s pray for each other for health, strength and peace.

...Our Lent Fish Fry is right around the corner... starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing every Friday until Easter. **Make plans to enjoy a great meal with wonderful people.** All the proceeds will be used towards a new front sign for our parish campus.

...This week the next edition of the Angelus will be available both online ([www.StAmbrose.us/Lent](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Lent)) and arriving in your mailbox. It’s filled with wonderful opportunities for you and your family throughout the season of Lent. Christ wants to lead us to a fullness of life. God promises JOY in living the Gospel. **Take some time to review and find a way (or two) to use the season of Lent to strengthen your walk with the Lord.**

...God bless you abundantly. May the Light of Christ, and the Love of God, fill your heart now and always. Take care.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

12:00 pm † Barbara Merrill (Tanya Bryant) **DS**

5:00 pm † Patricia Anne Dupont (Ollivier & Dowie Families & Charles E. Dupont) **RS**

#### Monday, February 5 | St. Agatha

8:15 am † Earl Sansbury (Debbie McCready)

5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

#### Tuesday, February 6 | St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

#### Wednesday, February 7

8:15 am † Margaret Albaugh (John & Kristen Louderback)

#### Thursday, February 8 | St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

5:30 pm † Jeffrey Kodysz (Janice Avery)

#### Friday, February 9

8:15 am † Margaret Albaugh (John & Kristen Louderback)

#### Saturday, February 10 | St. Scholastica

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

4:30 pm † Vittorio Bramante (Comella Family) **RS**

#### Sunday, February 11 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Donna McManamon (Family) **RS**

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

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

12:00 pm † Ann Grayson (Jean) **RS**

5:00 pm † Daniel Boskovitch (Barbara Boskovitch) **DS**

### 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](http://StAmbrose.us/Adoration).**

### Weekly Benediction

**Experience His Divine presence, every**

**Monday at 7:30 pm in the Chapel.**

### Week of January 28, 2024

	Jan. 28, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Jan. 28, 2024	Jul. 1, 2022 to Jan. 29, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 26,032	\$ 1,355,929	\$ 1,260,957
Amount Needed	\$ (39,000)	\$ (1,209,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ (12,968)	\$ 146,929	
Building Fund	\$ 365	\$ 58,516	\$ 42,857
ACH Collection	\$ 4,275 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 735		
Children's Offertory	\$ 570 from 721 envelopes collected		

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

### Ways to Support Our Parish

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

### Now Hiring

#### Join Our Parish Team

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

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

For more information about either position, please send an email to [Jobs@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Jobs@StAmbrose.us).

## LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers & Support

### *We Pray for Our Sick*

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

### *We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer*

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



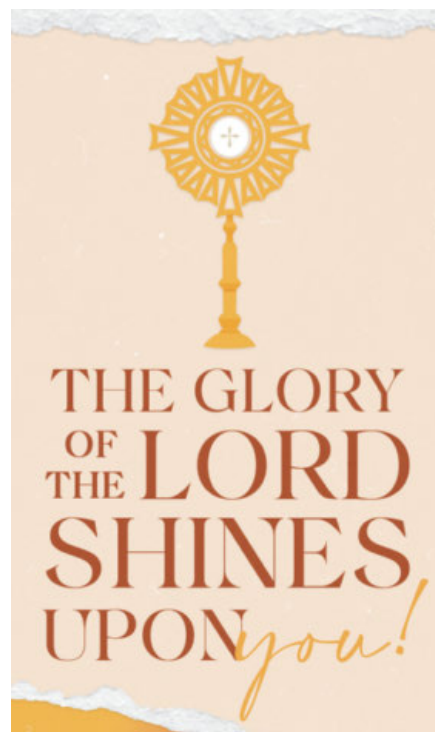
### *Stephen Ministry* **Ready to Care**

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 - 330.460.7336**  
**or [CMaline@StAmbrose.us](mailto:CMaline@StAmbrose.us)**
- **Lisa Homady - 330.460.7315**  
**or [LHomady@StAmbrose.us](mailto:LHomady@StAmbrose.us)**

Or, visit us online at  
[StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry](http://StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry).



# A HOME FOR ALL • *We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality.*

## Liturgy Corner

### Only Jesus

"Only Jesus" is **our theme for this year**...Jesus came to save us from sin, to show us how to live our lives. A life of love and service to others and to the Lord. We need to focus on Jesus and His love, the world today is hurting and so many are lost. Only Jesus can help.

The lyrics to a song we have been singing at Masses goes like this:

*Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself.  
Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else,  
Make a name the world remembers.  
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams,  
I got lost in the light when it was up to me.  
To make a name the world remembers.  
But Jesus is the only name to remember.*

*And I, I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me. Only Jesus  
And I, I've only got one life to live I'll let every second  
point to Him.  
Only Jesus.*

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This soul stirring song was written and produced by Casting Crowns, which by the way will be performing at The FEST this year. **Only Jesus is the name to remember.**

## Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry

### Open your heart to the Light of the World!

Join the Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry on **Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel** as we lift up our hearts and voices in praise, worship, sharing, and healing prayer. Bring your Bible and be prepared to allow the Spirit to touch your life through God's Word.



***Come, Holy Spirit, pour Your Light into our hearts!***

## Cancer Support Group

### Wednesday, February 7

At some point in our lives, we have known someone who has been affected by cancer. Perhaps you are suffering or have suffered from cancer. Our group is open to all, whether in remission or recently diagnosed, a friend of someone, whether you are involved in our church or not. Come to the **Mother Teresa Room at 6:00 pm** to share your story. In addition to discussing nutrition this month, we'll be tasting Chinese New Year's food for fun, luck, happiness, and good fortune. For more information, contact Terri at 216.990.0082 or Miriam at 330.225.9005.

## 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 Wednesday, February 7 in the Chapel** 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](http://StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation).**

## 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 Hilker 4).*

### *Pickleball*

**February 6 | 7:00 pm | Hilker Hall Gym**

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

### *Coffee & Donut Social*

**February 7 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room**

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

### *Mardi Gras Social*

**February 13 | 12:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room**

Grab your mask and beads as we celebrate Fat Tuesday! Please RSVP by emailing [JOsowski@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JOsowski@StAmbrose.us), through the event form at [StAmbrose.us/Route66](http://StAmbrose.us/Route66), or call 330.460.7341 and leave a message.

Lord, shine on my way  
with your light,  
give me clarity on what  
I do not understand...

### *Rosary Prayer*

#### **Just for Vocations**

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



### *Ohio 529 Savings Plan*

presented by  
THE SAINT AMBROSE  
Endowment Fund Committee



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

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

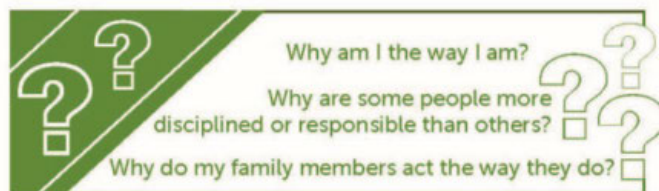
#### **RSVP**

Please RSVP to Mary Jo Halenar  
at [mhalenar@stambrose.us](mailto:mhalenar@stambrose.us) or by visiting  
[StAmbrose.us/endowment](http://StAmbrose.us/endowment)



### **LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS FOR COUPLES**

**February 22 & 29, 2024 | 7:00-8:30 pm  
Lehner Center Fr. McGivney Room**



If you've ever asked yourself any of these questions or would like to better understand your husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend, then **join our February session of Living Your Strengths for Couples!**

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.**



**Register by February 13**  
by contacting Carol Maline  
at [CMaline@StAmbrose.us](mailto:CMaline@StAmbrose.us) or  
330.460.7336.

*Space is limited and you must  
take an on-line assessment  
prior to the first class.*

*If either or both of you have already taken Living Your Strengths  
and want to return for more insight, please join us!*

# SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • *We Follow God!*

*"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life."*

- POPE FRANCIS

## *Dear Parish Family,*

### **REJOICE! HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

For over 60 years we have been celebrating "being one of the family!" We had an incredible Catholic Schools Week 2024! During this blessed week, we celebrated:

- **Our Faith:** We gathered together as a school family for Mass. Our student prayer buddies partnered in prayer in faith. We joined the Diocese for Mass at the Cathedral.
- **Our Community:** We welcomed 120 community leaders for breakfast, honored our Partner in Education for 2024, The Brunswick Rotary, and welcomed many new prospective families to our LAPS Open House this weekend.
- **Our Vocations and Teachers:** We congratulate Mrs. Shultz (5 Years) and Mrs. Kinley (15 Years) for their service to our Diocese.
- **Our Nation:** We joined the Knights of Columbus to honor our Veterans with a prayer service and breakfast.
- **Our Unique Genius:** We honored our students' academic, spiritual, athletic, and service achievements and celebrated with a dance party!
- **Our Family:** We partnered with Beyond Juicery +Eatery to thank our parents and celebrated with a Neon Bingo party and a skate party!
- **Our Service:** We continue to find opportunities to serve one another. Thank you to Mrs. Grama and our student council for helping to coordinate our service and faith-filled projects this week.

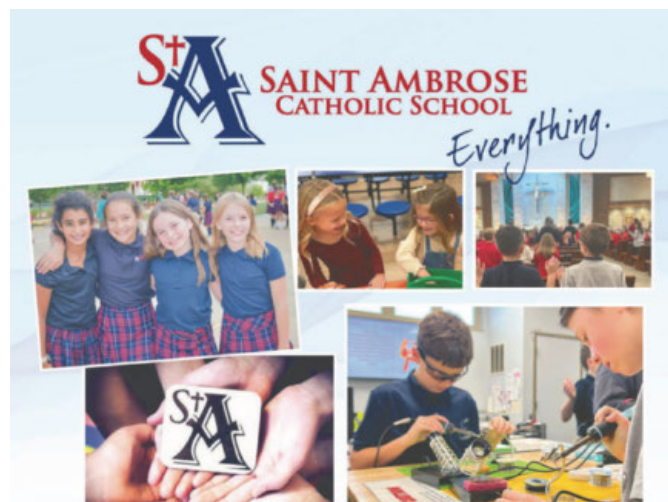
### **OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14, 2024!**

Thank you to our parish and school families for your on-time Priority Enrollment during the month of January. Open enrollment begins next week for families in our community for any remaining spaces and waiting list placements.

Please reach out to our Admissions team at [SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions](http://SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions) or call 330.460.7318 with any questions you may have or to schedule a personal tour.

In Jesus, who is EVERYTHING for us!

Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*



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#### February Schedule Reminders

Please note the following for February:

- The next **Adult Confirmation** session will be on February 8 at 6:30 pm in the Lehner Center.
- Our February **Family of Faith** session is on February 10 at 9:30 am in the Lehner Center.

#### Family Home School January Presentation

Our Family Home School parents kicked off the morning with our January session **focused on "Walking with Jesus"** during this Lenten season. Parents spent time in quiet reflection and small group discussion on seven steps to the Resurrection.

#### Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist

We came together as a parish community with our **second grade students and their families to celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist this past Sunday.**

Our second grade students have begun their preparation to receive their First Eucharist in May. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to come to the table of the Lord.



*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](https://StAmbrose.us/Lent)



**ablaze** **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** **SAT-SUN 10 & 11**  
Help us collect money for the poor during the weekend Masses. Sign up @ [stambrose.us/ablaze](https://stambrose.us/ablaze)

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

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### Auditions Happening Soon

#### Star in a Musical!

Children of Eden is a musical about the creation of man, Noah, and the ark, coming summer - July 2024. Michelle Cha, our Minister of Performing Arts, hopes to be able to include many of our Saint Ambrose members for this All Parish Musical. **Auditions will take place this coming spring.** For more information, send an email to [MCha@StASchool.us](mailto:MCha@StASchool.us).

**StA Baby Bible Time**



Monday, February 5  
10:00 am  
LC Father McGivney Room

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### Mercy Monday

#### Monday, February 5

Bring your donations to our drive-thru collection at the **Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center**, from **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. Items especially needed for the month of February are **cake mix**, **Chef Boyardee**, **Quaker Oats (18 oz.)**, and **pancake mix**. God bless you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

*Annual Health  
& Wellness Fair*

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

### Calling All Vendors!

#### Come to Our Health & Wellness Fair

We will be hosting our **14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:JPorco@StAmbrose.us).

## Lenten Soup Suppers

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

### 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](mailto:GYatson@StAmbrose.us).

For any questions or further information,  
please contact Gabby Moss at [GYatson@StAmbrose.us](mailto:GYatson@StAmbrose.us).



## Prayers & Gratitude to Our Members Serving in the Armed Forces

<b>CPT</b>	Joseph Adams, <i>Marine Corps</i>	<b>E2A</b>	Kileo Huntington, <i>National Guard</i>	<b>SSGT</b>	Matthew Pyzik, <i>Air Force</i>
<b>MN3</b>	Garret Anderson, <i>Navy</i>	<b>1LT</b>	Matthew Hupp, <i>Army</i>	<b>LCPL</b>	Lukas Robison, <i>Marine Corps</i>
<b>SPCL</b>	Andrew Bajusz, <i>National Guard</i>	<b>IT3</b>	Jeffrey Jones, <i>Navy</i>	<b>E5</b>	Carsten Safran, <i>Army</i>
<b>SSGT</b>	Kurt Becka, <i>Air Force</i>	<b>SSGT</b>	Charles Kalemba, <i>Air Force</i>	<b>AVCM</b>	Christopher Schornik, <i>Navy</i>
<b>A1C</b>	Tigan Braskie, <i>Air Force</i>	<b>LTCOL</b>	Brad Klusmann, <i>Marine Corps</i>	<b>LTG</b>	Stephen Sklenka, <i>Marine Corps</i>
<b>E1</b>	Simon Claypool, <i>Marine Corps</i>	<b>LT, O3</b>	Shaun Krall, <i>Navy</i>	<b>PVT</b>	Alex Skoczen, <i>National Guard</i>
<b>CPT</b>	Michael Duniec, <i>Air Force</i>	<b>SPC</b>	Jacob LeRoy, <i>Army</i>	<b>PVT</b>	Xavier Skoczen, <i>National Guard</i>
<b>LT</b>	Dr. Ryan Fashempour, <i>Navy</i>	<b>WO1</b>	Zachary Leuhsler, <i>Marine Corps</i>	<b>CDR</b>	Philip Starcovic, <i>Navy</i>
<b>PFC</b>	Tyler Faught, <i>Army</i>	<b>CPL</b>	Nicholas Levitsky, <i>Marine Corps</i>	<b>MDN3/C</b>	Mollie Stracensky, <i>Navy</i>
<b>SPC</b>	Matthew Fischer, <i>National Guard</i>	<b>LTCOL</b>	Leonard Livingston, <i>Air Force</i>	<b>SrA</b>	Nathaniel Taylor, <i>Air Force</i>
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Put your loved one's **name, rank, and branch of service** at [StAmbrose.us/Military](http://StAmbrose.us/Military) so that they can be included on this prayer list.

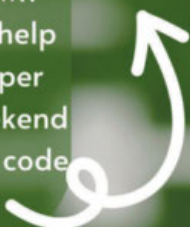
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Our Military Messages Ministry invites you to become a Prayer Warrior, Military Messenger, or to give support for postage, stationery, yellow ribbons, and more. Visit [StAmbrose.us/Military](http://StAmbrose.us/Military) to learn more.

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# TACKLE HUNGER

Attention high school teens! Souper Bowl of Caring 2024 is just around the corner and we need YOUR help to raise over \$18,000 to support our monthly community meal program and feed the hungry in our own community. Please sign up to help us collect donations & sell Super Bowl snacks at Masses the weekend of February 10-11. Scan the QR code for details & to sign up!



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## small groups

February 5-8 | Confirmation Groups  
February 7 | fiat 1:38, 8-9pm, lounge

## other events

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

details & more info:  
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## YA Lent Retreat Day

### Join us this Lent!

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](http://StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults).

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February 24, 2024 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
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All current and past participants of Alpha are invited to the Alpha Winter Retreat 2024.

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Or contact Kim Kocuba at [kkocuba@stambrose.us](mailto:kkocuba@stambrose.us)  
or Gayle Oboy at [goboy@stambrose.us](mailto:goboy@stambrose.us)

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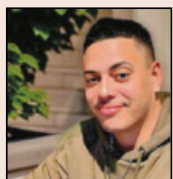
### *In Loving Memory*



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*Husband of Shirley Eifel*

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**Ramon Torres III**

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January 16, 1978 - January 26, 2024



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September 18, 1969 - January 26, 2024



**Maria Antonietta Izzo**

*Mother of Frances Cajka*

June 14, 1932 - January 29, 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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### *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](http://StAmbrose.us/Milestone-Moments).

## THE FEST

### Thoughts of Summer!!

As we push through the winter months, set your sights on the highlight of the summer season. Six months from this weekend, we come together for The FEST. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4, 2024 for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – The FEST.** Join us on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (home of our seminaries) in Wickliffe, Ohio. Come and hear the best Contemporary Christian musicians: Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochran and Company. The FEST will close out the day with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm. Hold the date. Spread the word. Make plans to join us for the highlight of summer – The FEST. **Check out all the details by going to [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).** Do us a favor, go to our Facebook page this weekend and 'Share' the Save the Date post. See you on August 4, 2024!

## LENT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Make it the **BEST** Lent ever by participating in a Faith & Fellowship Group!



Saint Ambrose is offering Faith & Fellowship Groups for Lent with a variety of session offerings. Connect with other women, men, or couples and form strong bonds and friendships that can last for years.

Join us this Lent on a healing journey toward Jesus as we explore *Restore: Lent* with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT.

Pick a time that fits your busy schedule.

Sign up today at [StAmbrose.us/AFF](http://StAmbrose.us/AFF)

### *Stay Connected*

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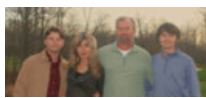
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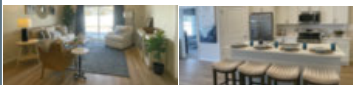
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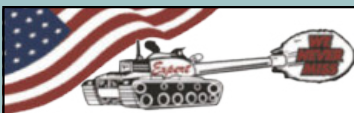
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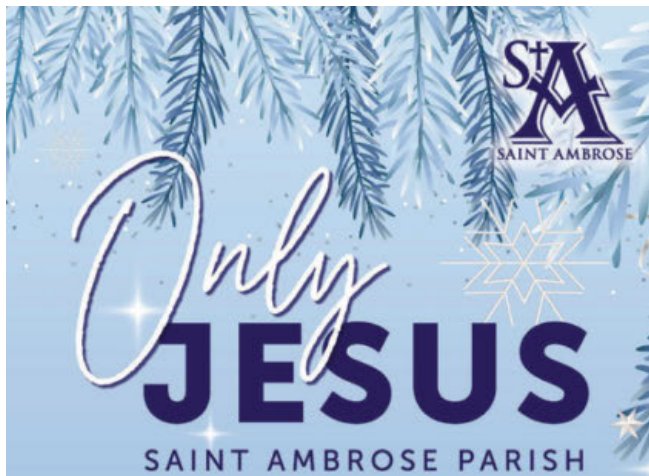
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## - This Week's Featured - Event - Service - Liturgy - Ministry

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

**Find more details about these items  
in the bulletin or at [StAmbrose.us](http://StAmbrose.us).**

### - Event -

#### **Mercy Monday**

February 5, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

*Bring donations to the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center. Simply stay in your vehicle and we will unload the items for you!*

### - Service -

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Weekend of February 10-11

*Help us "Tackle Hunger" by enclosing a monetary donation in the envelope provided in this weekend's bulletin!*

### - Liturgy -

#### **Reminder to RSVP for Lenten Mini VBS**

February 17, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

*Children ages 4-11 are invited to our FREE Lent VBS session. Please register online at [StAmbrose.us/Lent](http://StAmbrose.us/Lent).*

### - Ministry -

#### **Cancer Support Group**

Wednesday, February 7

*Come join this group that is open to anyone impacted by cancer. Enjoy good company and delicious Chinese New Year themed food.*

To learn more about these and all the New Year opportunities go to:  
**[www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us)**

# STAND FIRM

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

**Welcome V**  
**A Spiritual Renewal for Men**  
**February 24 - 25, 2024**

## Meet the Team

 Dan Vavrek	 Perry Starcovic	 Brian Travalik	 John Ballash	 Joe Neff
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 Scott Hodan	 Deacon Tom Sheridan	 <small>Contact for more information: Bryan Tom Sheridan 640-352-7437 John Ballash 730-433-0574 Scott Hodan 640-336-2388</small>		

BE ON YOUR GUARD; STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH; BE COURAGEOUS; BE STRONG.  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

The renewal weekend is given for parishioners by parishioners. A group of men, many of whom you already know, have grown together in Christ over the past year. The team was formed to share with you an environment of great fellowship, fun and faith.

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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<https://stambrose.us/event/mens-welcome-weekend>

## PARISH MISSION WITH FRIAR JOHN PAUL FEBRUARY 25 - 27, 2024

### **The Spiritual Journey - Reflections on the Wizard of Oz**

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

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

Friar John Paul will be back to lead in reflections of our spiritual journeys, by examining the classic characters in one of the world's most beloved tales. **See how Dorothy's journey can give us an insight into the true spiritual journey home to God.** What message the 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 Sign up, visit [StAmbrose.us/AFF](http://StAmbrose.us/AFF)**