



SA SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GO TO  BETHLEHEM
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church)
7:00 pm Advent XLT (Church)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
10:00 am Baby Bible Time (LC Fr. McGivney)
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
5:30 pm Mental Health Ministry Mtg.(Family Room)
5:30 pm Mercy Monday (CWM Outreach Center)
6:00 pm End of Year Giving Talk (Mother Teresa)
6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
6:30 pm Gabriel Project Meeting (LC Mark)
6:30 pm Rescue Mission Meeting (LC Matthew)
6:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
7:00 pm Route 66 Pickleball (Hilkert Gym)
7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)
7:00 pm Athletic Booster Meeting (LC Luke)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 am GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
9:30 am Walking with Purpose (Mother Teresa)
12:00 pm Bible In a Year Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
2:00 pm Catholic Charities (LC Matthew)
3:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room)
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
4:30 pm Monthly Reconciliation (Church)
5:30 pm Ladies' Tea Meeting (Mother Teresa)
6:30 pm Walking with Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
7:00 pm Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel)
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)
9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:45 am Route 66 Coffee & Donuts (Mother Teresa)
10:00 am Women's Guild Crafting (LC Luke)
10:00 am EPIC Journey Session (LC Fr. McGivney)
1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
4:30 pm Women's Guild Board Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
5:00 pm Cancer Support Group (Mother Teresa)
6:30 pm Divorce Care (LC John)
6:30 pm DC4K (LC Luke)
7:00 pm Bible in a Year (Chapel)
7:00 pm Music Ministry Concert (Church)
7:00 pm Dennis Dives Into the Bible (LC John)
7:00 pm GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)
3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Hilkert 1-3)
4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
6:00 pm BLAZE Group (Hilkert 4)
6:30 pm ALPHA (LC John)
6:30 pm EPIC Journey Session (LC Mark)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~ SAINT NICHOLAS DAY

9:00 am Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)
5:00 pm Bingo Night (Hilkert Hall)
5:00 pm Marriage Enrichment (Mother Teresa)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7~ SAINT AMBROSE DAY

9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
9:00 am Advent Mini VBS (Hilkert Hall)
10:00 am Baby Bible Time (Mother Teresa)
6:30 pm Couples' Night Out (Hilkert Hall)

Bring a friend - all are welcome, all belong here. For more event details, visit StAmbrose.us/Events.

GO TO BETHLEHEM
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES
Every Sunday during Advent at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Prepare with us for the coming of the Christ Child. It will be the best part of your Advent Season and the perfect way to prepare for Christmas.

Sunday, December 1:
Advent XLT Night with Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, and worship music.

Sunday, December 8:
GO to Mary – Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 15:
Let us GO rejoicing – Advent Prayer Service with all Liturgical Ministers and their families. All are welcome!

Music Ministry
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 4
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Church

GO to this concert to enjoy the Saint Ambrose Music Ministry as they perform Advent and Christmas songs that will stir your heart!

This is an excellent opportunity to take a step closer to Jesus to prepare the way of the Lord.

GO TO BETHLEHEM

Visit StAmbrose.us/Advent.

...**"For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."** Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent. The readings this weekend sound more like we should have heard that last weekend on the Feast of Christ the King. Yet they are powerful and profound for us as we start the Advent Season and the new liturgical year. They remind us that we 'always need to be on the move' – working to grow in holiness as God's people. **We pray that the Lord will always find us alert, ready and prepared to meet the Lord and in time, to stand before the judgement seat of God.** If we begin with the 'end in mind' the readings on this first Sunday **of the new liturgical year challenges us to have a vision of how well prepared we will be to stand before the Lord.**

...**Our Advent theme is "Go to Bethlehem."** Like Mary and Joseph, we are on a journey of faith to meet the Lord. Mary and Joseph had the grace and wisdom to "go" to Bethlehem and there they found the fullness of life and grace in the birth of Jesus – Emmanuel – God with them – God with us. **We need to be a people who use these Advent days to "GO" to Bethlehem, to open our minds and hearts to GO as the Lord asks and use these days to journey to meet the Lord more fully in our lives.** There's a powerful song that you will hear throughout the Advent Season called, "Not that far from Bethlehem" which inspires us to hold to the vision and the promise of being with the Lord....of doing the work of building the Kingdom of God. Take a listen and challenge yourself to GO as the Lord leads and to make Jesus Christ the reason for the season.

...There are wonderful opportunities for you and your family in the Advent Season. **Take some time to review this bulletin and also look through the Angelus, our parish newsletter,** which came to your home last week and also can be found at: StAmbrose.us/Advent.

...As we start the new liturgical year and prepare our hearts for Christmas, invite your family and friends to join you for Mass and for some of the wonderful programs and events taking place over the next few weeks. Your personal invitation can make all the difference in them opening their heart to the Lord. **There's something for everyone. Find the right something to invite your family to join you.**

...When you review the Christmas schedule, you will see that we have a full schedule and added some additional Masses to make sure everyone can find a comfortable seat and an inspiring celebration of Christmas at Saint Ambrose. **Check out the Christmas schedule by going to: StAmbrose.us/Christmas.**

...Two hallmarks of the Advent season are the Advent Giving Trees and Little Blue Books. **Take a Blue Book home.** It offers a short and meaningful reflection for each day of

Advent. It's a great way to stay consistent and to journey with the Lord to Bethlehem! **The Advent Giving Trees are a powerful reminder of those who are in need in our local community.** New tags will be added each week as our CWM Team meets with families to assess needs for Christmas and beyond.

...**We are blessed with an inspiring Music Ministry at Saint Ambrose.** We have amazing cantors, instrumentalists and music ministry. They want to help 'set the tone' for these Advent Days and help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. **Join them this coming Wednesday, December 4 for their Advent Concert.** It will bring you peace and allow you to reflect on the call of the season to ready the way of the Lord in your life and in our world. Please join Travis Jurgens, Michelle Cha, Helen Lanzarotta and our music ministry this Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm in the Church.

...We are blessed with many of our members who are taking advantage of QCD's (Qualified Charitable Distributions) to support our parish community. It can offer you tax advantages while allowing you to support our parish community. **Our member, Mike Koler, will be on hand this Monday, December 2 at 7 pm in the Mother Teresa Room to share some helpful information about QCD's and other year-end giving opportunities.** Thank you for your continued support for our parish community.

...This coming Saturday is the Feast of Saint Ambrose of Milan (our patron saint). He said, "there is no duty more urgent than giving thanks." I am always grateful beyond words for your support for our parish community and the work we do together in the name of the Lord. **And words cannot express my gratitude for the great outpouring of good we did together this past week.** From the 1,400 turkeys - to the hundreds of volunteers - to the coats for kids in the city, **you made a real difference in the lives of hundreds and thousands of people for Thanksgiving and well beyond.** God bless you abundantly. **Over and again, each day I thank God for you,** your goodness, and the great good we do together in the name of the Lord. God bless you and your loved ones.

...**Next Sunday is Breakfast with Santa.** Come for a GREAT breakfast, along with meaningful crafts and activities for the kids and grandkids, and a visit to Santa's factory and a pic with Santa!!! **This is a great family event....great food....amazing Santa.... family-friendly pricing.** Bring the kids and the grandkids. Let's stir up the spirit of the season. See the bulletin or go online for details (StAmbrose.us/Christmas).

...**Help your kids and grandkids understand the Reason for the Season this coming Saturday at Advent VBS.** In the spirit of summer VBS, the kids get two hours of great music, memorable songs, crafts and activities, snacks, fun and friendship to stir in their hearts the focus and meaning of the season. **Check**

out all the details and sign the kids and grandkids up today by going to: StAmbrose.us/Christmas. (Cousins are also welcome!!!)

...**We are blessed to welcome Contemporary Christian Artist, Brandan Heath,** to Saint Ambrose on Friday, December 13 at 7 pm. His Christmas concert is amazing and tickets are only \$10. **Check out all the details and get your tickets by going to: www.theFEST.us/Christmas.**

...**Michelle Cha and our Performing Arts Ministry are eager to present the Living Nativity this year.** It's a great family night. It's one more way to help your kids and grandkids understand and reflect on the reason for the season. They've written a short story/musical to share the good news and hope of Christmas. **Join us on Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 pm.** GREAT family friendly food and music follows in Hilkert Hall.

...**In the prayerful spirit of Advent, join us on Sunday, December 8 at 7 pm for Advent Evening Prayer** reflecting on Mary and her role in the Christmas story. Come for about 30 minutes of peaceful music and inspiring reflections that will help focus the week ahead.

...**Calling all Couples!** Join us next Saturday evening for a Couples Night Out and Cookie Making. We have some expert cookie makers who will share the recipe for the best cookies while you, as a couple, reflect on the recipe for a wonderful Christmas season with your family. **Come for great cookies....great food....great people....next Saturday at 6:30 pm. RSVP at StAmbrose.us/Marriage. All are welcome.**

...**This coming Tuesday, across the Diocese of Cleveland, is the annual We Give Catholic event.** For our parish, we are focusing on the **12 Days of Christmas** which creates thoughtful gifts and remembrances to bring hope and peace to about 125 of our members as they approach the days before Christmas. Most have gone through a loss or are going through a difficult moment in their life. The 12 Days of Christmas helps them know they are not alone and there is always reason to have HOPE in the Lord and in the support of our community. **Here's how you can support the We Give Catholic Day of Giving event, go to: StAmbrose.us/We-Give-Catholic.**

...Please **pray for the adults who are in the Journey to Emmaus program preparing to come into the Church this Easter.** Next weekend they will celebrate their Rite of Acceptance. May God bless them on this journey to a fuller life in the Lord.

...**Go to Bethlehem!** It's the theme for Advent and it's the invitation and call of the Lord. **When we GO with the Lord, He will lead us to Christ and a fullness of life and blessing.** God bless you over and again.



INTENTIONS • Remembrance & Gratitude

Saint Ambrose Masses & Services

Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:15 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm (*subject to change*)

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, December 1 | First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Tom & Judy Leonti (Family) **DS**
 9:00 am † Kathleen Galante (James Gliebe) **DS**
 10:30 am † Barbara Hrabak (Family) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Joan Louth (Family) **RS**
 5:00 pm † Marion & Alfred Lewandowski (The Howell Family) **DS**
 7:00 pm *Advent Prayer Service & XLT in the Church*

Monday, December 2

8:15 am † Patricia Reidy (Family)
 5:30 pm *Prayer Service in the Chapel*

Tuesday, December 3 | St. Francis Xavier

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, December 4 | St. John Damascene

8:15 am † Pete Pirone (Kaiser Family)

Thursday, December 5

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*
 5:30 pm † Bob Clymer (Mother)

Friday, December 6 | St. Nicholas

8:15 am † Carolyn Peters (Beth Saxon)

Saturday, December 7 | St. Ambrose

8:15 am † Margaret Albaugh (John & Kristen Louderback)
 4:30 pm † Michele Billick (Blanche Bordonaro) **RS**

Sunday, December 8 | Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Daryl & Bernice Fifer (Fifer Family) **RS**
 9:00 am † Tina Bruno (Friend) **RS**
 10:30 am † Richard T. Bujnarowski (Immediate Family) **DS**
 12:00 pm † Aaron Vasel (Joseph & Janice Vasel) **DS**
 5:00 pm † Clara & Louis Haas (Family) **RS**



Week of November 24, 2024

	Nov. 24, 2024	Jul. 1, 2024 to Nov. 1724, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Nov. 19, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 40,983	\$ 885,732	\$ 834,306
Amount Needed	\$ (43,000)	\$ (903,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 2,017	\$ (17,268)	
Building Fund	\$ 425	\$ 100,357	\$ 15,747
ACH Collection	\$ 4,637 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 5,900		
Children's Offertory	\$ 218 from 44 envelopes collected		

Ways to Support Our Parish

- **Automatic giving** is safe, easy, and confidential - email MSchetz@StAmbrose.us to set it up.
- **Online** at StAmbrose.us/Donate.
- **Donations** can be **mailed** to Saint Ambrose Parish, 929 Pearl Rd., 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.

Thank you for your goodness!

End-of-Year Giving

Qualified Charitable Distributions

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today's needs, and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow.

If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution today for up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Saint Ambrose. It will not count as taxable income, and it can satisfy your "required minimum distribution." Looking to the future, consider naming our parish as an IRA beneficiary. Speak with your financial advisor or contact Jake Bihari at JBihari@StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015.

Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to make arrangements.

Contact Us

Always Here for You

Phone: 330.460.7300

Email Address: Info@StAmbrose.us

Website: StAmbrose.us



We Pray for Our Sick



Baby Austin	Nancy Grill	Andrew Nemece
Baby Beverlee	Dan Gumeny	Joe Neura
Baby Ledger	Renee Guzel	Diann Ordvec
Baby Rula	Darrell H.	Ed Ordvec
Baby Sophie	Donna H.	Carol Osadciw
Baby Walker	Oliver H.	Linda P.
Greg	Denny Halenar	Kelly Pack
Harper	Priscilla Harris	Bob & Karen Pencek
Jill	Barbara Harrison	Theresa Pensis
Joanie	Gerrie Harwood	Judy Peskura
Josephine	Ron Haynes	Carolyn Pietrzak
Karis	Rick Heilman	Richard Pinkleton
Kristy	Carol Heinle	Ed Plitt
Madeline	Eileen Hejduk	Steve Plitt
Mason	William Herceg	Mike Rieger
Ruthie	James Hickerson	Mary Ann Riess
Shawn	Joan Howells	Danielle Rios
Tegan	Brittany J.	Jack Roznik
Tony	Kathy Jake	Dorothy Rumas
Judy Arena	Rochelle Jesorski	Andrew S.
Andra Armour	Angelo Jimenez	Christine S.
Heather Joy B.	Anthony John	Teagan S.
John Barnett	Jim Jurgens	John Sabados
Ted Beba	Bonnie Kaczynski	Marge Sabados
Gaylene Bielawski	Marilyn Keener	Osvalda Santiago
Lisa Bielawski	Robert Keller	Mary Saunders
Melissa Boey	Barbara Ann Kilarsky	Annette Schaefer
John Bohaty	Pat Kilarsky	Russ Schafer
Jacqueline Boone	Carol Klem	Gertrude Schmidt
Bossone Family	Agnes Knox	Corinne Sholtis
Michael Brandt, Sr.	Matt Koko	Lorrie Sirocky
Christopher Burns	Karen Kraly	Chris Skelnik
Mark and Ann Calabria	Navapat Kryszan	Mary Therese Stephens
Dave Cebula	George Lahl	Mary Jo Straslicka
Marie Ceslewski	Jess Lahl	Carli Substelny
Jane Cicero	Knox Lette	Marian Swansinger
Phyllis Commella	Cheryl Levy	Linda Tackla
Jeffrey Conrad	Darlene Litman	Nash Taylor
Maureen Conway	Sharon Livingston	Gloria Tews
Bobbie Corrigan	Sister Colette Livingston	Joyce Tomei
Christine Dabramo	Judy Logan	Samantha Traina
Ken Daubert	Beatrice Longo	Hanna Twining
Diane Davenport	Rose Machor	Lori Uhler
Ron DeMichael	Phyllis Marinelli	Sharlene Veres
Judy Dilick	Eugene & Kay Markowski	Mark Vozar
Hannah E.	Bernadine Matousek	Lisa Marie W.
Mirabelle E.	Jack McCready	Richard Arthur W.
Mark Eber	Trudy Miller	Kenny Wade
Janet Eckert	Jim Mills	Jacqueline Walla
Penny Edmonds	Thelma Mills	Sarah Webb
Peggy Elston	Lynn Moavero	Linda White
Holdigard Fanslau	Christene Marie Molland	Stacy Wright
Barb Ferris	Joan Moore	Debbie Wyatt
Catalino Garcia	Marty (Butch) Morisky	Sam Yovanno
Cheryl Gazbo	Michael Mraz	Karen Zabrocki
Dan Ginley	Dan Murphy	Gregory Zdolshek
Rita Ginley	Margaret Napalo	Pat Zdolshek
Jeff Golan	Michael Napalo	
Richie Golan	John & Faith Nelson	

*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 in error, please email us this request.***



HAVE A MEANINGFUL
ADVENT WITH US!

Advent Newsletter

If you haven't received the Advent Angelus yet, keep an eye out for it in your mailbox! It has a lot of great stories and details about many of our Advent events and programs. You can also flip through it online at StAmbrose.us/Advent!

Service Opportunities

Jesus is the Reason for the Season and what better way to experience this time of preparation than to live like Jesus! If you have an hour or two to spare during this Advent season, please consider signing up to help with the following service opportunities:

- Breakfast with Santa on December 8
- Living Nativity on December 14

Please reach out to Melissa Plute Levine at MPlute@StAmbrose.us for more details and to sign up.

Christmas Lights & Photos

Christmas lights and decorations will be displayed all December at Saint Ambrose Parish. Please feel free to walk around our parish campus with your loved ones to enjoy the festive atmosphere and even take the opportunity to take pictures together.

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A HOME FOR ALL • We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality.

Liturgy Corner

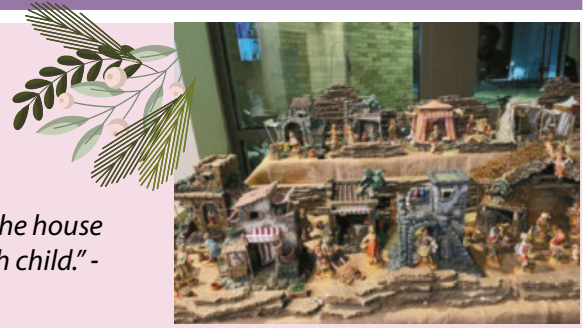
GO! to Bethlehem



"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child." - LUKE 2:4-5

Our Advent theme this year is **"Go to Bethlehem!"** Advent is a time of preparations of our hearts, our faith, our home, for the coming of the Child Jesus, this is what it means to "Go to Bethlehem".

Visit our Jerusalem Village located in the Parish Life Center (narthex) of the Church. Imagine what Mary & Joseph might have experienced coming into the city of Bethlehem.

These Fontanini figures are made in Italy and are richly detailed and hand-painted in an old-world colors for authenticity and beauty. Fontanini is one of the most well-known companies that produces Nativity sets and figurines. Breathtaking in detail and workmanship, visit this beautiful collection **gifted to Saint Ambrose by Greg Parker and his loving mother.**



 **KOLER FINANCIAL GROUP** 

END OF YEAR GIVING SEMINAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024
6:00 - 8:00 PM | MOTHER TERESA ROOM

Please join our member Mike Koler as he entertains your questions and offers insights on end of year giving, Qualified Charitable Distribution, and how best to give to a charity (like Saint Ambrose).

Mike and his family have served our local community for over fifty years.

Come for a light supper at 6 pm. Mike will be eager to hear your questions and offer the best guidance starting at 6:30 pm.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 29 AT StAmbrose.us/Endowment.

 **New Year's Tea**
Planning & Informational Night
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Mother Teresa Room
Ladies... we need your help!

We're planning our New Year's Tea (formerly known as the Advent Tea) and would love for you to join us!

A great way to start the new year off would be to fill the room for our tea with all of you and we'd love your help to invite guests and to help make this a beautiful and inspiring experience.



RSVP for the Planning & Info Night by emailing LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

New Year's Tea will take place on Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 am.
For more details and tickets, visit StAmbrose.us/New-Years-Ladies-Tea.

Cancer Support Group

December 4, Mother Teresa Room

We are here for anyone whose life has somehow been touched by cancer. Whether you're a friend, family or someone who needs friendship, prayers or support, we welcome you to join us. For our next meeting, please note that we **will meet at 5:00 pm.**

Confession

Our monthly Sacrament of Reconciliation is on **Tuesday, December 3, from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm in the Church.**



For Our Seniors

Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

Pickleball

December 2 | 7:00 pm | Hilkert Hall Gym

Join us for pickleball, all experience levels welcome!

Coffee & Donuts

December 4 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room

Enjoy a donut and fellowship after morning Mass!

Snacks & Bunco

December 11 | 12:30 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Bring some snacks to share and join us for the always fun bunco! Don't know how to play? No worries, bunco is quick to learn and takes no skill. RSVP using the online event, email JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7341.

**RENEW OUR STRENGTH DAILY
AS WE WAIT ON YOU, LORD!**

Infant of Prague

Guild News

Do you know the Devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague? It is a beautiful devotion, focused mainly on our children, those lost and lonely, or abused and neglected. Often referred to as "Our Little King," He has promised that the more you "Honor Me, the more I will bless you."

Our Infant of Prague Guild is able to do the following for any of our parish members:

- **Provide a dressed statue in your home.**
- **Provide your Infant a new dress or cape.**
- **Repair your Infant.**
- **Accept Infant of Prague statue donations.**

For more information or to take advantage of any of the above offers, send an email to DHeilman@StAmbrose.us.



COUPLES' NIGHT OUT
Cookie Baking and White Elephant

DECEMBER 7 | 6:30 - 9:00 PM
HILKERT HALL

Enjoy a cookie baking class/exchange and white elephant exchange followed by a pizza and cookie party.



Register online at StAmbrose.us/Marriage.

Winner-Winner!

A Special Message

Rose A. was the winner of our 2024 Summer Festival Raffle Early Bird Prize – a fall clean up from NEO Landscaping. She emailed Father Bob last week with how pleased she was with their work: "NEO Landscaping workers were at our house yesterday and did an amazing job with the fall clean up. What a fantastic prize!"



Thanks so much to AJ and his team for their great partnership and amazing work!

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT
featuring
BRANDON HEATH
DECEMBER 13
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH,
BRUNSWICK, OH

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- ROMANS 15:13

2025-2026
Priority Registration
OPENS ONLINE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Open Enrollment
OPENS ONLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

ANGELS GIVING TREE

We are kicking off the Advent season with our annual collection of items for Catholic Works of Mercy this Christmas. Many thanks to our student leaders for helping us with this important work! As a Leader In Me school, we continue to be inspired by our students, their hearts for service, and their leadership. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season and support of equipping our CWM with important gifts and supplies for others.

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

We are gratified to have the leadership of our School Psychologist, Mrs. Hutchison, and Mr. Buttitta, 5th-6th Religion, and Campus Ministry as they train, equip and guide our peer team in Social Emotional Strength Training. The student leadership team had the opportunity to train with Sources of Strength Regional Trainers. We were the first Catholic school for the team. They were beyond impressed by our Angel leaders and their willingness to support our school in important peer mentorship. You can go here for more information about the program: www.sourcesofstrength.org/elementary.

WE GIVE THANKS!

This week on Giving Tuesday, we give thanks for our parents, families, faculty, staff and supporters! Many thanks to our good friends at the Human Bean in Brunswick who partnered with us to give thanks for our parents this past week! This year, for Giving Tuesday, the school is raising money for the Arts Programs at our school! To give from the heart, please donate now through December 31 at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

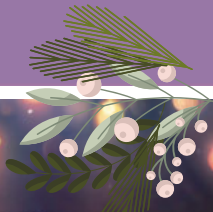
In Jesus, who is EVERYTHING for us!
Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*



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Saint Ambrose
Catholic School!**

Please make your tax credit donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund now through December 31, 2024. Thank you for your generosity! To learn more and donate, please visit SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Angel-Fund.





Parish School of Religion

Notes from Brandan Bizzi

Happy Advent Season! Hope and pray your families are staying warm as winter is upon us. I still cannot believe we are already in December and are at the halfway point for the PSR year.

Advent VBS is just around the corner on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am! If you haven't already, sign up your children and grandchildren to attend this exciting event! More details are below.

Our Reconciliation dates for our second graders just happened this past week! It is a very exciting time for them. I want to give a huge thank you to our sacramental prep team for all their help for both those sessions. I look forward to working with all the second grade families as we continue to push forward to First Eucharist in May.



Advent MINI VBS

Saturday, December 7
9:00 am - 11:00 am | Hilkert Hall

A Bethlehem Celebration

Children ages 3-10 are welcome to come for music, activities, and fun as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Sign up at [StAmbrose.us/Advent!](https://StAmbrose.us/Advent)



Interested in volunteering at this year's Advent Mini VBS? Send an email to [BBizzi@StAmbrose.us!](mailto:BBizzi@StAmbrose.us)



ABLAZE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN GRADES 6-8.
SIGN-UP AT STAMBROSE.US/ABLAZE

SERVICE - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 8 - 8am

Help with crafts, clearing tables, serving breakfast...!

ADVENT CONCERT @ THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 8 - 6:00pm

Join us for a private concert with Matt Maher & Sarah Kroger at the Cathedral of St. John.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday, December 22 - 6pm

Bring a \$5 present YOU would want for our gift exchange game!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT TERESA MCCOMBS
TMCCOMBS@STAMBROSE.US (330)460-7339

Internship Opportunity

The FEST 2025

We're looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer as we celebrate 25 years! If you are an event, marketing, communications, logistics, or theology major and want to build your resume while getting hands-on, real-life experience, submit your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 10.



Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:30 pm: Living Nativity
6:15 pm - 8:00 pm: Food and Concert



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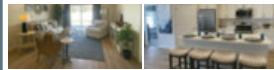
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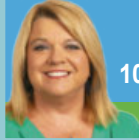
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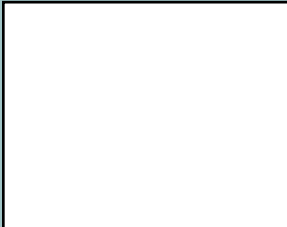
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