



SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GO TO
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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



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AMBROSE PARISH.



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

DONUT SUNDAY IN HILKERT HALL FOLLOWING ALL OF THE MORNING AND THE NOON MASSES

- 12:30 pm CWM Community Meal (Hilkert Hall)
- 1:15 pm Advent Faith/ Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church)
- 6:00 pm Men's Renewal Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 7:00 pm Advent Prayer Service (Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 12:30 pm Advent Faith/Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
- 6:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 6:30 pm Saint Rita's Rescue Mission (LC Matthew)
- 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)
- 8:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:00 am GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 11:00 am Route 66 Lunch & Learn (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)
- 6:00 pm Hearts of Hope Christmas (Mother Teresa)
- 7:00 pm Living Word Ministry Meeting (Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 CONTINUED

- 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)
- 7:30 pm fiat Girls' Night (LC Luke)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (Hilkert Hall)
- 6:30 pm Divorce Care (LC John)
- 7:00 pm GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 5:00 pm Merry Mocktail (Hilkert Hall)
- 6:30 pm ALPHA (LC John)
- 6:30 pm NAMI Support Group (LC Luke)
- 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 9:00 am Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Bingo Night (Hilkert Hall)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
- 4:00 pm Route 66 Winter Social (Mother Teresa)

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





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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.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15:

Let us **GO** rejoicing – dedicated to all of our Liturgical Ministers and their families. All are welcome to show your appreciation for these talented and amazing members.

Prepare for Christmas!

See all of the Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at StAmbrose.us/Christmas.

Visit StAmbrose.us/Advent for a full schedule of all Advent & Christmas events.

The Perfect Gift

Give the perfect gift that will inspire and make a blessed difference in the lives of those who receive it and share it with others.

Purchase these pieces at StAmbrose.us/Blessed-Gifts.




LIMITED EDITION!



...**“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”** The second reading on this Gaudete Sunday – this Sunday of Joy and Rejoicing – is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. It’s a powerful proclamation that our hope is in the Lord. **The Lord is near, or as we would say this year at Saint Ambrose, God is with us, wherever we GO.** In these final weeks of Advent bring your needs, your anxieties, your hopes and fears to the Lord. His peace will calm your mind and heart.

...As we approach the Joy of Christmas, our planning needs to be such that it stirs our hearts with great joy and peace. **If you find yourself stretched or stressed, take some time to sit quietly with the Lord in prayer. Read** this scripture passage over and again to yourself. **Listen** to some peaceful music (download the Saint Ambrose Spotify List). **Stop** by the Church or Chapel for some prayer and reflection. **In other words, take the time to Go to Bethlehem....Go to a place of gentle peace with the Lord.**

...**This time of year is actually very difficult for so many people.** Over the past few days, I’ve met with some of our members going through the challenges of the holiday season. We are so blessed as a parish to have about 50 trained Stephen Ministers. They are people who can help walk with you and offer support through difficult times in your life. **Feel free to call or email if you are struggling** (FrBob@StAmbrose.us). Also know that our Stephen Ministers are here for you as well (lhoady@StAmbrose.us or cmaline@StAmbrose.us). Our community C.A.R.E.S. – Concerned + Alert + Responsive == Everyone Safe.

...**I had a funny moment on Tuesday morning.** I started my day by reading and finding this scripture passage and then entered into a busy morning. At one point I was meeting with our Business Office and a few members of our Parish Finance Council to review school tuition for next year. And then I got a call from Ed Plaspol. He said, you have to come over to the Hall right away and see what’s going on. Long story short, we were sorting and bagging food for Cleveland at a different time than usual and the Hall was packed with 60+ people doing the work of the Lord....taking care of those in need. **I walked back into the meeting and I was smiling from ear to ear and I said to them, “We have so many reasons to rejoice here at Saint Ambrose. We have the BEST members and together we are doing such great work for the Lord.”** And then I went on to spit off 10 more examples from the past few days when you can see the goodness of our parish. Praise be to God.

...**More examples:** Shari Whisler called on Sunday morning to share with me that EVERY tag was taken off the Advent giving trees

last Sunday by the noon Mass. The Breakfast with Santa brought about 1,000 people (lots of young children) together for a great breakfast, crafts and activities and more. Four new people signed up last week to help with our Building and Grounds volunteers. Last Saturday’s Advent VBS for 125 of our young members was wonderful...simply wonderful. To watch our young children learn the

Christmas story and reinforce that Jesus is the Reason for the Season...priceless. Another blessing was the GREAT attendance for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. And on and on and on. **On this Sunday of Joy and Rejoicing, I give praise and thanks to God for you.**

...**And more...**watching the legion of our members preparing and setting up all the details for the 12 Days of Christmas where 100+ of our members will receive random acts of kindness to remind them that they are not alone during these Christmas days was wonderful. Another crew was putting together nice touches and delivering plants and kindness to families who have members serving in the military through our Military Matters Ministry. And WE received several Christmas cards from people across the United States offering Christmas thanks for those who serve in our Mass Streaming Ministry. They so greatly appreciate the ability to pray with us from across the country. **We are blessed. We as a community of faith have every reason to rejoice and be glad!!!**

...**Your 2025 Parish Calendar will be here next weekend. God bless Rebecca and Hannah for all their work** to create a calendar that is inspiring and shares the good news of our community. We are ramping up for a blessed 2025 at Saint Ambrose!!!

...**If you are reading this online** (as so many do), there are two wonderful family events this weekend. Please join us on Friday the 13th for an amazing Christmas Concert with Brandon Heath at 7pm. He’s a contemporary Christian artist – played often on 95.5 The FISH. He comes with a great message and incredible music for you and your family/friends. On Saturday, December 14, join us for our Living Nativity along with GREAT family food and music and fun. All are welcome to join and remember the importance of the Birth of our Savior. It starts at 5:30 pm.

...**This is the last call for Christmas Flower Memorials.** This special remembrance is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones at Christmas. I literally stopped writing the bulletin and went online to: SAmbrrose.us/Flowers to remember my mom and dad. A complete list will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

...**This past week we received permission from the Diocese of Cleveland to start construction on a new vestibule for the north side of the school.** Thanks to the great success of our school fundraisers, this new vestibule will create a more controlled access for our school. Hopefully it will start coming out of the ground right after Christmas. **It**

should take 6-8 weeks to complete. God bless all those who support our school fundraisers.

...**This weekend’s bulletin contains a very important insert about the State of Ohio Angel Scholarship Fund.** Long story short, if you pay taxes to the State of Ohio, you can send those funds (up to \$750 per person and \$1500 per couple) to this approved fund and receive a full credit on your State of Ohio taxes. You can either give the money to the State or help our parish. The Angel Scholarship fund is such an amazing blessing to support ourschool and greatly help our parish. Please take the time to read through this. It takes less than 3 minutes to complete and can cost you no additional funds (either give the money to the State or to the Angel Scholarship Fund in support of Saint Ambrose). **Please read this over. This is so incredibly helpful to our parish.**

...**Our good friends from Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union** sent a nice letter this week. They have “The Giving Back Car Loan Program” and when a member gets a car loan from them (at a great rate), they send \$50 to our parish. **Over the past few months seven members have taken advantage of their services and this program so we received a gift of \$350 for our community outreach fund.**

...**Today’s bulletin contains the Christmas schedule. Please join us with your family and friends.** We will work to create a beautiful celebration for Christmas. We’ve also added a few extra Masses in Hilbert Hall to make sure we have a comfortable way for you and your family/friends to come together in prayer and worship for Christmas.

...As we get ready for Christmas, we remember some of our key parish charisms – we will be welcoming, when we are welcoming. Our pews will be filled when we invite others to join us and fill them. We will sing and pray in inspiring ways when we sing and pray. **Let’s make this a JOYOUS Christmas as we gather and pray to the Prince of Peace for our families and our world.**

...**God bless Mark Osowski** for the beautiful images by the ambo and in the entry loft to help us remember that we use these days to Go to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. **God bless Ron Porvasnik** for painting the figures and bringing the timeless story of the birth of Jesus to life for our community. **God bless Helen and Mike Lanzarotta** and our Art and Environment Team for their great efforts. **They can use some help over the next week decorating the Church for Christmas.** Contact Helen for details (HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us).

...Let us rejoice for the Lord is near. **I rejoice every day for the blessings of God in the life of our community.** Prayers for you and your family in these Advent days.



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 15 | Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Jenny & Bill Stolworthy (Family) **DS**
 9:00 am † Mary Zavada (Zavada Family) **DS**
 10:30 am Priests of Saint Ambrose Parish (Ed Boreczky & Marcia Parks) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Herb, Catherine & Bob Smith (Joe Madigan) **RS**
 5:00 pm † Kathleen Galante (James Gliebe) **RS**

Monday, December 16 |

8:15 am † George Temethy (Daughter and Son-In-Law)

Tuesday, December 17

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, December 18

8:15 am † George Owens (Fran Owens)

Thursday, December 19

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*
 5:30 pm † Larry Lasker & Paula Kuntz (Wife and Mother)

Friday, December 20

8:15 am John Chakan (Mother)

Saturday, December 21 | St. Peter Canisius

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*
 4:30 pm † Aaron Vasel (Joseph & Janice Vasel) **DS**

Sunday, December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † William Howell (Howell Family) **DS**
 9:00 am † Ali Parsipour (Wife) **DS**
 10:30 am † Alex Cika (Cheryl Cika) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Luigi, Rico & Audrianna Salvatore (Lidia Salvatore) **RS**
 5:00 pm † Russ McKenzie (Wife) **RS**

Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to make arrangements.

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Week of December 8, 2024

	Dec. 8, 2024	Jul. 1, 2024 to Dec. 8, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Dec. 3, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 44,665	\$ 990,185	\$913,563
Amount Needed	\$ (43,000)	\$ (989,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,185	
Building Fund	\$ 2,318	\$ 103,810	\$ 17,318
ACH Collection	\$ 4,642 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,611		
Children's Offertory	\$ 241 from 46 envelopes collected		



Thank You for Your Support! God Bless.

- **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.



We Pray for Our Sick

Baby Austin	Nancy Grill	Andrew Nemec
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	Jeanne Popovitz
Ruthie	James Hickerson	Mike Rieger
Shawn	Joan Howells	Mary Ann Riess
Tegan	Brittany J.	Danielle Rios
Tony	Kathy Jake	Jack Roznik
Judy Arena	Rochelle Jesorski	Dorothy Rumas
Andra Armour	Angelo Jimenez	Andrew S.
Heather Joy B.	Anthony John	Christine S.
John Barnett	Jim Jurgens	Teagan S.
Ted Beba	Bonnie Kaczynski	John Sabados
Gaylene Bielawski	Marilyn Keener	Marge Sabados
Lisa Bielawski	Robert Keller	Osvalda Santiago
Melissa Boey	Barbara Ann Kilarsky	Mary Saunders
John Bohaty	Pat Kilarsky	Annette Schaefer
Jacqueline Boone	Carol Klem	Russ Schafer
Bossone Family	Agnes Knox	Gertrude Schmidt
Michael Brandt, Sr.	Matt Koko	Corinne Sholtis
Christopher Burns	Karen Kraly	Lorrie Sirocky
Mark and Ann Calabria	Navapat Kryszan	Chris Skelnik
Dave Cebula	George Lahl	Mary Therese Stephens
Marie Ceslewski	Jess Lahl	Mary Jo Straslicka
Jane Cicero	Knox Lette	Carli Substelny
Phyllis Commella	Cheryl Levy	Marian Swansinger
Jeffrey Conrad	Darlene Litman	Linda Tackla
Maureen Conway	Sharon Livingston	Nash Taylor
Bobbie Corrigan	Sister Colette Livingston	Gloria Tews
Christine Dabramo	Judy Logan	Joyce Tomei
Ken Daubert	Beatrice Longo	Samantha Traina
Diane Davenport	Rose Machor	Hanna Twining
Ron DeMichael	Phyllis Marinelli	Lori Uhler
Judy Dilick	Eugene & Kay Markowski	Sharlene Veres
Hannah E.	Bernadine Matousek	Mark Vozar
Mirabelle E.	Jack McCready	Lisa Marie W.
Mark Eber	Trudy Miller	Richard Arthur W.
Janet Eckert	Jim Mills	Kenny Wade
Penny Edmonds	Thelma Mills	Jacqueline Walla
Peggy Elston	Lynn Moavero	Sarah Webb
Holdigard Fanslau	Christene Marie Molland	Linda White
Barb Ferris	Joan Moore	Stacy Wright
Catalino Garcia	Marty (Butch) Morisky	Bob Woofter
Cheryl Gazso	Michael Mraz	Debbie Wyatt
Dan Ginley	Dan Murphy	Sam Yovanno
Rita Ginley	Margaret Napalo	Karen Zabrocki
Jeff Golan	Michael Napalo	Gregory Zdolshek
Richie Golan	John & Faith Nelson	Pat Zdolshek



GO TO BETHLEHEM SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

HAVE A MEANINGFUL
ADVENT WITH US!

The Reason for the Season

The best Christmas gift you could give someone is the invitation to join you and your loved ones to a Christmas Mass at Saint Ambrose Parish. Visit StAmbrose.us/Christmas for a complete list of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times.

Our Own Advent Song

We are blessed with our very own Advent message and song thanks to Steve Angrisano - Go to Bethlehem. Watch Steve's message and listen to the song at StAmbrose.us/Advent.

UPDATED Spotify Code

Open the Spotify app and scan this UPDATED Spotify code to listen to A Saint Ambrose Parish Advent playlist.



*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.***

Liturgy Corner

Not Far from Bethlehem

When we think of Christmas, we often think of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the city of David in which Jesus was born. How long would it have taken to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem? Ideally, a person on foot can perhaps travel about twenty miles a day. However, given Mary's condition, they would have traveled much less. This means their journey likely took place over a ten-day period. The hazards were many - wild animals, bandits, desert robbers, the weather. All these and more contributed to the hardship of the trip. For food, Mary and Joseph had bread, herbs and oil, and maybe some dried fish. Water would need to be carried, perhaps in wineskins. Mary and Joseph endured all this and trusted in God.

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, a name which means "house of bread". It is fitting that the Child Jesus is born there, as He is the Bread of Life who gives himself as food for eternal life.



GO TO BETHLEHEM
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Underneath the stars
Just a simple man and wife
somewhere in the dark
his words cut the silent night

Take my hand
For the child
That you carry is God's own
And though it seems the road is long

We're not that far from Bethlehem
Where all our hope and joy began
For in our arms we'll cherish him
We're not that far from Bethlehem

Download the Advent Song:
Not that Far from Bethlehem from Point of Grace

Visit StAmbrose.us/Christmas.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm | Church

GO to the Children's Christmas Pageant: "Joy to the World" presented by our Saint Ambrose Cherubs Choir.

They will retell the story of Christ's birth as told in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 2.

Men's Rec Basketball
Tuesdays and Thursdays

All adult males are welcome to come Hilkert Gym at 9:00 pm most Tuesdays and Thursdays for friendly basketball play. For more details, send an email Joe Laguardia at starsbball146@gmail.com.



GO!
GOD IS WITH YOU

New Year's Ladies Tea

GUEST SPEAKER
MarySarah Menkhaus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025
10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

The New Year is a time of reflection, hope, and renewal. We invite you to join us for our New Year's Tea (formerly known as the Advent Tea) as we welcome our guest speaker MarySarah Menkhaus.

MarySarah's beautiful gift of music and reflection will guide us as we turn our thoughts in the direction of fresh starts, new goals, and renewal of mind, heart and purpose.

Tickets: \$25 / PERSON
Includes a lovely breakfast, dessert, & varieties of tea!
We will seat 8 per table, limited tickets available!
Purchase tickets online or at the Parish Life Center front office by **December 16.**

Be a Hostess!
Host your family & friends!
Reserve a table for up to 8 guests.
Decorate your table the night before (Friday) or come early at 8:00am, ...or we can decorate for you!
To reserve your table, contact Helen at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7343.

Purchase a table of 8 and get a discount at \$175.

View MarySarah's bio at StAmbrose.us/New-Years-Ladies-Tea.



For Our Seniors
Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

Solstice Social

December 21 | 4:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

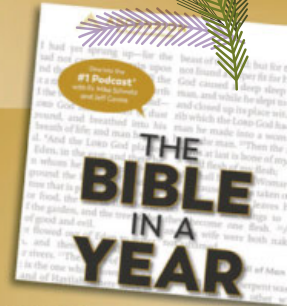
It may be the shortest day of the year, but we have the light of Christ! Come celebrate with us. My cranberry cake will be making a return appearance, so don't miss it! RSVP by December 18 by emailing JOsowski@StAmbrose.us, using the online form in the event listing at StAmbrose.us/Route66, or call 330.460.7341.

BIBLE IN A YEAR CLUB

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of Every Month
12:00-1:30 pm
Father McGivney Room

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

Bring your Bible and journal to the sessions.



Register at StAmbrose.us/Bible-In-A-Year.



Chinese New Year
CELEBRATION

Chinese New Year Social

Join us for our Annual Chinese New Year Celebration!
January 11, 2025 | 6:00 pm | Hilkert Hall

Join us for our Annual Chinese New Year Celebration hosted by the Route 66 and Couple to Couple Ministries.

Enjoy Chinese food, themed décor, photos, music, craft, and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

Cost is \$15 a person.
Register online or at the front desk by Monday, January 6.
StAmbrose.us/Route66.



! ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

SCAM SQUAD AT SAINT AMBROSE!

LEARN HOW TO BE AWARE AND BE WARY OF SCAMS TARGETING YOU!

The Women's Guild have invited **Thomas Condosta, director of the Medina County Scam Squad**, on January 8 at 6:30 pm in Hilkert Hall to share tips on how to protect yourself from scams and fraud. **All adults are welcome!**

StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild



EUCCHARISTIC Adoration

Mondays | 9:00 am - 7:30 pm | Chapel

Our Lord waits for you in the Eucharist. Come and visit Him. Come and sit with Him. Are you going to stand Him up? He waits! Come and let your cares fall to the ground and your hope rise as you sit in His presence and He ministers to you.





*“Gaudete in Domino
semper - “rejoice in the Lord
always!”*

- PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5

2025–2026
Priority Registration
OPENS ONLINE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025
Open Enrollment
OPENS ONLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

WE WILL GO REJOICING!

Happy Gaudete Weekend! We were so grateful to host our 2024 Christmas Concert and Fine Arts Show this past week! Our theme was “We Will Go Rejoicing”. The evening was filled with students shining and singing as they brought the joy of Christ to all who attended. What a perfect reminder for all of us especially during these challenging times that we are all carriers of the joy of Christ!

Our 8th Graders also proved to be quite the thespians as they presented our time-honored tradition of their annual Christmas play. Many thanks to Mr. Mark Russo, Mrs. Julia Kinley, Ms. Cha and Miss Alyssa Beas for sharing their talents, care and passion for the Arts and their students in preparing for these beautiful events!

WE WILL GO. WE WILL SERVE.

What a blessing this Advent season has been as we serve one another with joy!



2024-2025 ADMISSIONS OPENS JANUARY 10!

Priority Enrollment for Preschool through 8th Grade opens ONLINE January 10, 2025, and closes January 31, 2025. Parish members have priority consideration for enrollment. Please contact our Institutional Advancement office at 330.460.7318 to schedule a tour today. Admissions information including a timeline can also be found on our website at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us.

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



Parish School of Religion

Notes from Brandan Bizzi

God bless your families and Merry Early Christmas! There are so many things that I am truly blessed with this holiday season. I want to personally thank all our catechists, aides, and volunteers who have helped with all our PSR programs this year. Please keep all of them in your prayers as we continue to push forward into the New Year.

Advent VBS was last weekend on December 7; I look forward to sharing photos of all the fun activities in our Christmas bulletin. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping make this possible and for all those who attended!

Our Special Ed Christmas Celebration & Party is on December 21. Please continue to keep Chris Monczewski, her team, and our families in your prayers.

We can use extra PSR help during our Wednesday PSR program. Please get in touch with me directly at BBizzi@StAmbrose.us if you are interested. We would love to have your children and grandchildren be a part of our PSR programs. Please visit us online at StAmbrose.us/PSR to learn more about all our amazing PSR programs.



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

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday, December 22 - 6:00pm, Mother Teresa Room
Bring a \$5 present YOU would want for our gift exchange game! **Contest: BEST Christmas outfit!**

GIRLS "TREASURED" OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Friday, January 10 - 6:00pm-9:00am
Games...bracelet-making...small group chats

WINTER CAMP
Les Misérables
Saint Ambrose Performing Arts

Save the Dates for Live Performances:
January 4 & 5, 2025

Purchase Tickets!
Adults: \$15
Seniors & Students (18 & Under): \$10
Children 6 and under: Free

StAmbrose.us/Performing-Arts-Tickets

This is a show about REVOLUTION so consider this for younger children.
This is the JR version of the show and has been rated PG-12-only due to on stage deaths.

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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
• HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY •



Metanoia XI Retreat

Thank You for Joining Us!

Thank you to everyone who joined us last weekend for an incredible retreat weekend!





Living Your STRENGTHS

January 7, 14 & 21
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Family/Cry Room

*What are YOUR God-Given Strengths?
Why am I the way I am?
Why are some people more disciplined or responsible than others?
Why do my family members act the way they do?*



If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions or would like to better understand others, then join one of our Living Your Strengths classes.

You will discover your God given talents and develop a better understanding of why you do what you do.

You are at your BEST when you do what you naturally do BEST.



Register by contacting Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or visit StAmbrose.us/Living-Your-Strengths.

Stephen Ministry

Ready to Care for You!

We all go through times in our lives when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's the mission of Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers have been trained to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

You are not alone. To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders:

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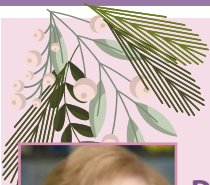


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In Loving Memory



Diane Marie Schumaker
Sister of Stephen Koly
November 27, 1960 - November 28, 2024



Carol Ann Wahl
Wife of Craig Wahl
April 12, 1946 - November 29, 2024



Sharon H. Auber
Mother of Robert Auber
October 31, 1942 - November 30, 2024



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

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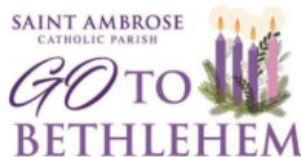
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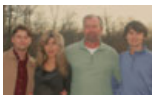
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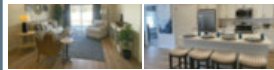
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Saturday, January 11

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- Service -

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- Liturgy -

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December 10 & 13

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve -

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (Church and Hilbert Hall)
8:00 pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day -

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am Church
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