

## **FIRST LOOK •** Parish Events this Week

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Breakfast with Santa (Hilkert Hall) 8:00 am 1:15 pm Advent Faith/ Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney) Women's Welcome Weekend Christmas 5:00 pm

Party (Hilkert Hall)

6:00 pm ABLAZE at Cathedral Concert (Off-site) 6:00 pm Men's Renewal Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney) 7:00 pm Advent Marian Prayer Service (Church)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00 am **Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)** 11:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)

Advent Faith/Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney) 12:30 pm

4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

Women's AA Meeting (LC John) 6:15 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney) 6:30 pm

7:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (LC Matthew)

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

OneHope NEO Food Sort (Hilkert Hall) 9:00 pm 9:00 am GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney) Bible In a Year Club (LC Fr. McGivney) 12:00 pm 2:00 pm Catholic Charities (LC Matthew) 3:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room) PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4) 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Advent Communal Penance (Church)

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 11**

10:00 am Women's Guild Crafting (LC Luke) 10:00 am EPIC Journey Session (LC Fr. McGivney)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 CONTINUED

12:00 pm If My People Pray Service (Chapel) 12:30 pm Route 66 Bunco (Mother Teresa) 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney) 4:30 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)

6:00 pm Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner

(Hilkert Hall)

Divorce Care (LC John) 6:30 pm

DC4K (LC Luke) 6:30 pm

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (Mother Teresa) 7:00 pm GriefShare Meeting (LC Fr. McGivney)

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)

PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4) 4:00 pm Infant of Prague (LC Luke) 6:00 pm

ALPHA (LC John) 6:30 pm

6:30 pm **EPIC Journey Session (LC Mark)** Men's Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney) 7:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym) 9:00 pm

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 am Prayer for Vocations (Chapel)

Advent Communal Penance (Church) 1:00 pm

Marriage Enrichment (Off-site) 6:00 pm

7:00 pm The FEST Brandon Heath Concert (Church) 7:30 pm High School Prep Dance (Hilkert Hall)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

#### **BAMBINELLI BLESSING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES**

9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC John)

5:30 pm Living Nativity (Church)

5:40 pm Healing Prayer Service (Church)





## **PARISH NEWS** • Letter from Our Pastor

- ..."John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John the Baptist is a central figure in the Advent season. He is part of a choir of prophets calling out to us to make sure our hearts and lives are right with the Lord. They challenge us to work tirelessly for the building of His Kingdom - a kingdom of justice, mercy and peace.
- ...It's not necessarily 'easy' to listen to the prophets because they speak a deep truth and challenge us to be alert, and prepared, and ready the way of the Lord. We look to the examples of Mary and Joseph and heard the 'truth' of God calling them to "Go to Bethlehem." With open hearts they trusted the Lord and followed in the path that God set for them. What's most important is that we embrace the work of the Advent Season. It's the work of the Lord.
- ...The Advent Giving Trees are like one of the 'prophetic' voices this Advent which call out to us and remind us that there are people in our local community that need our help. Our Catholic Works of Mercy team is working hard to screen and identify needs of families that need support this Christmas. Tags will keep being added to the trees as they continue to prepare for Christmas. Your help and support is so appreciated.
- ...This coming Monday is also Mercy Monday. God bless our CWM Team for taking care of 235 families for Thanksgiving. What a blessing to be able to bring help and hope food and nourishment to those in need in our local community. It was a great blessing, and an exceptionally high number of families in need. The CWM shelves are pretty empty. Please consider dropping off some canned food and paper products to the CWM Center on Monday or anytime this week at the doors of the Church. Working together we can refill the shelves and even more help those in need.
- ...This Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Typically this feast is celebrated on December 8 this year it's moved on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Join us on this holyday of obligation for Mass on Monday at 8:15 am, 12 noon, 1:30 pm, and 7 pm. May we look to the example of Mary and her faithful 'yes' to the Lord.
- ...Join us on Sunday evening, December 8 at 7pm for a special Advent Evening Prayer

- **Service focused on Mary.** The prayer service will help us settle our hearts and find God's peace during these Advent days. The service will last around 30-40 minutes and will help fill your heart with God's gentle peace.
- ...We are especially inviting all of our Liturgical Ministers to join us for the Advent Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm. It's a special way to thank you for your ministry and help you renew your spirit as you prepare for Christmas.
- ...We are so blessed to host Contemporary Christian Artist, Brandan Heath, and his Christmas show on Friday, December 13. He has a great voice and a powerful message. Join us for this special Christmas concert. To learn more go to: StAmbrose.us/Advent.
- ...l am so excited for next Saturday.

  Michelle Cha has been working hard to create a special short musical to bring the story of the Birth of Jesus to life for us. This will greatly add to our Living Nativity. It's going to be a perfect family night. Invite your family and friends to join you at Saint Ambrose!!!
- ...We have created an Advent Spotify Playlist. Advent is a journey and we all like to listen to good music on the way. **The playlist, A Saint Ambrose Parish Advent can be downloaded by using this Spotify code.**



- ... Prophets are not the only central characters of the Advent Season...up next are the angels. I need all of our members to be angels for our parish community. For the past two years, you have been hearing about the State of Ohio Angel Scholarship Fund. Quite simply, you can either pay taxes to the State of Ohio or give them to the Angel Scholarship Fund for a complete tax credit (\$750 for an individual and \$1500 for a couple). It costs you no additional funds. It takes less than three minutes to complete. You don't have to share your taxes with anyone. AND... the funds greatly help our parish community support our parish **school.** Ask anyone who has done this... it's truly that simple....that good...and that helpful to our school/parish. To learn more or to participate in the Angel Scholarship Fund, go to: www.catholiccommunity.org/support/ catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund YOU can be an angel for our parish community and our children.
- ...You can also be an angel by coming to Hilkert Hall this Tuesday at 9 am to help us sort canned food items and prepare bags for distribution to those most in need in Cleveland. We need your help. Many hands make for light work!!!

- ...Speaking of angels....we are so blessed with an amazing team of members who host our monthly Coffee and Doughnuts. They welcome with joyful hospitality and serve with the compassion of Christ. We are blessed. Stop by and thank the team next Sunday at Coffee and Doughnuts. While at C/D, there will be Christmas cards you can fill out for the homebound.
- ...Speaking of cards of the homebound, there are several members making cards for the homebound for special occasions and holidays. It's their way to participate in the life of the community and a great way to bring joy to others. If you would like to join the group, contact Vita at: vschmidt@StAmbrose. us.
- ...Last week we asked for some help with our **Building and Grounds Volunteer Team** and some help to keep some of our tools, etc organized so far we had one member step forward. **We could use a few more.** A couple hours a month makes all the difference for the life of our community. Give us a chance to tell you more and/or meet the other great guys who help our parish. Interested, let me know (frbob@StAmbrose.us).
- ...We have **45 teens on retreat this weekend** at St. Leonard Retreat Center. Please keep the FIAT Team in your prayers as they share this time with our teens and help them open their hearts more fully to the Lord. The retreat is called Metanoia change of heart.
- ...Speaking of change of heart, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is a way for all of us to experience the grace of God and the transformation that comes when we experience God's mercy and forgiveness. We have three opportunities this coming week. On Tuesday evening at 7 pm we have many priests available for Confession. The same on Friday at 1 pm. Every Thursday night, Father Dan is available at 6 pm. Come and experience the change of heart God's grace and mercy can do.
- ...If you are reading this online, join us on Sunday for Breakfast with Santa. All are welcome.
- ...The **Feast of Saint Ambrose** is December 7. Our patron saint once said, "It is not enough just to wish well, we must also do well." God bless you for all you do for our parish community and all you do in the name of the Lord. May Saint Ambrose watch over you and intercede for our parish community.
- ...Go to Bethlehem!!! Prayers for a blessed Advent week.



## **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 8 | Second Sunday of Advent

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7:30 am	7:30 am † Daryl & Bernice Fifer (Fifer Family)			
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		
7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Service in the Church			

## Monday, December 9 | Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

† Rosella Peitro (Friends & Family) 8:15 am 12:00 pm † Henry Majka (Debbie Bonezzi)

1:30 pm Mass in the Church with Saint Ambrose School

7:00 pm † Tony Luna (Family)

#### **Tuesday, December 10**

Prayer Service in the Church 8:15 am

#### Wednesday, December 11 | St. Damasus I

† Jessica Floyd (Ed Boreczky & Marcia Parks) 8:15 am

#### Thursday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church* 

5:30 pm † Bryan Domagalski (The Domagalski Family)

## Friday, December 13 | St. Lucy of Syracuse

8:15 am John Chakan (Mother)

8:15 am

#### Saturday, December 14 | St. John of the Cross Prayer Service in the Chapel

4:30 pm	† Samuel Wagner (Gail Wagner)	DS					
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 &	RS					
	Marcia Parks)						
12:00 pm	† Herb, Catherine & Bob Smith (Joe Madigan)	RS					
5:00 pm	† Kathleen Galante (James Gliebe)	RS					

## 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



## Week of December 1, 2024

	Dec. 1, 2024	Jul. 1, 2024 to Dec. 1, 2024	Jul. 1, 2023 to Nov. 26, 2023
Sunday Collection	\$ 59,788	\$ 945,520	\$ 862,969
Amount Needed	\$ (43,000)	\$ (946,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 16,788	\$ (480)	
Building Fund	\$ 1,135	\$ 101,492	\$ 16,503
ACH Collection	\$ 4,642 (weekly \$ 22,095 (mont	ulle.	
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,930	Sec.	
Children's Offertory	\$ 295 from 65 e		

## 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.

## **FAITH & PRAYER •** We Inspire with Prayer & Worship

## We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

Audrey Christina Dan Joanne Laura Lexi Noah **Paulette Tammy** Todd Tyler Erin Alan Marilyn Amsbaugh Jody Angelone Giene B. Greg B. Kimberly Ball Tim Balluch Mary Bauman Fred Beba Paula Berghauser Melissa Boring Thomas A. Brown Sue Burdick Debbie Burrell Gail Buttitta Nora Carangio **Charlotte Casselberry** John Chesna Rosie Colucci Megan Dauer Marcial De Leon Steven Dearth Rose Marie Dorsey Roger Droll Christine Dulik Kristen Eble Jack Egan Barbara Fiala

Barbara Fischer

Al Flanhofer Noah Forlini-Kotlarek Irene Frimel Joseph Fuizzotti Mary Galinas Robert Gallik Vince Gassi **Edward Gaus Kevin Gazley** Michael Golden Marianne Green Vivian H. **Robert Hirus David Hoffman** Mark Hogan Donna Hvizdos Carla Imbrigiotto Melanie J. Jerry Jakovcic Josh Johnston **Bridaitte Jones** Kathy K. Clara Kalal Mike Kalka Kathy Keglovich Chris Kenzig Barbara Ann Kilarsky Bob Klaehn David Klem, Jr. Joy Kowalski Kathy Kunkler Joyce Lancaster J.D. Languth Normand Laramee **Dolores Lauerhahs** Jennifer Lazar Terri Leitter Carol Lersch Jill Lesiw

Richard Malone Helen Mancuso Elaine Mandabach Susan Markovich Lisa Mayfeld Stacy McFarland Sandy Metzer **Thomas Miller** Sonia Missal Sarah Mitchell Cameron Monosmith **Edward Morey Tina Mounts Barb Nofel** Nancy Ostruh Linda P. Carol Perruchon Richard Pietolungo Jim Razzante Eric Reeder Allyson Revnes Cathy Ricciuto

Corinne Rickabaugh Jack Roznik Karen Ryan Toni S. Kim Saffle John Schroeder **Thomas Sherman** Tony Spitalieri **Andy Stamper** Jen Stancato Angelo Stavole Jessica Till Dominic Trizio Jenny Vasel Joyce W. Mary Jo Weihrouch

Debbie Wyatt

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.** 

Michael Luks





## HAVE A MEANINGFUL ADVENT WITH US!

## Advent Communal Penance

Come to receive the healing grace of the Lord before the birth of Jesus at one of our upcoming Communal Penance opportunities:

December 10, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm December 13, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Many priests will be available in the Church.

## Faith & Fellowship Groups

Enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the Advent season. Our Advent Faith & Fellowship Groups are open to all. Come to the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room for either the 1:15 pm meeting on Sundays or the 12:30 pm session on Mondays. For more details, visit StAmbrose.us/Advent-Faith-Groups.

## Saint Ambrose on Spotify

Our parish has an Advent Playlist on Spotify! The playlist includes our Advent theme song, "Not That Far From Bethlehem" by Point of Grace as well as many other great tunes. Scan the Spotify Code below in your Spotify app to Follow our playlist, "A Saint Ambrose Parish Advent" on Spotify!



Do you have a song you'd like to add to our Christmas Spotify Playlist? Send the song title and band or musician name to RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us. We'll be sharing our Christmas Spotify List in our December 22 bulletin - just in time for the blessed celebration of Jesus' birthday!

## A HOME FOR ALL · We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality.



## Jesus is the Reason - Bambinelli Blessing

Bambinelli is the Italian word that means, "Little Baby Jesus." Next weekend is our annual Bambinelli Sunday. We encourage you to bring your Baby Jesus to Mass with you next weekend to be blessed during all the Masses. We will also have hay for your manger and special Blessings and Prayers that you can take home. The blessings provide teachable moments in which parents can have a conversation with their children and family about faith; to remind families that, amongst the garland, presents, and Christmas, that Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas season.

#### Other teachable moments:

- Gather as a family and read the Christmas story in Luke 2. Go through your nativity set and talk about each piece as described in the Bible, ending with Baby Jesus.
- After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under the Christmas Tree.
  On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.
- Remember to "find" the true meaning of Christmas during this season, so everyday Baby Jesus can be hidden somewhere around the house; (much like the Elf on the Shelf) Each day, your child(ren) can search and find Christ to put him in the manger. This reminds us to seek to find Him throughout the season and the year.





## GET OPLATKI FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Oplatki is provided for free to our parish members. The Women's Guild appreciates a donation in exchange for Oplatki in order to keep this tradition alive.



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



## For Our Seniors

**Upcoming Events** 

StAmbrose.us/Route66

## **Gnacks & 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, as bunco is quick to learn and takes no skill. RSVP using the online event form, email JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7341.

## Lunch & Learn

December 17 | 11:00 am | Mother Teresa Room

Join us for a light lunch sponsored by our friends at Danbury along with a Christmas themed game of Bingo. RSVP by December 13.

## 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, please.

# LORD, HELP US TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES IN OUR LIVES!

# Get your seat - registration deadline is this week!!!



Saint Ambrose Parish

Cleveland Botanical Gardens Bus Trip

Thursday, January 23, 2025

\$75 per person

9:00 am Depart from Saint Ambrose | 4:00 pm Return to Saint Ambrose

- Shake off the winter blues by spending the morning in the warmth and beauty of the flowers at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.
  - · Lunch in Little Italy.
- Time after lunch to explore Little Italy including their famous bakeries where you can take some treats home with you.

Questions? Contact Mary Jo at MHalenar@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381.

Register online by December 15 at StAmbrose.us/Bus-Trip. No refunds after December 15.





## **Upcoming Meeting**

All are invited to join the Infant of Prague Guild for their next meeting on **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm** 

Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the Lehner Center Luke Room.

For more information on this ministry, send an email to karentaylor3131@gmail.com.



## **SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL** • We Go with God!



"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

- POPE BENEDICT XVI

## Dear Parish Family,

## LAPS JOINS US FOR SAINT NICK'S BREAKFAST

We look forward to our Littlest Angels lifting their voices in song during our Saint Nick's Breakfast this weekend. Special thanks to our incredible LAPS team for their work with our Angels!



We are grateful for all who "turned taxes into tuition" through the State of Ohio tax credit program in 2023 and 2024! As a result of your generosity, we have awarded over 79 students funds toward their tuition investment! Please take advantage of this program and make it a win-win for your family and our school family! Donate to Saint Ambrose School - up to \$750 if filing singly and up to \$1500 if filing jointly. Please scan the QR code (or visit www. catholiccommunity.org/support/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund) and BE AN ANGEL TODAY!









CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution

#### **CALLING ALL SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS!**

We are seeking volunteers to judge our students' projects during our Science Fair on Tuesday, February 4, 2025! Please reach out to Mrs. Erin Lake at ELake@StASchool.us if you can help or if your business would like to sponsor an award!

#### 2024-2025 ADMISSIONS OPENS JANUARY 10!

Many thanks to all who joined us for our Fall Admissions events! It was such a blessing to see so many people stopping by to visit us! Priority Enrollment for Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> Grade opens ONLINE January 10, 2025. Parish members have priority consideration for enrollment. Please contact our Institutional Advancement office to schedule a tour today.

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

#### 2025-2026

Priority Registration
OPENS ONLINE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Open Enrollment
OPENS ONLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

## **PSR & MORE** • GO and Teach the Young...

## Parish School of Religion

## **Notes from Brandan Bizzi**

God bless You and hope your families are doing well this Advent season so far. What is this season all about? The birth of Jesus Christ. It reminds us that Christ gave Himself to us for our salvation. It begs the question, what should we do this season? Let us give ourselves this season. Being charitable has many different lenses. Whether that be through donations, acts of service or simply saying Merry Christmas to someone you pass by. It starts with you.

Advent VBS is this weekend on December 7. I look forward to sharing photos next week of our wonderful

event! 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 students and their families in your prayers.

We can use extra PSR help during our Wednesday PSR program. Please contact

me directly at 330.460.7325 or send me an email at BBizzi@StAmbrose.us if you are interested.











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

**BOYS "MAN OF GOD" OVERNIGHT RETREAT** Friday, January 24 - 6:00pm-9:00am

High-energy games...dude chat...Mario Kart tourney



## 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.



Metanoia XI Retreat

**Pray for Our** Teens, Please!

This weekend, our high school teens are away on the eleventh annual Metanoia Retreat. Please keep the teens and our fiat team in your prayers! We look forward to sharing a nice recap with you all in next weekend's bulletin.



## **WE ARE HERE** • We Serve with the Compassion of Christ.



## Stephen Ministry Can Help

## **Ministers 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:

- Lisa Homady LHomady@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7315
- Carol Maline CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. Visit StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry for all the details about our ministry.



## We Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts

for your generosity to our



which supports our

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

and helps to continue our parish's committed efforts to build God's Kingdom.

## Living Your Strengths

## What are YOUR God-Given Strengths?

Do you ever have any of the following questions:

- 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:

- Living Your Strengths January 7, 14 and 21, 2025 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Church Family Room
- Living Your Strengths for Couples February 2 and 9, 2025
   from 6:30 pm 8:00 pm in the Mother Teresa Room

Register by contacting Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336. 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.

## **GO WITH GOD** • More Get-Up-and-Go Opportunities for All!







## December 20

FREE Chicken Fingers & French Fries dinner. Purchase any Lightning, get one Extra Coverall for FREE.

Avoid the line by pre-buying Bingo packages online at StAmbrose.us/Bingo.

Have an hour or two to spare? Consider volunteering during a Bingo Night! Sign up for a fun and impactful way to give back at StAmbrose.us/Bingo.

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

## **Keep These Members in Your Prayers**

Capt Joseph Adams, Marine Corps MN3 Garret Anderson, Navy SPCL Andrew Bajusz, National Guard SSgt Kurt Becka, Air Force A1C Tigan Braskie, Air Force PVT Simon Claypool, Marine Corps Capt Michael Duniec, Air Force MIDN 2/C Daniel J. Enovitch, Navy PFC Tyler Faught, Army SPC Matthew Fischer, National Guard 2LT Colleen T. Flannery, Army CADET Patrick Thomas Flannery, Army SrA Brandon Gazso, Air Force LCDR Serena Gerfy, Navy ENS John Ham, Navy PO Rob Hartman, Navy ICE2 Walter Hicho, Navy Capt Keith Holcomb, Air Force

PVT2 Kileo Huntington, National Guard

1LT Matthew Hupp, Army IT3 Jeffrey Jones, Navy SSgt Charles Kalemba, Air Force LtCol Brad Klusmann, Marine Corps LT Shaun Krall, Navy SGT Jacob LeRoy, Army WO1 Zachary Leuhsler, Marine Corps Cpl Nicholas Levitsky, Marine Corps Lt Col Leonard Livingston, Air Force LtCol Theresa Livingston, Air Force SPC Alex Lowry, Army MG James Maskovyak, Army SGT Taylor McCluskey, National Guard SPC William Mortensen, Army SSG Todd Naelitz, Army PFC Deacon Nemet, Army LCpl Christian Nowak, Marine Corps MSgt Andrew Pavell, Air Force SrA Jacob Priebe, Air Force

SSgt Matthew Pyzik, Air Force LCpl Lukas Robison, Marine Corps SGT Carsten Safran, Army AVCM Christopher Schornik, Navy SGT Morgan Sedlon, Air National Guard LtGen Stephen Sklenka, Marine Corps PVT Alex Skoczen, National Guard PVT Xavier Skoczen, National Guard CDR Philip Starcovic, Navy SMSgt Joshua Stark, Air Force MIDN 2/C Mollie Stracensky, Navy CPT Christina Sulkowski, Army SSgt Nathaniel Taylor, Air Force Capt Zachary Taylor, Marine Corps 2LT Adam Wegas, Army SrA William Wiener, Air Force PVT Dylan Witkowski, Marine Corps A1C Paige Zoltowski, Air Force

Submit your loved one's **name, rank, and branch of service** at StAmbrose.us/Military so we can pray for them!

## **MOMENTS OF FAITH** • We are All God's Children.



## In Loving Memory



**Daniel Peter Nester**Father of Daniel Nester
August 18, 1976 - November 13, 2024



**Barbara A. Nofel** *Mother of Wayne Yanetta*October 12, 1955 - November 21, 2024



**Lawrence John Cobler** *Father of Larry Cobler*December 24, 1936 - November 23, 2024



Richard Czerniak Husband of Charlene Higgins November 12, 1946 - November 27, 2024



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



James Edward Timko
Dedicated music director for several
Catholic parishes and beloved friend
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.

## -SACRAMENTS-

## Newly Baptized

Lennox Michael Wagner Charlotte Elanor Hann Adaylnn Marie Beech Ledger Gray O'Connell Murphy Lee Frohlich Kody Michael Thompson

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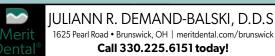


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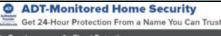
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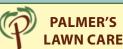
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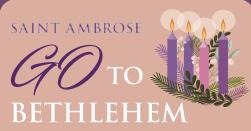
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