

**St A** SAINT AMBROSE  
CATHOLIC PARISH

*Celebrating Christmas Week*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
& THE SOLEMNITY OF THE  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*GO* TELL IT ON  
THE MOUNTAIN  
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



# 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 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, December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

### Monday, December 23 | St. John of Kanty

8:15 am † Joseph & Valeria Swec (Jeff & Diane Chapman) **RS**

### Tuesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve

3:15 pm *Children's Christmas Pageant in the Church*  
 4:00 pm † James Sexton (Irene Sexton) **RS (CH)**  
 4:00 pm † For our Parish Community **DS (HH)**  
 6:00 pm † Carmen, Florence & Frank Ravo (Pillatt Family) **RS (CH)**  
 6:00 pm † For our Parish Community **DS (HH)**  
 8:00 pm † Robert Thomas Strazar (The Lanzarotta Family) **RS (CH)**  
 12:00 am † Jim Sutter (The Sutter Family) **RS (CH)**

### Wednesday, December 25 | The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am † Gregory Urbanek (Lori & Michael Uhler) **DS (CH)**  
 10:00 am † Members of the Luna & Lanzarotta Family (Helen Lanzarotta) **RS (CH)**  
 12:00 pm † Mary Elizabeth Holley (Laura Baronak) **RS (CH)**  
 12:00 pm † For our Parish Community **DS (HH)**

### Thursday, December 26 | St. Stephen

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*  
 5:30 pm † Vittorio Bramante (The Thomas Family) **DS**

### Friday, December 27 | St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

8:15 am † Joann Sheridan (John) **DS**

### Saturday, December 28 | The Holy Innocents

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*  
 4:30 pm † Jessica Floyd (Ed Boreczky & Marcia Parks) **RS**

### Sunday, December 29 | The Holy Family

7:30 am † Kathleen Galante (James Gliebe) **RS**  
 9:00 am † Greg Crane (The Crane & Gerber Families) **RS**  
 10:30 am † Pat Ramion (Joanie Tomazic) **DS**  
 12:00 pm † Sharon Pasternak (The Bayus Girls) **RS**  
 5:00 pm † Isidoro Panecasio (Skip & Vita Schmidt) **DS**

### Correction to December 20 intention:

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

*Our In Loving Memory list for the last year is published in our Christmas Program that will be circulated on December 24-25.*

# 2026 Mass Intentions

## BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2025

Mass Intentions for the year 2026 will be available to book starting Monday, January 6, 2025 with the Parish Office. Please note that only 10 Masses per year may be booked PER FAMILY UNIT (three weekend Masses and seven weekday Masses). Each Mass Intention is \$10.

## In Loving Memory



**KENNETH M. SESKO, SR.**  
 Husband of Carol Sesko  
 September 6, 1944 - December 3, 2024



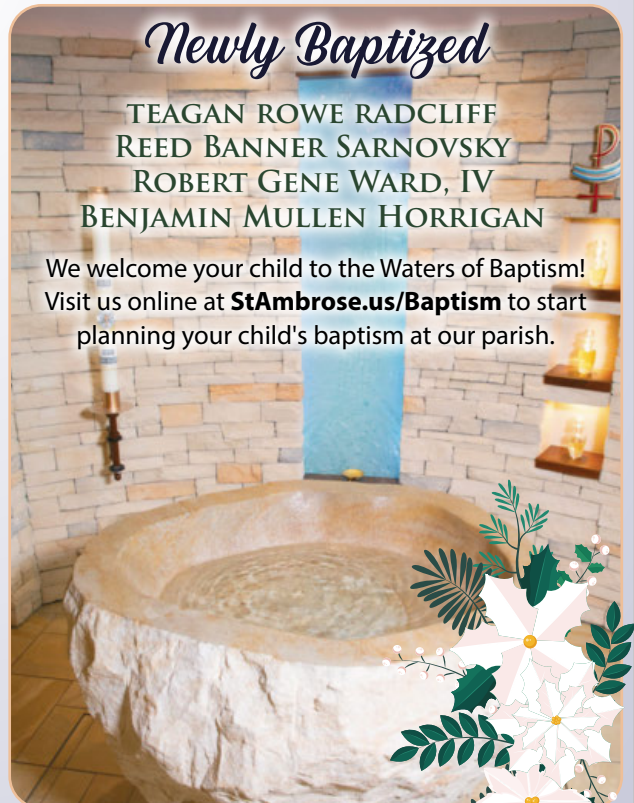
**LINA SUGAR**  
 Wife of Ivan Sugar  
 September 23, 1942 - December 12, 2024

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

## Newly Baptized

**TEAGAN ROWE RADCLIFF  
 REED BANNER SARNOVSKY  
 ROBERT GENE WARD, IV  
 BENJAMIN MULLEN HORRIGAN**

We welcome your child to the Waters of Baptism!  
 Visit us online at [StAmbrose.us/Baptism](http://StAmbrose.us/Baptism) to start planning your child's baptism at our parish.







## Mary set out and traveled

*to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*

...The Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Advent offers us also a powerful and prayerful reflection as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas. Mary and Joseph had a radical openness to the Lord. **As the Lord sent them out on a journey, it was the Lord that was their faithful companion and guide.** The Lord entrusted to them the most important work, as Mary reflected on the faithfulness of God, both in visiting Elizabeth and then journeying with Joseph to Bethlehem. She was overwhelmed by the faithfulness of God. Her example and witness reminds us that we need to place our trust in the Lord. God is faithful to His promises. **God is faithful and deserving of our trust.** He is trustworthy!!! "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

...This week's bulletin is both for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. It is filled with wonderful information and opportunities for you and our parish community to celebrate the joy of Christmas, to strengthen our trust in the Lord, and walk into the New Year renewed and recommitted to growing in our relationship with the Lord through prayer and service. **Take some time to take a good look through the bulletin.**

...The theme for our Christmas Season is from the timeless Christmas song, **"Go Tell it on the Mountain."** Like Elizabeth and Mary we need to tell everyone about the mighty things God has done and is doing in our lives. There are powerful stories from your own personal life and in the life of our community that needs to be shared about the power of God working and present in our lives. **Tell everyone you know about Jesus.** He is the reason for the season. He is the source of our hope and joy. He is our everything. **Tell everyone about the mighty things God has done and is doing in your life.**

...There are so many examples in our parish community that reveal

**the action and presence of God.** Our Catholic Works of Mercy Team tells the story about the amazing goodness and generosity of our parish community in caring for those in need this Christmas. All the Giving Tags were taken and have been returned to provide gifts and support for families in our local community in need. Our healing ministry will tell stories about the ways God has healed both body and spirit for some of our members. Those who have planned so many of our Christmas events will tell you that each were well-attended and you could see and feel the Spirit of God in our community coming together to celebrate the joy of this season. And the examples could go on and on. **The Spirit of God is alive in our community. God is working through the goodness, care and compassion of our members.**

**...Special thanks to our Catholic Works of Mercy Team for the extraordinary care and compassion they offer through our outreach ministries.** From taking care of 135 families with Christmas food and gifts, to our community meal last Sunday that provided a homemade roast beef dinner to almost 600 people, to the great work they do each week to care of 85-110 families through our food pantry, and so much more. **We are so blessed by their faithful service to the Lord and our community.**

**...God bless all who help support our Prayer and Worship.** From the beautifully decorated church - to the inspiring music - to the warm greeting at the doors of the Church...we are blessed by their ministry and service. We are so blessed!!!

**...Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.** Think about your family Christmas celebrations. **Faith and Family go hand in hand.** The Knights of Columbus are leading a special effort to help your family, and all of our families, rededicate our families to the Lord. Families set upon the Lord are like the house set on rock. We will have a special prayer of blessing and a gift for your family.

...For your New Year planning, January 1 starts the New Year and it is also the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary. **Can you imagine a better way to start the New Year than by coming together in prayer as the Family of God??** We look to the example of Mary to make our faithful 'yes' to the Lord. We come together to pray that God will show us the path to peace in our hearts, homes, community and world. **Please join us as we gather in prayer on December 31 at 4:30 pm and on New Year's Day at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.**

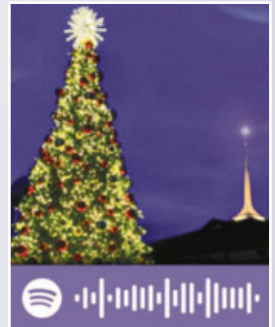
...Over and over we sing the prayer, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with ME." We need to be instruments of God's peace in our homes and families. **Breathe deeply at your family gatherings. Pray with and for one**

**another.** Allow God's peace and love to fill your heart so you can be a tender instrument of His peace to your closest family and friends.

**...While you are together over the Christmas season, invite your family to join you at Saint Ambrose for Mass** and some of the wonderful events coming up in January. From the family-friendly Winter Carnival on January 25 to the special Mass for families with those serving in the military on January 24 to all the other programs and opportunities, **your invitation can make all the difference** in helping your family deepen their relationship with the Lord and center their lives on Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel. He is everything we need.

**...Guys... invite your family and friends to join us on Friday, January 3 for Beers and Cheers (in the new year).** We have invited Hoppy Dude Brews to bring some of their Craft Beer, coupled with great food and friendship. It's a great way to start the new year and a wonderful opportunity to come together with family and friends at Saint Ambrose. **Check out all the details in the bulletin today or by going to: StAmbrose.us/Event/Cheers-with-Beer.**

...We are blessed with an amazing team of people who help do our bulletins, graphics, videos and communications. They keep our website fresh and filled with great info about our parish community. **Please check out the website and all the programs and opportunities in the new year by going to: StAmbrose.us.** They have also put together a Christmas Spotify playlist. You can download that by scanning the Spotify code.



**...We are working hard to update our phone and email records.** If you have changed your number (or cancelled your landline), or changed your email address, please let us know so we can keep in touch. Go to: [StAmbrose.us/Update-Info](http://StAmbrose.us/Update-Info).

...Go Tell it on the Mountain!!! **There is so much Good News to be shared.** We celebrate the birth of our Savior. He is Emmanuel. He is everything you need. We celebrate the blessings of our parish community and the good we do together for the glory of God. Every day I am filled with the Good News and so grateful to God for you. **God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas.**





# Christmas at Saint Ambrose

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve -

**Tuesday, December 24**

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

Christmas Day -

**Wednesday, December 25**

8:00 am, 10:00 am Church  
12:00 noon (Church and Hilkert Hall)

Stream Mass online at  
[StAmbrose.us/WatchMass](http://StAmbrose.us/WatchMass).

Visit [StAmbrose.us/Christmas](http://StAmbrose.us/Christmas) for more events and information!



Saint Ambrose Performing Arts

### WINTER CAMP

# Les Misérables

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](http://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.

## Make a Meaningful & Marvelous Resolution

### RESOLVE TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH

#### Baby Bible Time

It is never too early to start teaching them God's way. Sessions are geared for children ages 0-4 and their caregivers. We meet every **first Monday and Saturday of the month at 10:00 am In January**, we will meet in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room.

#### Divine Mercy Cenacle

Our groups meets every second Monday of the month, at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm to follow Jesus' lead in praying for others. For more details such as meeting location and to sign up for one of the sessions, visit [StAmbrose.us/Divine-Mercy](http://StAmbrose.us/Divine-Mercy).

#### If My People Pray

Come together at **noon on the second Wednesday of the month** in prayer for God's blessing and wisdom for our country. This prayer service is held in our Chapel and a great way to spend your lunch hour.

#### Men's Fellowship

A men's series firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our sessions are fun and build friendships within the community. We meet on the **second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm** in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room. For more details, visit [StAmbrose.us/Mens-Ministry](http://StAmbrose.us/Mens-Ministry).



## New Year's Eve Mass 4:30 pm

## New Year's Day Mass 9:00 am and 10:30 am



Check out all the opportunities available to help you make a more meaningful resolution centered on Jesus in the New Year by scanning the QR code or visiting [StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation](http://StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation)



# New Year Cheers with Beers

**Friday, January 3, 2025**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Mother Teresa Room**

Men, join us for a guys night out!  
 As we begin 2025, let's start the year with the right focus and make spiritual resolutions as we toast the new year with different beers and snack stations.

RSVP online at [StAmbrose.us/Events/Cheers-with-Beers](https://StAmbrose.us/Events/Cheers-with-Beers).

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## Continue Your Faith Formation

### JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR

#### Bible in a Year

Watch or listen to Ascension Press' #1 podcast on your favorite app. Bring your bible and journal to each session on the **first or third Wednesdays of the month at 12:00 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room.**

#### Catechism in a Year Club

Join us to continue our pursuit to read the entire Catechism in a year! We meet on the **first or third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm or on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room.**

#### The Pauline Letters with Father Bob

All are welcome to continue on the walk, guided by Father Bob Stec to discover the wisdom of Saint Paul's letters. Father Bob holds this Bible study monthly. The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 20 at 6:45 pm in the Mother Teresa Room.**

Visit [StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation](https://StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation) for more details and to sign up for any of these opportunities.

## Living Your Strengths

### 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 these questions or would like to better understand others, then join our Living Your Strengths class that begins on **January 7, at 7:00 pm in the Church Family Room.** This class meets for a total of three times: **January 7, 14, and 21.** Register by contacting **Carol Maline at [CMaline@StAmbrose.us](mailto: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.**



# MYSTERY NIGHT

**JANUARY 31**  
**6:30PM**

Join Saint Ambrose Young Adults for an interactive evening of dinner & solving the case.

Limited spots available – sign up today online @ [www.StAmbrose.us/young-adults](https://www.StAmbrose.us/young-adults)

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## Support Our Mission Possible

### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA

Gather with us as we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Altagracia, patroness of the Dominican Republic and the Diocese we serve in our Mission Outreach on **Saturday, January 18 at 5:30 pm in Hilkert Hall.**

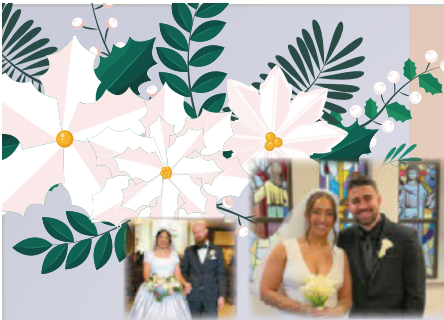
Join us for great, authentic Dominican food along with stories and information about our mission trips and the work we do in the Dominican. **RSVP by January 15 online at [www.MissionPossible.us](https://www.MissionPossible.us).**





*Celebrating Married Life*  
*Recently Engaged?*  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would love to help plan your wedding at Saint Ambrose. Start planning for your big day at [StAmbrose.us/Wedding](http://StAmbrose.us/Wedding).



*Pre-Cana  
 Wedding*

**REGISTERED  
 COUPLES FOR 2025**

We welcome all **our engaged couples** to join us for a peaceful morning as we explore why we want God to be a part of our marriages. The Music Ministry of Saint Ambrose will join us to give you examples of what to expect on your wedding day and to answer all your questions about the logistics of your special day. For more details and to **RSVP**, email [KNemet@StAmbrose.us](mailto:KNemet@StAmbrose.us).



*Couples'  
 Night Out*

**SPEND QUALITY  
 TIME TOGETHER**

Grab your sweetie and come to shake off the winter blues on the dance floor! Join us on **January 11 at 6:30 pm** - 8:30 pm to learn how to dance from the Dance d'Elegance professionals. Then, enjoy delicious food and the good company of other Saint Ambrose couples. To **RSVP** and for more details, visit us online at [StAmbrose.us/Marriage](http://StAmbrose.us/Marriage).



**LIVING your STRENGTHS  
 for couples**

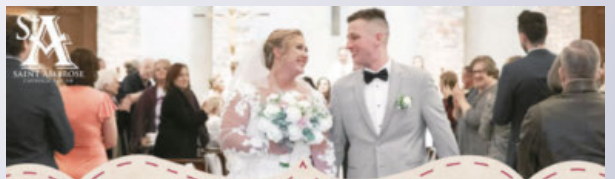


**FEBRUARY 2 & 9**

*Why am I the way I am?  
 Why are some people more disciplined than others?  
 Why do my family members act the way they do?*



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! Register by January 26 to Carol Maline at [CMaline@StAmbrose.us](mailto:CMaline@StAmbrose.us) or 330.460.7336.



*World Marriage Day  
 & Valentine's Celebration*

**February 8, 2025  
 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**



Tickets and details at [StAmbrose.us/Marriage](http://StAmbrose.us/Marriage).



Just for  
Our Senior  
Members!



### PICKLEBALL

Plan to bounce off that couch on December 28 at 7:00 pm in the Hilkert Gym to play some pickleball with us! All experience levels are welcome - our group is fun and friendly!

### ROLL INTO A NEW YEAR

Our usual schedule is bumped a week because New Year's is on a Wednesday, but we've got plenty scheduled for January and all of 2025!

Join us for these upcoming gatherings:

- **Chair Strength & Stretch:** every Wednesday in the Mother Teresa Room at 9:00 am (on the first Wednesday of the month, we are in Hilkert 4).
- **Coffee & Donuts:** January 8, at 8:45 am (right after 8:15 am Mass) in the Mother Teresa Room.
- **Annual Chinese New Year:** find all the details below!
- **Pickleball:** January 7 at 7:00 pm in the Hilkert Hall Gym.

Stay in touch with everything we do by visiting our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/saintambroseseniors](http://www.facebook.com/groups/saintambroseseniors).



### Chinese New Year Social

Join us for Dinner!

**Friday, January 12, 2024**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Hilkert Hall  
Enjoy Chinese food, themed décor, music, and craft.

Cost is \$10 per person.  
Register online or at the front desk by Tuesday, January 9.



[StAmbrose.us/event/chinese-new-year](http://StAmbrose.us/event/chinese-new-year)

**! 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](http://StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild)



### Monthly Men's Breakfasts

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH!

Join other men seeking and finding **meaning and strength through faith in God and fraternity**. Breakfast will be served promptly at 8:30 am, usually in the Mother Teresa Room or Hilkert Hall. A short teaching, discussion, and prayer will follow. We will end on time, every time, at 9:45 am so you can begin your weekend energized from delicious food and God's Word. Bring a friend or two and **RSVP at [StAmbrose.us/Mens-Ministry](http://StAmbrose.us/Mens-Ministry)**.



## Men's Welcome Retreat Weekend



**February 22 and 23**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Lehner Center & Church

Welcome, A Spiritual Renewal for Men is a one and half day opportunity to get away from the distraction of our busy world, to listen to the spiritual life stories of fellow parishioners, and to create lasting friendships with our community.

Sign up at [StAmbrose.us/Mens-Welcome-Weekend](http://StAmbrose.us/Mens-Welcome-Weekend).  
Contact John Ballash at [JohnBallash@Roadrunner.com](mailto:JohnBallash@Roadrunner.com) or 330.419.0574.





*May our Savior's love fill your heart and His peace guide your steps. Let us **GO** forth in faith, sharing His message of hope and salvation.*

*On behalf of our Faculty and Staff, I pray that you and your families enjoy a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with faith, love, and joy.*

**GO AND TELL**

We cannot be thankful enough, especially during this most wonderful time of the year! As a school family of faith, we feel deeply how blessed we are to be **learning and growing together in faith, hope, and charity** in the greatest Gift of all, **Jesus Christ who is everything for us!** Thank you for partnering with us, and for all you do to help us go and tell our story and mission of Jesus Christ. This school year has been uplifted even more by our hard-working teachers and staff members who provide a safe, nurturing, and academically excellent environment for all of our Angels- from preschoolers to eighth graders.

**LEADER**

As a STEAM-designated and Leader In Me School, we continue to seek and provide **real-world, innovative teaching and learning** to help students learn and master National, State, and Diocesan content standards. We follow our leader, Jesus Christ, who is **EVERYTHING** for us!

Joyfully,  
Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*

**Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School Grades K-8**  
**PRIORITY ENROLLMENT**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2025**  
*Online Only!*  
February 7, 2025 Open Enrollment for remaining spaces.  
[www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admission](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admission)

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
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# Parish School of Religion

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

God bless you and peace be with you. As we look to the start of a new year, we should always strive to be imitators of Christ. This new year is a great opportunity for not only to grow in our own faith, but to share it with others. All that we are and hope to be, we owe to our loving God. We have a variety of faith-formation programs to assist your child or grandchild in knowing Jesus and the Catholic faith.

### FIRST GRADE BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

We invite all first-grade families, grandparents, and godparents to join us for this very special workshop on **Monday, January 13, at 6:30 pm.**

### FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

As we walk into 2025, our second-grade students will be preparing for First Eucharist which will be celebrated in May. If your child has not yet made their First Eucharist, please let us know so we can help. **Contact Brandan Bizzi at [BBizzi@StAmbrose.us](mailto:BBizzi@StAmbrose.us).**

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES IN 2025

**Mark your calendars for these very important dates:**

- Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, January 19 at both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.
- First Eucharist Parent Meetings will be held on Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 pm in the Mother Teresa room and on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 am in the Lehner Center John Room.

**Remember, your children and grandchildren are always welcome to PSR. Visit [StAmbrose.us/PSR](http://StAmbrose.us/PSR) for details!**



### Girls & Boys overnight retreats



### Girls RETREAT

"Treasured" Retreat  
You are treasured by God!

Friday, January 10 6pm-9am  
Lehner Center John

Scavenger hunt with prizes

Time to chat in small groups

Bracelet-making & prayer affirmations

Movie & snacks before lights out!



### Boys RETREAT

Men of God Retreat  
What does it mean to be a man of God?

Friday, January 24 6pm-9am  
Lehner Center John

Super-fun, high-energy games

Talk it out in small group discussions

Mario Kart Tournament

Movie & snacks before lights-out



SIGN UP AT [STAMBROSE.US/ABLAZE](http://STAMBROSE.US/ABLAZE)  
CONTACT TERESA (330)460-7339 [TMCCOMBS@STAMBROSE.US](mailto:TMCCOMBS@STAMBROSE.US)

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# WINTER KICK-OFF

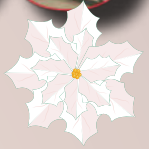
join us for **PIZZA OLYMPICS**

sunday january 12  
6-8pm | hilkert hall  
open to all high school teens

[stambrose.us/fiat](http://stambrose.us/fiat)



# THANK YOU



## *Giving Thanks with Grateful Hearts*

### ANOTHER WONDERFULLY BLESSED 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

We had **100 individuals and families who were recipients this year...** all of whom were deeply touched by the goodness and care of YOU! Thank you so much to all our volunteers for delivering the daily gifts, but more importantly, for bringing the love and care of God into the life of another. You touched their lives, you made a difference, and you were a continuous reminder of the warmth and kindness of our parish community. Thank you for all you did to bring joy into so many lives!

And a **huge thank you to the many other Saint Ambrose ministries that were involved: PSR, Ablaze, Saint Ambrose School staff and students, Littlest Angels Preschool staff, and students, the Saint Ambrose Catholic School National Junior Honor Society; and all the very generous donations made through #WeGiveCatholic.** Together, you help make this ministry possible - THANK YOU!!

*Until next year, our 12 Days of Christmas Ministry Team wishes you all a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful, joyful, and hopeful New Year!*

*"You have helped me feel God's love throughout the many moments that I thought would be filled with stress, sadness and grief. Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers and cares through this holiday season."*

- PHILLIP

*"Your gifts brought me so much cheer!! I could tell that each one was chosen and wrapped with love and care. I was so surprised to be thought of during the season."*

- LAWRENCE

*"I would like to thank everyone involved with the 12 Days of Christmas Ministry. You really lifted my spirits this season. I could feel the love that was sent with each gift."*

- HELEN



## MERCY MONDAYS

SAINT AMBROSE

### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Your generous donations of nonperishable items continue to support our programs that feed hundreds each week - thank you! Simply pull your vehicle up to our **Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center on Monday, January 6, from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm** and let us unload. Items that we need for January include **Knorr Sides, Tuna Helper, canned soup, and canned fruit.**



## MILITARY FAMILY MASS

**Friday, January 24**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Church & Hilkert Hall**

All are welcome to join us for Mass followed by a social in Hilkert Hall as we pray for our active-duty members

RSVP by January 17 to  
[Militarymessages@Gmail.com](mailto:Militarymessages@Gmail.com).

Visit [StAmbrose.us](http://StAmbrose.us).





# Hope & Healing in the New Year

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Your parish community cares about you. If you are need of assistance, we have many resources through our **CARES and Compassion Ministry**. Here are just a few ways we can support you and your loved ones through difficult times:

### GriefShare - Navigating Life After Loss

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you love and lost, we welcome you to this Christ-centered program with a friendly group of people. A new GriefShare series starts on **Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 am and Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm**. For more information or to **RSVP email Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com**.

### Divorce Care - A Christ-Centered Support Group

Are you facing the struggles of divorce or separation? There is help in Christ, and Saint Ambrose offers a group through the Diocesan approved, non-denominational Divorce Care. **Contact Mary Beth Garrity at 937.645.9436** to join the next session starting **January 8 at 6:30 pm**.

### Healing Hearts – Children Grieve Too

Children may have a difficult time to process emotions and feelings surrounding the loss of a loved one. While we can't spare our children the pain of loss, we can try thoughtful and hopeful activities focused on God's love. Our next 6-week program starts **January 14** in the Lehner Center Matthew Room from **6:30 pm -8:00 pm**. Please contact **Jennie at JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7317** or **Rachel at RButtitta@Staschool.us** to RSVP.

### Hearts of Hope - Our Hope is Always in the Lord

All widows are welcome to our widow's support group that meets on the third Thursday of the month. For meeting details such as locations and times, please reach out to **Lisa Cinadr at LCinadr@StASchool.us**.

**For a full list of services and resources available through Saint Ambrose Parish, visit [StAmbrose.us/Care-and-Compassion](http://StAmbrose.us/Care-and-Compassion).**



## DivorceCare for Kids

**New Series Beginning  
Wednesday, January 8**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Lehner Center, Luke Room**

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) is a scripture-based program designed to help children (aged 6-13) of families experiencing divorce and separation. Each session is full of games, fun activities, and music that is centered around a weekly theme. They will learn how to sort through their feelings and how to have healthy relationships – with you, your family and with God.



Visit [StAmbrose.us/DC4K](http://StAmbrose.us/DC4K).

## Walking with Purpose Coffee Connects

**January 7 | February 11  
March 11 | April 22**

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FEBRUARY 8 & 9

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Conference registration and details are now live at [StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health-Conference](http://StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health-Conference).

# Year-End Charitable Giving

## YOUR FAITHFUL AND THOUGHTFUL SUPPORT

Thank you so much for your faithful and thoughtful support for our parish community. Through your generosity we can assist thousands of people in need, support a growing and thriving parish and bring people closer to the Lord. This Christmas bulletin is filled with examples of how we are working to GO and journey to Bethlehem every day. God bless you. As you and your family reflect on year-end giving or planning for 2025, please consider some important information:

- **Consider a 2024 year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for the blessings in your life.** As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations this year, we can gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.
- **If you are 70 ½ year or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income.** Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Many of our members are now taking advantage of this opportunity, which is good for them and a great blessing for our parish community. Questions? Contact Jake Bihari (JBihari@StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015).
- **Over the past several months you have been hearing and seeing information about the State of Ohio Angel Scholarship Fund.** It is an incredible ‘win-win’ way to support our school and Catholic education. If you pay any taxes to the state of Ohio, you can receive up to a \$750 per individual (or \$1,500 per couple if filing jointly) CREDIT on your state taxes. Note that this is different than a deduction. And it takes less than 3 minutes to do. You can either gift the money in support of our Saint Ambrose School or you can give the money to the state. It’s really that simple. It’s a great way to help our families and our school and parish with no additional expense to you. You can learn more about it by going to [www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Angel-Scholarship](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Angel-Scholarship).

We are blessed in the good we do together for the glory of God. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jake Bihari (JBihari@StAmbrose.us) or Father Bob (FrBob@StAmbrose.us). God bless you abundantly.

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## WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

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Sunday Collection	\$ 61,219	\$ 1,051,404	\$ 956,654
Amount Needed	\$ (43,000)	\$ (1,032,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 18,219	\$ 19,404	
Building Fund	\$ 12,005	\$ 115,815	\$ 29,958
ACH Collection	\$ 4,642 (weekly) \$ 28,049 (monthly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,381		
Children's Offertory	\$ 282 from 58 envelopes collected		



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- **Online** at [StAmbrose.us/Donate](http://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 so much for your continued support for our parish community. It allows us to continue the mission of Jesus and support our active and thriving parish community. It also allows us to extend the care of Christ to so many in need at Christmas and always. God bless you.**

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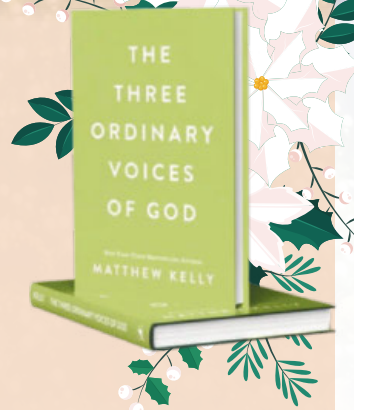


## *Our Christmas Gift to You*

### MANY WAYS YOU CAN TELL THE GOOD NEWS

The Three Ordinary Voices of God, is a gift for you. **It reminds us that YOU are also a voice for the Lord. Here are some meaningful ways you can tell the Good News:**

- Go around your family dinner table and share a **God moment from the day**.
- When you find a friend struggling, offer to **pray with them and for them**.
- Share a **Bible Quote** each day on your social media.
- Speak only **kind words** of others. See the good so you can be the good.
- Keep the Joy of Christmas by sending family and friends cards with **hopeful, joyful, godly thoughts and messages**.
- Download the **Saint Ambrose Christmas Spotify** list so you can listen to songs of God's faithfulness and love.
- Invite a family member or friend to join you for **Mass at Saint Ambrose**.
- Read this book so you can **be inspired** and then share the book with another.



Have a blessed Christmas!