

4th Sunday of Advent

We prepare and anticipate NOEL – the birth of Jesus. We recall *the story of amazing love* as Jesus comes as Emmanuel, God with us.

AND HE CALLS US TO:

Engage and Empower others...s the shepherds and angels made Him known. When the angel told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus, the angel was joined by an army of angels, and they sang praises to God saying, *"Glory to God in the highest!"*


Noel
THE STORY OF
AMAZING LOVE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



Events this Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOEL!

BAMBINELLI BLESSINGS AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

DONUT SUNDAY, AFTER MORNING & NOON MASSES IN THE GYM.

12:00 pm	CWM Community Meal (Carryout from Hilkert Hall)
1:00 pm	Drive-Thru Holy Communion (PLC Lot)
5:00 pm	FIAT Mass & Night (Church & Hilkert Hall)
6:00 pm	Women's Renewal Meeting (LC Luke)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am	Adoration (Chapel)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (Mother Teresa)
4:00 pm	CARES Food Sort (Hilkert Hall)
6:00 pm	Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
7:30 pm	Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am	Senior Book Club (John Paul II)
9:30 am	Sarah's Circle (LC Fr. McGivney)
10:00 am	GriefShare (LC Matthew)
2:00 pm	Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)
4:00 pm	Christmas Kit Drive-Thru (PLC Parking Lot)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (Mother Teresa)
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)
9:00 pm	Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Hall Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am	Building & Grounds (LC Fr. McGivney)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (PLC Kitchen)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Luke)
4:00 pm	PB&J Brigade (Mother Teresa)
6:00 pm	Legion of Mary Prayers (Chapel)
6:15 pm	Sitting with Scripture (Virtual)
6:30 pm	AA Meeting (LC Luke)
7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship (LC Fr. McGivney)
9:00 pm	Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Hall Gym)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:30 pm	Children's Christmas Pageant (Church)
4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Church-AH & Hilkert Hall-RS)
6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Church-RS & Hilkert Hall-AH)
8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Church-Ofm & Hilkert Hall-AH)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

12:00 am	Midnight Christmas Mass (Church-RS)
8:00 am	Christmas Day Mass (Church-AH)
10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass (Church-RS)
12:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass (Church-RS & Hilkert Hall-AH)

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

Reminder...

Come to Donut Sunday!

All are welcome on **December 19** to join us in **Hilkert Hall following the morning Masses and the noon Mass for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship!** Our Welcoming Committee will have a table set-up to decorate cookies to take home. **All of our parish members are invited to stop by to meet and greet our newest friends!**

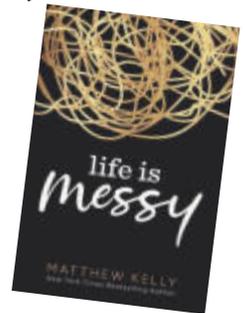
#WeWelcomewithJoyfulHospitality!

Our Gift to You!

Christmas Kit Pick-Up

Plan to swing by Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish on **Tuesday, December 21 to pick-up your Christmas Kit.** It is our gift to you and includes:

- Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Life is Messy*.
- A 2022 Daily To-Do magnet.
- A beautiful keepsake ornament.
- House Blessing and supplies.
- Prayer Ribbons to place on our Prayer Trees.
- Candy Cane Prayer + candy canes.
- Christmas Prayer Card.



Pick-up will be held in our parking lot, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Thank you to our volunteers who are assembling these kits and those who will be passing them out on Tuesday.

Please Note...

Adjusted PLC Office Hours

Please note, **due to the upcoming holidays, our Parish Life Center Office hours are slightly adjusted** to the following:

- December 24: 8:45 am - 1:00 pm
- December 25: Office is closed.
- December 31: 8:45 am - 1:00 pm
- January 1: Office is closed.
- January 2: 8:45 am - 1:00 pm

We are always here for you though. Should you have an immediate need while the PLC Office is closed, please reach out to Father Bob directly at FrBob@StAmbrose.us.

Letter from our Pastor • PARISH NEWS

...**"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."** We often encourage our children to 'believe' at Christmas. Most of the references are for Santa. Even more, the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent sets Mary as an example of one who 'believed' and 'trusted' in the promises of the Lord. God will fulfill what God promises. **We need to believe in Emmanuel...God with us.**

...**Last weekend we invited every member, of every age, to write a prayer request** – what you prayerfully are bringing to the Lord this Christmas. You will see the prayer trees on Christmas Eve and Day as we hold each other's special needs and prayers to the Lord. **This simple gesture is an expression of our belief that God can truly provide for our every need.** There are prayer ribbons at all the doors of the Church.

...**Christmas kits will be passed out this Tuesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** For those who are not able to join us in person, please come by and pick up your Christmas bulletin, along with some special gifts to help you and our loved ones join us in prayer virtually on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you know of someone, especially a homebound member, who is not able (or is safer/healthier) to join us in person for Christmas, please swing by and pick up this Christmas kit.

...**This week we are receiving some special Christmas gifts from one of our members.** In the chapel hallway, you will find a new prayer intention stand and book. It will allow us to write our prayer intentions and hold each other in prayer to the Lord. There will also be a holy water dispenser so you can take Holy Water home, a new set of candles and sanctuary lamp for the chapel, along with some beautiful banners for the tabernacle. The chapel is such a peaceful place to pray. **These items will help us complete the chapel.** You will also see the new 'Mercy Chapel' name plaque with some of the wonderful members who helped renovate this special place of prayer. On Christmas, you will see a new giving tree in the Narthex. Last Easter, we updated the Church donor plaque. **This giving tree celebrates and thanks all who supported the Rooted in Faith efforts back in 2012 which allowed us to renovate the Lehner Center, build the Parish Life Center and Narthex, along with the south parking lot.** It's a small way of expressing GREAT thanks for all your goodness and support for our parish community.

...The bookrack, located in the chapel

hallway, is filled with copies of a great book based on Fulton Sheen. It offers a short daily reflection for the new year. An inspiring thought of the day to help us trust and 'believe' in the promises of the Lord. **Pick up a copy for yourself and one to share.**

...Our Catholic Works of Mercy Team will tell you - over and again - how humbling it is to see the items that you purchased for those in need this Christmas. **Over and again, hundreds... and hundreds... and hundreds of our members bought and are giving 'the best' to those in need.** What we do for those in need, we do for the Lord. Over and again, you give the best to God and I pray that God will always bless you with all that you need. **God bless our CWM Team for their hard work and amazing efforts. God bless you for your goodness.**

...Please continue to keep in prayer the families in Kentucky and those impacted by the tornados last week. **May God give them strength and peace.** If you would like to support the efforts to help them rebuild their lives, you can give direct to: www.CatholicCharities.us.

...**Please join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas at Saint Ambrose.** See today's bulletin for the complete Mass schedule. We've added a second Mass in Hilbert Hall at 4 pm, 6pm and 8 pm, along with Christmas Day at 12 noon. **There will be plenty of space and room for everyone to be comfortable as we gather together in prayer.** Off-duty police will be here to assist with traffic and parking. We will also be streaming our Masses (www.StAmbrose.us/watchmass). **Please invite your family and friends to join us in prayer both in person and virtually. We need Christmas. We need Emmanuel.**

...Over the weeks of Advent, we have been singing a beautiful song, 'Noel'. As the refrain goes, "Come and see what God has done...a story of amazing love...Noel." **Take some time to think about what God has done in your life...the stories of God's amazing/saving love.** These are the stories we need to share this Christmas. Your personal story of God's amazing love are the stories that have the power to inspire and encourage your loved ones to 'believe' in God's amazing and trustworthy love.

...In addition to all the families we are taking care of in our local community, **we are blessed to work with a few good partners (our friends at Marc's, the H2O Foundation and Orlando Baking Company) to provide for over 500 people in the Clark-Fulton area. We need help sorting and packing food on Monday at 4 pm.** Many hands will make for light work. Please join us. We need you. We will be distributing the food on Wednesday at 4 pm. If you would



like to help, please let me know (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

...The joy of Christmas is more than one day. It should fill our heart every day with joy for Emmanuel, God is with us. **The joy of Christmas will sing and ring out on Wednesday, December 29th as our Music Ministry will present a special Christmas Concert at 7 pm.** After the hustle and bustle, please come and hear the songs that fill our hearts with God's love and joy. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends.

...**As we get ready for Christmas, take some time to call a member - or two - that you haven't see in a while.** It will be a great way to bring the joy of Christmas to all of our members. Imagine the great good that can happen if all of us call two members – young and senior – and share the love of Christ and the welcome of our community.

...**Our Junior High Youth Ministry is doing great things.** They had an amazing gathering last Sunday and are coming together this Sunday for Christmas movies. **God bless Maria Crookston and Janet Majka and their team** for their great work to engage and help our young members deepen their belief in the Lord and find a comfortable place in the family of God at Saint Ambrose.

...A few months ago Pope Francis asked every Diocese and every parish to participate in an experience of synodality – of holy listening. He hopes this will stir the power of the Holy Spirit and help our Church discern the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Church. **We will be having three listening sessions in January. Parish Leaders will come together on Saturday, January 22 at 9 am.** Everyone is invited to join on Sunday, January 23 at 1 pm or Monday, January 24 at 7 pm. Watch for details.

...In these final days of Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, open your heart to the Lord. **Sit quietly by your tree. Allow yourself to experience the peacefulness of Noel – Emmanuel – God with us – God with you.** It's a story of God's amazing love. May God be with you and your loved ones.

Have a blessed week!
[Signature]

INTENTIONS • Remember In Your Prayers

Mass & Service Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:15 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm and 8:15 am (1st Saturday of the month)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 19 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Marion & Louis McCloud (Jim & Pixie Blake) **RS**
 9:00 am † Mary Zavada (Friend of the Family) **Ofm**
 10:30 am † Ruth A. Dacek (Colleen & Glen Stanley) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Charles Stark (Friend) **AH**
 5:00 pm † Diane L. Hanna (In loving memory) **RS**

Monday, December 20

8:15 am † Barbara Mary Harpster (John & Laurie Stolarczyk)
 5:30 pm Prayer Service in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 21 | St. Peter Canisius

8:15 am Prayer Service in the Church

Wednesday, December 22

8:15 am † William Howell (Family)

Thursday, December 23 | St. John of Kanty

8:15 am Prayer Service
 5:30 pm † Joseph & Valeria Swec (Jeff & Diane Chapman)

Friday, December 24 | Christmas Eve

Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm † Michael A. and Jeanette Ruby by Family **RS (CH)**
 † Linda Csensich (The Csensich Family) **AH (HH)**
 6:00 pm † Carmen & Florence Ravo (The Pillatt Family) **AH (CH)**
 † Donna Wilks (Larry & Kathryn Streng and Jack & Loretta Quinlan) **RS (HH)**
 8:00 pm † Charles Gazso (Family) **Ofm (CH)**
 † Adolph & Rose Wichmann (Kaaikaula-Wichmann Family) **AH (HH)**
 Midnight † Jerry Lemons (Jeanette Ruby) **RS**

Saturday, December 25 | Christmas Day

8:00 am † Dallas Winrod (Family) **AH**
 10:00 am † John Chalfa (Bonnie) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Elly and Rudy Simcic (Becka Family) **RS (CH)**
 † Deceased Members of the Luna Family (Luna Family) **AH (HH)**

Sunday, December 26 | The Holy Family

7:30 am † Joseph Walgus (Family) **AH**
 9:00 am † Deceased Members of the Neffs and Pipaks (Family) **AH**
 10:30 am † John DeAngelis (Darlene) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Mary Jo Manocchio (Luci Stack) **RS**
 5:00 pm † Pearl Reising (Family) **RS**



CH: Church
HH: Hilkert Hall

Week of December 12, 2021

	Dec. 12, 2021	July 1-Dec. 12, 2021	July 1-Dec. 13, 2020
Sunday Collection	\$ 37,750	\$ 847,072	\$ 754,315
Amount Needed	\$ (35,500)	\$ (852,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ 2,250	\$ (4,928)	
Building Fund	\$ 1,469	\$ 41,613	
ACH Collection	\$ 4,127 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,648		
Children's Envelopes	\$ 54 from envelopes collected		

Generations of Faith | Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$4,653,451.29
Total # of Gifts: 819
Deposits (week of Dec. 6) \$ 8,840.07
Total Collected to Date \$ 3,655,652.06

Ways to Give a Special Gift

...in support of the work of our Parish Community this Christmas!

- Mail to 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212
- Online (debit or credit card) at StAmbrose.us/donate
- Collection Envelopes at Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office, or using the mailbox in the PLC Parking Lot.
- In the new year, consider signing up for Automatic Giving (ACH). Contact Lynn for information LRogers@StAmbrose.us

God bless you!!!

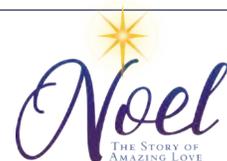
Liturgy Corner

Inspire with Prayer and Worship

The readings for this last **Sunday of Advent** focus on **hospitality, history, and family**. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and the baby Jesus leaps for joy in her womb. The scripture readings for today, remind us to ask ourselves, "**are we are ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus - Noel, the light of the world?**" Please take some moments to reflect on the following:

- **Where have I recognized Christ during this past week?**
- **Do these encounters bring a sense of joy?**
- **Am I preparing spiritually for Christmas?**
- **How can I bring Jesus to others as Mary did?**

Our **Children's Liturgy of the Word** participants will hear the sweet story how cousins, Mary and Elizabeth rejoiced when they saw each other and how Elizabeth knew right away that Mary's baby was very special. **CLOW is for children in grades 1-3 and held weekly during Saturday's Vigil Mass and during the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday.**



LIFTING ONE ANOTHER • Prayers

We Pray for Our Sick

Josephine Balaska	Joe & Hannah Costello	Robert Jones	David Rand
Pat Bator	Diane Davenport	Paul Klabor	Michael Rieger
Ted Beba	Melinda Davison	Koziak Family	Lori Roy
Helen Bednar	Becky Frisco	Agnes Knox	Chester Skoczen
Doris Breen	Jerry Gerispacher	Patricia Luk	Colleen Sumskis
Joyce Broadway	Richie Golan	Shirley Mayer	Lori Uhler
James Brooks	Matt Gould	Mary Murdock	Nancy Van Gieson
Kathy Burns	Leonard Guk	Sarah Murdock	Coleen Wagner
Rita Creadon	Jo Jo Hunt	Gail Nalesnik	Michael Wichmann
Christianson Family	Robert Ipavec	Bob & Karen Pencek	Larry Zahard
		Judy Peskura	

We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer

Erin Alan	Barbara Fiala	Karen Koren	Michelle Petrenko
Kimberly Ball	Jackie Fielding	Joy Kowalski	Eric Reeder
Fred Beba	Barbara Fischer	Joan Krall	Allyson Reynes
Michelle Billick	Vince Gassi	Kathy Kunkler	Cathy Ricciuto
Debbie Burrell	Edward Gaus	Dolores Lauerhahs	Karen Ryan
Gail Buttitta	Mike Ginley	Jennifer Lazar	Kim Saffle
Nora Carangio	Mark Hogan	Ken Leinweber	Joyce Savich
Mercedes Caulkins	James Hudik	Terri Leitner	Tim Schmotzter
Gary Chesnik	Bridgitte Jones	Carol Lersch	Gerri Shopp
Pat Ciekanski	Adraine Jungbluth	Richard Malone	Chris Snider
Rosie Colucci	Clara Kalal	Helen Mancuso	Andy Stamper
Teri Curnutte	Mike Kalka	Tina Mates	Jen Stancato
Steven Dearth	Kim Kasicky	Lisa Mayfeld	Angelo Stavole
Roger Droll	Kathy Keglovich	Sandy Metzger	Robert Stofko
Kristen Eble	Bob Klaehn	Tina Mounts	Jackie Symons
Jeff Fedor	Daniel Klamert	David Oster	Joanne Walsh
Mary Ferritti	David Klem Jr	Paisley Palmer	

To have your loved one's name on a prayer list, or to change the status of your loved one, please contact Connie at diccon73@gmail.com. **Names on our lists are published for 3 consecutive weeks. Please let us know if a name should be re-published on a list if it has been removed.**

Stephen Ministry

Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad? Do Not Suffer Alone, Help is Available Here at Saint Ambrose!

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it is a sign of weakness to ask for help. So, when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. **However, that is not God's plan.** Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". God wants us to care for others – and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you are sad or struggling inside, **don't suffer alone.** Ask for help. **We have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential, one-on-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time.** Find out more about Stephen Ministry by contacting one of our Stephen Leaders: Carol at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us to find a time to meet.



Gratitude to Our Members in the Armed Forces

CPT	Joseph Tobin Adams, Marine Corps
E3A	Elora Amoline, Navy
SPCL	Andrew Bajusz, National Guard
SRA	Kurt Becka, Air Force
LCPL	Cade Bonds, Marine Corps
MSG	Jeffrey Brueckner, Army
LCPL	Morgan J. Butas, Marine Corps
ET	Simon Claypool, Marine Corps
SrA	Ashley Marie Dragony, Air Force
SSG	Michael Duniec, Air Force
MAJ	David M. Elliott, Marine Corps
LT	Travis Elliott, Navy
PV2	Matthew Fischer, National Guard
LT	Serena Gerfy, Navy
PO	Rob Hartman, Navy
ICE	Walter J. Hicho, Navy
E2A	Kileo Huntington, National Guard
LTCOL	Brad Klusmann, Marine Corps
MAJ	Jared Klusmann, Marine Corps
AIT	Mitchell Knirnschild, Navy
ENS	Shaun Krall, Navy
SPC	Jacob E LeRoy, Army
WO1	Zachary J. Leuhsler, Marine Corps
CPL	Nicholas Levitsky, Marine Corps
MAJ	Jon E. Mandabach, MD Air Force
SMSG	Melanie Mangan, Air Force
CPT	James Maskovyak, Army
SFC	Jason Molodec, National Guard
SPC	William Mortensen, Army
LCPL	Christian Nowak, Marine Corps
SSGT	Matthew Pyzik, Air Force
LCPL	Lukas Robison, Marine Corps
BG	Stephen Sklenka, Marine Corps
PVT	Alex Skoczen, National Guard
PVT	Xavier Skoczen, National Guard
1stLT	Christina Sulkowski, Army
A1C	Nathaniel Taylor, Air Force
1stLT	Zachary Taylor, Marine Corps
CW3	John A. Tevis, Army
SrA	William Wiener, Air Force
A1C	Paige Zoltowski, Air Force

Add your loved one to this list. Send their **name, rank, and branch of service** to RKAaikaula@StAmbrose.us.

JOIN US



Faithful-After-Fifty Ministry News & Events

For information about our FAF
Ministry, please contact Joyce at
JOsowski@StAmbrose.us

Winter Forecast!

FAF in Early 2022

Here is our long-range forecast for faith and fun in the
winter months, we look forward to seeing you!

- **January: Fitness Kickoff with Pickleball.**
- **February: Mardi Gras Celebration with a special guest speaker!**
- **March: Small group faith sharing during Lent.**

Contact Joyce at JOsowski@StAmbrose.us to get on
our mailing list for more details!



Adult Confirmation

Learn More!

The Adult Confirmation program is for adults who were
baptized and have received First Holy Communion, but
were not confirmed. **Being anointed by the Holy Spirit
at Confirmation, Christians are able to strengthen their
bond with the Church and become better equipped to
carry out the Church's mission of love and service.** Our
Adult Confirmation Program is suggested for parishioners
who:

- Need the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Were baptized Catholic (a copy of the baptism certificate
is required if baptized in a different parish).
- Have received First Holy Communion.

The length of preparation and formation is dependent upon
the catechetical needs of the individual.

**To learn more about the program, please reach out to
Linda Kaminski at ltkaminski@gmail.com.**

2022 Parish Calendar! Help Yourself!

Get a copy at the doors of the
Church. Many of you asked to
have them earlier so you can
put them to good use. **They
come as a gift... thanks to
our Community Partners
and our friends at Carlson
Funeral Home and Waite
and Son Funeral Home.**



walking with purpose



Calling All Women...

How do you define yourself?

Do you define yourself based on what you do? How
about on what others think of you? Or, perhaps
you define yourself based on your possessions or
circumstances? The women of Walking with Purpose
understand that what tends to drive you, tends to
define you. **Join us as we view the Opening Your
Heart video, Priority Two – Your Heart.** No previous
experience is necessary—just come as you are, ready to
drink big cups of coffee and meet other women while
discovering your true identity as a beloved daughter of
God!



Join us for our monthly **Coffee Connect on January 4,
at 9:00 am in our Mother Teresa room or on January
25 at 6:30 pm, in Hilkert Hall. All women of the
parish are invited.** For more information contact, Gayle
Oboy, Gobby@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7322.

It's Time...to Book Your Seats!

March for Life

The Brunswick Council
and the Father Ragan
Council (Avon) of the
Knights of Columbus
will be partnering this
year to host the 2022
March for Life Bus Trip
to Washington, DC. **Plan to join the Knights of Columbus
- Brunswick Council 4847 and the Fr. Ragan Council
3269 (Avon/Avon Lake) for the 49th Annual March for
Life on January 21, 2022.** For more information, visit
KofC4847.org or contact Marty Shaw at mshaw603@gmail.
com or at 216.533.7737.



Saint Ambrose is Here for You Cancer Support Group

Spend some time with us on **Wednesday, January
5, at 6:30 pm in Lehner, John room.** This group
is for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members,
and anyone whose life has been touched by cancer.
We offer support, prayers, and relay on each other's
strength to smile, laugh, and to live life at its fullest.
For more information contact Terri at 216.990.0082 or
Miriam at 330.225.9005.

ALL ARE WELCOME



FOR OUR SENIORS
Upcoming Events
StAmbrose.us/Seniors
Ongoing Programming
Yoga - Every Wednesday
 9:00 am, Mother Teresa

Yoga Change

December 22 Update

Please note that Route 66 Yoga is cancelled on December 22. We'll resume on December 29 though!

Coffee & Donut Social

January 5 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa

At Saint Ambrose, "we welcome with joyful hospitality." We challenge YOU to resolve this year, to **meet one new person a month at Saint Ambrose**. Our monthly coffee and donuts social for seniors is a great way to meet new people!

Lunch & Learn

January 10 | 11:00 am | Mother Teresa

Winter is a great time to learn new technologies. Come to learn some general information as well as items or answers that are specific to your needs/equipment. Please RSVP.



Senior Socials Planning Meeting

January 21 | 4:30 pm | Mother Teresa

Do you come from a rich cultural heritage you want to share with others? Do you love to learn about and experience things from other cultures? We want to empower our seniors to help plan our Route 66 socials for 2022 centered around different nationalities.



To RSVP for a Route 66 event, please reach out to Joyce by calling 330.460.7341 or emailing JOsowski@StAmbrose.us.



Hope
 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, God is with us."
 Matthew 1:23

Need a Good Christmas Gift?!

Tickets are on Sale Now!



LEARN MORE & GET TICKETS!
StAmbrose.us/Brunswick-Souper-Chili-2022.

Advent Challenge

Share Your Progress with Us!

We love hearing your positive proof stories and we know that some of you are rocking your Advent Bingo Challenge! We received this from fellow member, Michael Wichmann: *I'm not a big fan of pets. But, we are doing the Bingo game as a family so, my boys and I just took some towels and blankets to the Cleveland APL and I have to say, it felt pretty rewarding to do something that I normally wouldn't think to do on my own."*

A	D	V	E	N	T
Drop Money Monday off to a good start.	Leave a card or treat in your mailbox for the mail carrier.	Invite a family member or friend to Mass.	Join us at Living Holy Christmas Mass on Dec. 11.	Pay it forward on a Tuesday.	Read about our Parish's Charities: Annuaire, us, green-building.
Give an extra generous tip to a server.	Donate to the Parish's Christmas Tree on Dec. 30.	Plan a family game night at home.	Bake and give Christmas cookies to a teacher or bus driver.	Bring some firewood to a Parish event.	Offer to grocery shop for someone who can't do it themselves.
Deliver a holiday treat to a neighbor.	Bake Christmas cookies with family.	FREE SPACES!		See the Singing Angels Concert on March 4.	Pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.
Volunteer with our 12 Days of Christmas Ministry.	Make a homemade gift for someone.		Go to our Advent conference: Dec. 1, Dec. 14, Dec. 17.	Mail your Christmas cards to spread good cheer.	
Pick a task from our Advent Blessings.	Set out our Advent Wreath and light a candle each week.	Decorate an angel tree.	Bring your Baby Jesus to our Blessings on Dec. 18 or 19.	Hug a family member, friend, or pet!	Hold the door for someone.
Spend 10 minutes of quiet time to read Scripture.	Attend our Music Ministry Christmas Concert on Dec. 29.	Let someone go ahead of you in the checkout line.	Write a list of the things you are thankful for.	Challenge someone to join the Advent Bingo game!	Join an Advent Small Faith Group at our Parish.

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CATHOLIC
November 30, 2021

Northeast Ohio's Online
Day of Catholic Giving

A
ANGELS ANNUAL FUND
Making Everything Possible

We are accepting donations
through December 31 at
SaintAmbroseSchool.us/
Donate!



Dear Parish Family, WE ARE CARRIERS OF THE LIGHT!

We were so grateful to have been able to **host our 2021 Christmas Concert and Fine Arts Show in person this past week!** Our theme was *"Carriers of the Light."* The evening was filled with students shining and singing as they brought the light 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 light of Christ!** We were thrilled to present this celebration of the Light of the world in our beautiful church. It truly made our concert even more special. Our 8th graders proved to be quite the thespians as they presented our time-honored tradition of their annual Christmas play. **Many thanks to Mr. Garrett Birk, Mrs. Diane Haley, Mrs. Julia Kinley, and Miss Wesleigh Stryker** for sharing their talents, care and passion for the Arts and their students in preparing for these beautiful events!



PEACE WITHIN US

In the busy-ness of the season, let us not forget the **Reason for the season.** The beautiful peace of our worship spaces is a faithful reminder that **Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is with us, shines upon us and invites us to sit in His presence and spend time with each of us.** May we be so wise to take time to do this as we prepare Him room in our hearts.



END OF YEAR GIVING

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in giving to our Angels Annual Fund Giving campaign, kicked off on Giving Tuesday. **The campaign remains open through the end of the year.** We are beyond grateful for your support for our Angels! Go to: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us for more information and to donate.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From our Littlest Angels Preschool and K-8 family to yours, we wish you a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and new year!

Joyfully,

Lisa Cinadr, Principal



PSR & YOUTH!

Parish School of Religion News Advent Mini VBS Fun!

What a blessing to come together this past Saturday morning for our Advent Mini VBS Program. Over 45 children joined us for a fun and faith-filled morning centered on the "Journey to Bethlehem." Thank you to all the parent, young teen, and high school volunteers who shared their time and faith with our children. We are so grateful to **Mrs. Beder for leading us in song and for Mrs. Sawyer for all of her hard work planning this amazing event.**

The Show Went On!

We aren't going to lie...many of us cringed every time we'd hear the wind howl across our parish campus this past Saturday afternoon. Despite the winds, some of which clocked in at over 50 MPH that day, our **Living Nativity Presentation was a huge success with our PSR 1-4 grade students leading the presentation and our junior high students welcoming the many visitors to campus and event!** Thank you to our Angels choir for providing the beautiful music. And, a huge thank you to **Mrs. Victoria Cary** for preparing the students for their roles.

Hope & Peace

We hope all of our students and their families have a wonderful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming back our PSR students to class on January 3, January 5, and January 8.



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Sunday Preschool Program

Holiday Break

Please note that our Journey with Jesus Preschool Program that is normally held during 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays will break for the holidays starting next week. So, **classes will not be held on December 26 or on January 2 but will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

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NEW Mental Health Ministry

How great it was to see so many of you come together at our "Come and See" meeting in November to share your stories, thoughts, ideas and suggestions for a very much needed ministry here in our parish! **Now we invite you to come back to the Mother Teresa room on Monday, December 20, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for our first Mental Health Ministry Team Meeting!**

Mental health is a real struggle to so many... we probably all know someone, or several people, who struggle with and are impacted by mental illness. Recently, we met and discovered that too many people and families are struggling alone - they need a kind and helpful response to know where to turn and what resources can offer a life raft to keep afloat and heading in a hopeful direction. **Would you like to be part of a team that believes that our parish community can DO and BE more for individuals and families struggling with mental illness and depression?** We would love for you to join us! For questions or more information and to RSVP, please contact Jennie at JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7317.

We Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

To Those Who Serve with the Compassion of Christ!

We are blessed to have an amazing Community Outreach Team! Please join us in thanking the team of volunteers for all the work they completed this past month and throughout the year: **Jim Mandabach, Al Flanhofer, Bob and Donna Howski, Diane Graham, Mike Cameron, Mike Bravchok, Patti Scalfano, Sharon Moody, Herb Churchill, and Mike Adams.** These wonderful people are doing the Lord's work by sharing their gifts and talents and helping so many who are need.

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ENGAGE AND EMPOWER OTHERS

Internship Announcement Join The FEST Team!

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! **We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing and communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival.** Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 9, 2022.



From AM1260 The Rock The 48 Hours of Christmas

Our EWTN Radio Christmas Eve-Day Program Schedule 2021 is published! Plan to spend the 48 hours of Christmas with us. Tune in starting at midnight on Christmas Eve, December 24. **Every hour through Christmas Day, 11:00 pm we bring you faithful programming, all centered around the birth of our Jesus!** Visit www.am1260therock.com for the schedule.



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 Husband of Lisa Mayer
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If you would like your loved one's name to appear in this In Loving Memory section, please call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300.

PRAYER FOR Christmas Consolation

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come into the hearts of all in need of hope and consolation.
Expand our celebration of this sacred feast
so as to include them in our thoughts, prayers, and outreach.

Come into the lives of those bereft and overcome by despair.
Make manifest in us your incarnate love
so that we become messengers of hope and promise.

Come into the wastelands of a world immersed in violence and self-interest.
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Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

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The Tradition of the Oplatki

Share at Christmas Dinner

The breaking and sharing of the Oplatek, also known as the Christmas Wafer, is done typically right before the Christmas meal is served to your loved ones gathered at Christmas dinner. Generally, the eldest member of the family begins the ritual by breaking off a piece of the Oplatek and then passing the remaining wafer to another person at the table with a blessing. The purpose of this act is to **express the unconditional love we have for one another, thereby reinforcing the unity of the family.**



All are invited to partake of this ancient Christmas tradition, even if your family is not of Slavic heritage. **Oplatki envelopes along with ritual instructions are available at the Parish Life Center desk now through Christmas.**

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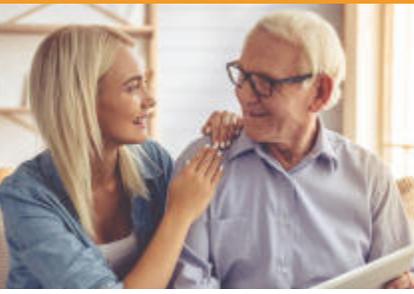


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Thank you so much. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight
 Mass in Church and Hilkert Hall
 Midnight Mass in Church only.

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon
 Mass in Church. Noon Mass will also be celebrated in Hilkert Hall.

This Christmas, please invite your family, neighbors and friends to join us as we celebrate the First Noel both in person and virtually.

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Family Table Prayer

As you gather together for Christmas celebrations, begin with a special prayer for your family. Remind one another the true blessing of this season.

Dear Heavenly Father, love brought Jesus to the earth, and love brings us to this Christmas table. Today as we share this holiday feast, may we also share with one another a joyful heart and a warm smile. May our Christmas dinner be filled with kindness. And may the memories of today warm our hearts for years to come. - Amen.



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