

GO TO LOVE AND
SERVE THE LORD
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



FIRST LOOK • Parish Events this Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 1:00 pm Women's Renewal Meeting (LC Luke)
- 5:00 pm fiat Mass & Night (Church & Hilkert Hall)
- 6:00 pm ABLAZE Night (LC John)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting (LC Matthew)
- 6:30 pm Couples' Living Strengths (Mother Teresa)
- 7:00 pm Candlemas Mass (Church)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Baby Bible Time (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 10:30 am Chosen Group (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 5:30 pm Mercy Monday Collection (CWM Center)
- 6:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Mtg. (Family Room)
- 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
- 6:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 6:30 pm Saint Rita's Rescue Meeting (LC Matthew)
- 7:00 pm Quilting & Sewing (PLC Work Room)
- 7:30 pm Benediction (Chapel)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 am GriefShare (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 9:30 am Walking with Purpose (Mother Teresa)
- 12:00 pm Catechism in a Year (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 2:00 pm Catholic Charities Counseling (LC Matthew)
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer (Family Room)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:30 pm Healing Hearts (LC Luke)
- 6:30 pm Walking with Purpose (Hilkert Hall)
- 7:00 pm Living Word Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (LC John)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:45 am Route 66 Coffee & Donuts (Mother Teresa)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 CONTINUED

- 9:00 am Route 66 Stretch & Strength (Hilkert 1)
- 10:00 am EPIC Bible Session (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 12:00 pm Bible in a Year (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 1:30 pm Book Club (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 4:30 pm Monthly Reconciliation (Church)
- 4:30 pm Women's Guild Brd. Mtg. (LC Fr. McGivney)
- 5:00 pm Cancer Support Group (Mother Teresa)
- 6:00 pm CWM Food Distribution (CWM Center)
- 6:30 pm Catechism in a Year (LC Matthew)
- 6:30 pm Divorce Care (Mother Teresa)
- 6:30 pm Divorce Care for Kids (LC Luke)
- 7:00 pm GriefShare (LC Fr. McGivney)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LC Matthew)
- 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Hilkert 1-3)
- 4:00 pm PB&J Brigade (Hilkert 4)
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm EPIC Bible Session (LC Mark)
- 9:00 pm Men's Rec Basketball (Hilkert Gym)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEKEND

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Mother Teresa)
- 9:00 am Women's AA Meeting (LC John)
- 6:00 pm World Day of Marriage Mass & Dinner (Church & Hilkert Hall)

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

Love Is In The Air

As we get ready to celebrate **Valentine's Day, National Marriage Week is February 7-14**. We have an amazing **World Marriage Day at Saint Ambrose on Saturday, February 8**, with Mass and a fun-filled comedy show to follow. Visit StAmbrose.us/Marriage for more details and to register.

The **Diocese of Cleveland has also created a take-home retreat for couples**. Celebrate and enrich your marriage this week by taking time each day to listen to the Word of God, meditate, reflect, and pray together. Each day is an opportunity to read and meditate on a passage from Scripture followed by a re-imagined story from a different perspective. Reflect on the questions that follow and close with the prayer for couples. This exercise of praying with the Scriptures is called *Lectio Divina*. It consists of four steps: *lectio* (the reading of Scriptures), *meditatio* (meditation), *oratio* (prayer), and *contemplatio* (contemplation). **This at-home retreat kit can also be found at StAmbrose.us/Marriage.**



World Marriage Day
& Valentine's Celebration

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

Special Mass at 6:00 pm followed by food, drinks, and entertainment from Barnes and Miner and Steve Angrisano.

Tickets: \$50 per couple
RSVP by February 5 at StAmbrose.us/Marriage.

PARISH NEWS • Letter from Our Pastor

...*"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."* This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Jesus, as parents, presented Jesus to the Lord. It's also known as Candlemas because in the presentation, and Simeon's awareness and prayer, Jesus is revealed as the Light to all the nations. **This week** may we choose to live in the Light of the Lord. This week bring your children and grandchildren to the Lord in your prayers. Hold them close to God.

...On Sunday evening at 7 pm, we will celebrate a **special Candlemas Mass**. It will be a celebration of the Light of Christ so much stronger than the darkness. The music will be different in style, more chant and reflection much like we hear at Tenebrae and Rorate Caeli Mass. You can also bring your candles from home that you want blessed to remind you at home that the LIGHT of Christ will be the light and hope in your life and home. **Please join us.**

...This coming Monday is the **Feast of Saint Blaise**. Part of our Catholic tradition is the blessing of throats asking God for your health. **We will bless throats after all the weekend Masses.** Please stay for a few minutes and allow us to ask God's blessings upon you.

...God bless Kim Nemet. She works with so many of our parents and grandparents to help have their children and grandchildren baptized. Like Mary and Joseph presenting their child Jesus in the Temple, at Baptism parents bring their child(ren) to the Lord. Kim does a great job helping parents and families in this special time. **Given all things COVID (happy 5th anniversary), we are working hard to reach out to all the children that did not get Baptized during that time.** We are here to help. Please spread the word and feel free to reach out to Kim for help (KNemet@StAmbrose.us).

...Over and over again, I tell the story about adults who have never had the opportunity to be Confirmed. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) which are required for an adult to serve as a Sponsor for another person (godparent or Confirmation Sponsor). **If you would like to learn more about being Confirmed (coming up in March),**

please let me know so we can help (FrBob@StAmbrose.us).

...Thanks be to God, our Church is well-used – all week and every day there are opportunities for prayer and the sacraments. It's a big building and takes many hands to keep it clean. **We are looking/seeking/begging for about 20 members to join the Cleaning Angels who come once a week for an hour or so to help keep our Church clean and welcoming for all.** You don't have to come every week....that's the goal of strengthening the team. We need people who can sweep - or dust - or wipe down the pews. It's a beautiful way to pray and serve the Lord while you take care of God's House. **Interested??? We need you.** Contact Amanda McCrary (ajmm18@aol.com) or Mary Jo (MHalenar@StAmbrose.us), to sign up and/or learn more. Many hands make for light work and a clean Church.

...Our junior high and high school students will be out in full force next weekend for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. They will have pots and pans at the doors of the Church asking for your help and support as they lead our efforts to raise \$15,000 for our monthly community meal program which will provide over 6,000 meals in our local community. They will also have your favorite Superbowl Snacks for sale in Hilbert Hall. **Your help and support would be greatly appreciated by our teens and those we serve.** Souper Bowl of Caring is a way of engaging hundreds of our teens with a mindfulness of hunger and food poverty in our local community. It's also a way to make sure that people in our local community (especially our seniors) have a hot and nutritious meal. Your support makes all the difference.

...We can all do small things with great love. **Our Military Matters Team** supports our active military and their families. **Here's a part of a thank you note we received this week,** "Thank you for remembering myself and the rest of the deployed service members in your prayers, especially this Advent season. It was such a lovely surprise to find your care package full of goodies and good reads. The cards were so thoughtful. It was also a nice surprise for my parents to receive the beautiful poinsettia hand delivered with joy and kindness. They felt so grateful for the time spent reaching out in such a personal way to each military family....Keeping you all in my prayers and please know my appreciation for you."

...As we roll into February and the days start to get longer, it's a reminder that spring and summer are really right around the corner. The other day, Gary Panteck and Brunswick Auto Mart

continued their support for the work of our parish community by providing the Grand Prize for our Summer Festival Raffle. What a blessing!!! **God bless the Panteck Family and Brunswick Auto Mart.** Mark your calendars for our Summer Festival – June 19 to 22.

...Speaking of summer, for all The FEST fans, we announced the headliner for Sunday, August 3, 2025 – **the 25th Anniversary of The FEST. We are thrilled to welcome Maverick City Music.** Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us.

...Valentine's is right around the corner. Make plans to join us next Saturday for our **World Marriage Day celebration.** Come for a great meal.... funny comedians....great music....and a wonderful night out at Saint Ambrose. WMD starts with Mass at 6 pm followed by this fun-filled, wonderful couples' night out. **Get your tickets ASAP. Invite your neighbors and friends.**

...Save the date. **Our Parish Mardi Gras Appreciation Gathering in on Friday, February 28.** It's going to be a wonderful community celebration – the best people, tasty food, and fun entertainment. Make plans to join us.

...**All the men of our parish are invited to breakfast on Saturday, February 8 at 8:30 am in the Mother Teresa Room.** It's our monthly Men's Breakfast. Come for the best bacon in town, along with a room filled with really good guys. This monthly gathering is a great way to meet other men in our parish community and also stir some meaningful conversation about faith and family. It's easy and comfortable and happens again this coming Saturday. **All are welcome.**

...**Special shout out to the Ladies First group.** This past week the room was bursting with energy and good conversation as 80 women came to enjoy great friendship and a good message (thanks Judy!!). Ladies First, the Women's Guild, Walking with Purpose are wonderful opportunities for all the women in our parish to share friendship and support each other to walk in the ways of the Lord.

...Please check out the information about the **Mental Health Conference on February 21.** We need to work together to make sure every person has the help and hope they need.

...God bless you for your goodness. **"You are the light of the world." Live and love in the Light of Christ.** Have a blessed 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, February 2 | Presentation of the Lord

7:30 am † Elwood Crawford (The Crawford Family) **DS**
 9:00 am † Elizabeth (Betty) Kovach (Step-Family Members) **DS**
 10:30 am † Dan Lewanski (Saint Ambrose Women's Guild) **RS**
 12:00 pm † Ron Peters (Beth Saxon) **RS**
 5:00 pm † Joseph Holley (The Holley Family) **RS**

Monday, February 3 | St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8:15 am † Jenna Gazzillo (Roseann & Chuck Cookson)

Tuesday, February 4

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*

Wednesday, February 5 | St. Agatha

8:15 am † Carol Weiss (Debbie Klosz)

Thursday, February 6 | St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Church*
 5:30 pm † Barbara Wu Chen (Providence 1964 Classmates)

Friday, February 7

8:15 am † Rita Jamison (Dennis Reidy)

Saturday, February 8 | St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, & the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am *Prayer Service in the Chapel*
 4:30 pm † David Nalesnik (The Dombrowski Family) **RS**
 6:00 pm *World Day of Marriage Mass in the Church* **RS**

Sunday, February 9 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Beth Gerding (Bernie Zavada) **RS**
 9:00 am † Marjorie Rutkowski (Michael Rutkowski & Family) **RS**
 10:30 am † Tony Walocko (Saint Ambrose Women's Guild) **Carlin**
 12:00 pm † David Michael Nalesnik (Friend) **Carlin**
 5:00 pm † Joseph Sturm (Harry & Myra Lindstrom) **RS**

Confession & Home Visits

Call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300 to make arrangements.

Contact Us

Always Here for You

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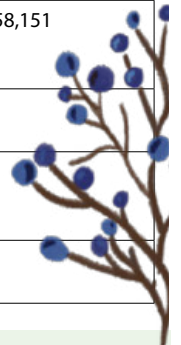
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Week of January 26, 2025

	Jan. 26, 2025	Jul. 1, 2024 to Jan. 26, 2025	Jul. 1, 2023 to Jan. 21, 2024
Sunday Collection	\$ 41,854	\$ 1,422,019	\$ 1,329,897
Amount Needed	\$ (43,000)	\$ (1,290,000)	
Over / (Under)	\$ (1,146)	\$ 132,019	
Building Fund	\$ 1,445	\$ 178,923	\$ 58,151
ACH Collection	\$ 4,701 (weekly)		
Online Sunday Collection	\$ 1,302		
Children's Offertory	\$ 349 from 41 envelopes collected		



GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Here are some ways you can help support our parish:

- **Automatic giving** is safe, easy, and confidential - email MSchetz@StAmbrose.us to set it up.
- **Online** at StAmbrose.us/Donate.
- **Donations** can be **mailed** to Saint Ambrose Parish, 929 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212.
- Drop your **collection envelope in the baskets** at the doors of the Church or at the Parish Office or in the secured mailbox.

Thank you for your goodness!

Tax Statement News

Thank you for your Support!!!

Tax Statements are ready. **If you need a copy of your 2024 giving statement for your charitable deductions**, please contact Mary Jo Halenar at MHalenar@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381.

*God bless you abundantly
for your goodness.*

Thank you for your continued and thoughtful support for the work of the Lord and our parish community.

We Pray for Our Sick

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

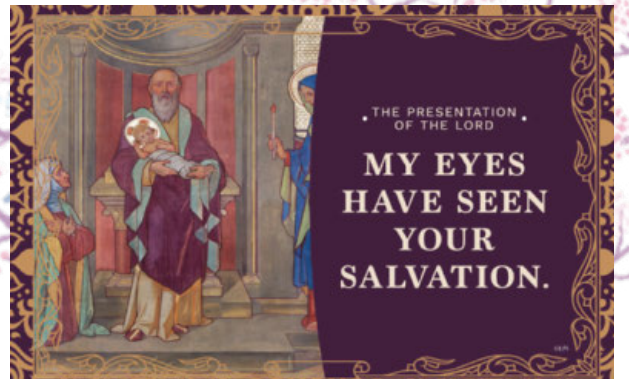


We Lift Up Those Battling Cancer



Audrey	Barbara Fischer	Jill Lesiw
Christina	Al Flanhofer	Michael Luks
Dan	Noah Forlini-	Richard Malone
Joanne	Kotlarek	Helen Mancuso
Laura	Irene Frimel	Elaine Mandabach
Lexi	Joseph Fuizzotti	Susan Markovich
Noah	Mary Galinas	Lisa Mayfeld
Paulette	Robert Gallik	Stacy McFarland
Tammy	Vince Gassi	Sandy Metzger
Todd	Edward Gaus	Thomas Miller
Tyler	Kevin Gazley	Sonia Missal
Erin Alan	Michael Golden	Sarah Mitchell
Marilyn Amsbaugh	Marianne Green	Tracy Moavero
Jody Angelone	Vivian H.	Cameron
Giene B.	Dave Hering	Monosmith
Greg B.	Robert Hirus	Edward Morey
Kimberly Ball	David Hoffman	Tina Mounts
Tim Balluch	Mark Hogan	Nancy Ostruh
Mary Bauman	Donna Hvizdos	Linda P.
Fred Beba	Carla Imbrigiotta	Carol Perruchon
Paula Berghauser	Melanie J.	Richard Pietolungo
Melissa Boring	Jerry Jakovci	Jim Razzante
Linda Brady	Josh Johnston	Eric Reeder
Thomas A. Brown	Bridgitte Jones	Allyson Reynes
Sue Burdick	Kathy K.	Cathy Ricciuto
Debbie Burrell	Clara Kalal	Corinne Rickabaugh
Gail Buttitta	Mike Kalka	Jack Roznik
Nora Carangio	Kathy Keglovich	Karen Ryan
Charlotte	Chris Kenzig	Toni S.
Casselberry	Barbara Ann Kilarsky	Kim Saffle
Michael Cepis	Bob Klaehn	John Schroeder
John Chesna	Melody Kokochak	Thomas Sherman
Rosie Colucci	Tim Kowallek	Tony Spitalieri
Megan Dauer	Joy Kowalski	Andy Stamper
Marcial De Leon	Kathy Kunkler	Jen Stancato
Steven Dearth	Joyce Lancaster	Angelo Stavole
Rose Marie Dorsey	J.D. Languth	Jessica Till
Roger Droll	Normand Laramée	Dominic Trizio
Christine Dulik	Dolores Lauerhahs	Jenny Vasel
Kristen Eble	Jennifer Lazar	Joyce W.
Jack Egan	Terri Leitter	Mary Jo Weihrouch
Barbara Fiala	Carol Lersch	Debbie Wyatt

To have your loved one's name added to any of our prayer lists, or to change the status of your loved one, please email Bulletin@StAmbrose.us. **If a name has been removed from a list in error, please also email us.**



Liturgy Corner

Feast of Saint Blaise

This weekend, **after all the Masses, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise**; his **actual feast day is February 3**. Saint Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was believed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat. The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison.

The blessing of throats may be given by a priest, deacon, or a lay minister. The candles may be joined by a red ribbon, the color of martyrdom. Although it is the general custom to touch the throat with the candles, it is not required, especially if the candles are lit. The candles may be held over the person and the following blessing is said:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



Cancer Support Group

February 5 Meeting

Have you or a loved one been touched by cancer? If you are interested in joining us in friendship, support, prayer, and to share your story, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm in the Mother Teresa Room. Everyone's journey through cancer is different, but we all have common ground. We are an uplifting group and remind each other that there is life after cancer and to keep moving forward no matter how hard it seems. There is a tomorrow, and there is always hope. For more information, call Terri Blasko at 216.990.0082 or Miriam Hopkins at 330.225.9005.

Monthly Confession

Our monthly Sacrament of Reconciliation is on **Wednesday, February 5, from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm in the Church.**

Living Word Ministry

Upcoming Meeting

Join the Living Word Healing Prayer group on **Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel** as we lift up our hearts and voices in praise, worship, sharing, and healing prayer. Bring your Bible so we can allow the Spirit to touch our hearts through His Word. For more information about this meeting or our ministry, please email Cathy Clapper at c_clapper@hotmail.com.

Men's Rec Basketball

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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





For Our Seniors Upcoming Events

StAmbrose.us/Route66

Weekly Strength & Stretch is held in the Mother Teresa Room on Wednesdays at 9:00 am (except the first Wednesday of the month which is in Hilkert 4).

Coffee & Donuts

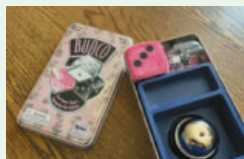
February 5 | 8:45 am | Mother Teresa Room

Seminarian Dominic joined us last month. We look forward to you joining us this month after morning Mass!

Lunch & Learn - Bunco

February 12 | 11:00 am | Mother Teresa Room

Everyone's favorite game with a light lunch and some prizes sponsored by our friends at Generations Senior Living. RSVP using the online event form at StAmbrose.us/Route66, calling 330.460.7341, or emailing JOsowski@StAmbrose.us.



Pickleball Dates

Join Us in February

Pickleball will convene on February 14 and 25 at 7:00 pm in the Hilkert Gym.

GOD ISN'T YOUR GENIE IN A BOTTLE, WAITING TO GRANT EVERY DESIRE OF YOUR HEART. INSTEAD, LET GOD BE GOD AND TRUST HIM TO HAVE AMAZING PLANS FOR YOUR LIFE.

A Special Evening of Reflection for All Our Liturgical Ministers Monday, February 10

All of our **Liturgical Ministers** (*ushers, greeters, EM's, lectors, servers, sacristans, Linen Angels, and Worship Commission members*) are invited to come to an **Evening of Reflection on our Liturgical Ministry on Monday, February 10**. Come for a **light supper at 6:00 pm** followed by some time of **prayer and reflection which will be led by Steve Angrisano starting at 6:45 pm until 8:30 pm**. We ask that all of our Liturgical Ministers make every effort to join us. Please RSVP to Vita Schmidt at VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us.



Spread the Good News

Your story is important! **How does one convey a quality testimony?** It has to be short and to the point, perhaps 1-2 minutes in length. After all, you may not have a lot of time to convey it as the person before you may be in a hurry (or you might be!). It should consist of three distinct parts: **your life before Jesus, your life when you had your conversion, and your life after conversion**. How did it change you? This will help avoid focusing too much on the past. You want to focus mostly on Jesus and what He's done for you. Also, give enough details about people, places, and things so that your testimony has specificity. Make your story real.

Learn more about our Saint Paul Street Evangelization ministry by sending an email to Timothy Garrity at timothygarrity2024november@gmail.com

Ready to make a difference?

At Saint Ambrose Parish, we are launching an exciting new ministry inspired by Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-19:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



Men's Welcome

Go! GOD IS WITH YOU

Retreat Weekend

February 22 and 23, 2025

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



Scan the QR code to sign up for this fun, faith-filled weekend!

Welcome, A Spiritual Renewal for Men, is a one-and-a-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.



For more details, contact John Ballash at JohnBallash@Roadrunner.com or 330.419.0574.

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL • We GO with God!

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." - POPE FRANCIS

Dear Parish Family,

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

For over 65 years, we have been celebrating "being one of the family!" We had an incredible Catholic Schools Week 2025, **"United in Faith and Community!"** During the week, we celebrated:

- **Our Faith:** Gathering together as a school family for Mass. Our student prayer buddies partnered in prayer in faith. We joined the Diocese for Mass at the Cathedral, and students led our parish community and school community as Liturgical Ministers! We celebrated on air with 95.5 The Fish - Len and Sara!
- **Our Community:** We welcomed 130 community leaders for breakfast, were honored with a visit from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and welcomed many new prospective families to our LAPS Open House this weekend. We also showcased our student Art at our Partner in Education, The Medina County Brunswick Library!
- **Our Vocations and Teachers:** Congratulations to the following faculty and staff on their anniversaries with the Diocese of Cleveland:

Pamela Jeffi
Five years of service

Rachel Buttita
Five years of service

Cheryl Kubas
Fifteen years of service

Wendy Parente
Twenty years of service

Maryellen Newrones
Twenty-five years of service

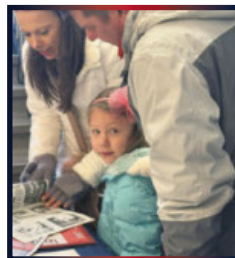


- **Our Nation:** We joined the Knights of Columbus to honor our Veterans with a prayer service and breakfast.
- **Our Unique Genius:** We honored our students' academic, spiritual, athletic, and service achievements and celebrated with a dance party!
- **Our Family:** We celebrated our school family with a Neon Bingo Party and Daddy-Daughter Dance! We welcomed our Alumni and Friends for Building Tours.
- **Our Service:** We continue to find opportunities to serve one another. Thank you to Mrs. Grama and our student council for helping to coordinate our service and faith-filled projects this week.

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 7

Thank you to our parish and school families for your on-time Priority Enrollment during January. **Open Enrollment begins next week for families in our community** for any remaining spaces and waiting list placements. Please reach out to the Admissions Team at 330.460.7318 or Admissions@StASchool.us with any questions or to schedule a personal tour.

With hope and joy,
Lisa Cinadr, *Head of Schools/Principal*





Parish School of Religion

Notes from Brandon Bizzi

God bless your families and I pray you are doing well. Just recently, the largest annual pro-life event in the world kicked off on January 24. We should continue to inspire many to stand up for the right to life. Let us pray for the protection of the unborn and give our support to all families affected by this. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

We would love to have your children and grandchildren be a part of our PSR programs. Please visit us online at StAmbrose.us/PSR or contact me directly at BBizzi@StAmbrose.us if you are interested in learning more about all our amazing PSR programs.



GO TO THE CROSS **Lent Mini VBS**

Saturday, March 8
9:00 am - 11:00 am | Hilkert Hall

We invite you to join us during Lent as we prepare our hearts for the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

The morning will take us on a journey through 40 Days of Lent filled with Bible adventures, games, crafts, and more.

Sign up at StAmbrose.us/Lent.

If you are interested in volunteering sign up at StAmbrose.us/Mini-Vbs-Volunteer-Registration.

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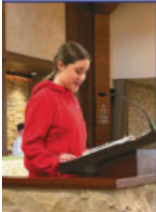

Sunday, February 16
10:30 am | Church

All PSR families are invited to join us as we commission our newest Parish School of Religion student Liturgical Ministers followed by a light breakfast.

Join us as these students are recognized and blessed during Mass for their "yes" to serving at the Table of the Lord.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
-1 PETER 4:10

RSVP to Helen at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us.
Visit StAmbrose.us for more information.



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Upcoming Opportunity

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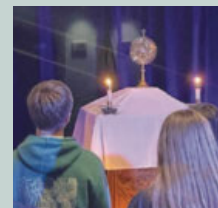
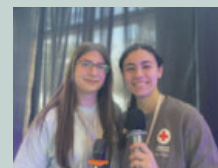
WHO: *Open to all high school teens*

WHAT: *A weekend of fun and friends for a chance to get away from the stress and chaos and grow in your relationship with God*

WHERE: *Saint Leonard Retreat Center in Avon, Ohio*

WHEN: *March 7-9, 2025*

Space is limited and will be first-come, first-serve so sign up today by scanning the QR code and completing the online form.



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TACKLE HUNGER!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 8TH & 9TH

Each year, our junior high and high school teens come together to help "tackle hunger" in our community to Super Bowl Weekend. Our teens will be at the Church entrances collecting donations and selling Super Bowl snack items.


All money raised goes to our Monthly Community Meal Program to help feed hundreds in need in our own backyard. **Our goal is to raise over \$18,000 - please help us help the hungry!**

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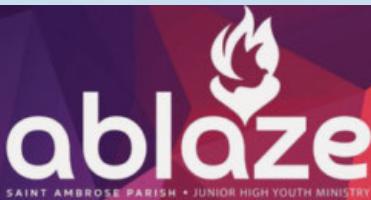
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ABLAZE Night: Mayday
Sunday, February 2 - 6:00pm, Mother Teresa Room
Come for the 5pm Mass (we sit together) and stay for fun, food, and JESUS! All are welcome!

Souper Bowl of Caring
February 8 & 9 - All Weekend Masses
Help us collect donations and sell Super Bowl snacks to support the Community Meal Program.

SOCIAL - Game Night
Friday, February 14 - 7:00pm
Come hang out with us for a night of Gaming Fun!
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Adopt-A-Patch
Spring Meeting

March 20 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

All are welcome to our meeting!

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For more information on our ministry,
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MERCY MONDAYS

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Monthly Food Collection

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- SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

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Counseling Services Available

Life is faced with many challenges and often times having someone to talk through things helps a great deal. ***We are blessed to collaborate with Catholic Charities for Outpatient Mental Health Services - where they "Provide Help and Create Hope."*** Catholic Charities offers comprehensive assessment services, as well as counseling services. They have licensed staff trained to assist in the healing and recovery process associated with depression, anxiety, stress, and relationship issues (including family and marriage counseling).

If you find yourself struggling and in need of additional support, ***please call Catholic Charities at 330.723.9615 to schedule your appointment.***

We will have space reserved **here on campus every Tuesday**, and if this time does not work for you, then you can schedule another time and we will reserve space for you.

Stephen Ministry

Help Is Here for You

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

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**

Or, visit us online at StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry.



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE GUILD

*"O, Jesus, the friend of little children bless
the little children of the whole world."*

Upcoming Meeting

All are invited to join the Infant of Prague Guild for their next meeting on **Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm in the Lehner Center Luke Room.**

The Infant of Prague Guild are Catholics who promote a deeper love of the Infant Jesus. This is accomplished through the recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant Jesus, teaching school children about the Child Jesus, and preparing small bags for those who are being Baptized. For more information about this ministry, send an email to Karen Taylor at karentaylor3131@gmail.com.



One of the most critical steps for any family dealing with addiction is a family support group.

ROBBY'S VOICE family support group, FAMILY MATTERS, provides families a safe environment to gather and support each other.

Join us on **Monday nights at 6:00 pm at the Montville Police Department/Community Center** for our family sessions. For more details, visit StAmbrose.us/Overdose-Awareness.



Ladies First!

Save the Dates

Mother Teresa Room | 6:45 pm

Tuesday, February 25
Rosary Meditation Yoga Night

Tuesday, March 18
Mother Angelica Lenten Refresher

Tuesday, April 29
Jubilee Year Information Night

Join us for food, faith, and friendship!
Please RSVP for upcoming sessions to Mathdenmom@Aol.com or at StAmbrose.us.



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February 7

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February 21

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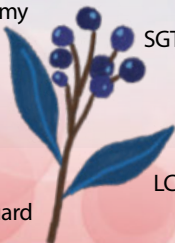
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Submit your loved one's **name, rank, and branch of service** at StAmbrose.us/Military so we can pray for them!

Military Ministry- Serving Those Who Serve

The Saint Ambrose **Military Messages Ministry** prays, honors, and supports the members of our parish who **are serving in the military** and sacrificing for our freedoms. This ministry also supports military members' loved ones. For more information on our Military Messages Ministry, please visit StAmbrose.us/Military.



Saint Patrick's Day Celebration!

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:30 pm Doors Open • 6:30 pm Dinner
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This conference will guide you into learning what the Mental Health Crisis looks like in families, church and faith, and society while exploring Accompaniment as an essential response to building hope with individuals and families.

Keynotes

Bishop John P. Dolan launched Mental Health Ministry in the Phoenix Diocese in 2022 after three siblings died by suicide. His book, "When a Loved One Dies by Suicide," addresses misconceptions and the healing process for those left behind. His ministry is based on accompaniment and walking with others as our brothers and sisters for their well-being, healing, and dignity.

Dr. Dave Margolius is the Director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health. He cares deeply for families struggling with mental illness and was trained in Dr. Paul Farmer's accompaniment model for health care. Dr. Dave returned to Cleveland with a commitment to connect families with the medical community, service providers, and institutions to promote public health.

This conference will be livestreamed.

Register at StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health-Conference.

Contact Paula Berghauser for more information at Pjbrghsr@Att.net.

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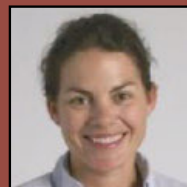
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To have your loved one's name appear in the "In Loving Memory" section, call the PLC Office at 330.460.7300.

- SACRAMENTS -

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Lola Carmella Valore
Millie Fern Deane



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Milestone Moments

Our parish community proudly recognizes all of our members' milestones and achievements. Please consider sharing your own or those of someone you know by submitting the details and an optional photo online at StAmbrose.us/Milestones.



Funeral Planning 101

Monday, March 10
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Mother Teresa Room

Bring your family and loved ones to learn about funeral planning at Saint Ambrose. From the process to the songs and readings, our funeral and worship ministries will be on hand to answer your questions and provide the tools to help you plan and navigate this process.

One of the best gifts we can give to our loved ones is letting them know our wishes and intentions for our funeral at Saint Ambrose. It turns a difficult process in a moment of intense grief into a wonderful celebration of life.

RSVP by March 5 to Mary Jo Halenar at MHalenar@StAmbrose.us or online at StAmbrose.us/Endowment.

HEARTS of Hope

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP

Our **Hearts of Hope Support Group** invites all widows to come and find good conversation, healing, and hope on February 21 at 6:15 pm.

For more information, including meeting location, and to RSVP for a meeting, send an email to Lisa Cinadr at LCinadr@StASchool.us.



Lenten Faith & Fellowship Groups

Beginning March 10 & 12
Mondays at 6:30 pm | Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
| Father McGivney Room |

Join us as we GO to the Cross this Lent.

This Lent we will read and discuss *No Greater Love*, a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us.

You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.

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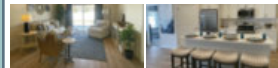
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Mass & Dinner on February 8

Couples are invited to come for God's blessing, along with a great meal, fun entertainment, and the best people. Tickets at StAmbrose.us/Marriage.

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Mental Health Conference

February 21, 2025

Visit StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health to learn more and to register for our upcoming Accompaniment & Mental Health Conference.

- Liturgy -

Evening of Reflection

February 10, 6:00 pm

All Liturgical Ministers are invited to have dinner and join us in spiritual reflection. RSVP by sending an email to VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us.

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Men's Retreat

Join us February 22-23

Men of the parish and their guests are welcome to this life-giving retreat. Sign up at StAmbrose.us/Mens-Welcome-Weekend.

Find more details about these items in this bulletin or at StAmbrose.us.

Ash Wednesday | March 5

Morning Prayer Service:

6:30 am in the Church

Ashes on the Asphalt:

6:50 am at the Brunswick Recreation Center Parking Lot

Drive-Thru:

10:30 am in the PLC Parking Lot

Masses:

8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm in the Church

Fish Fry:

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Hilkert Hall



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