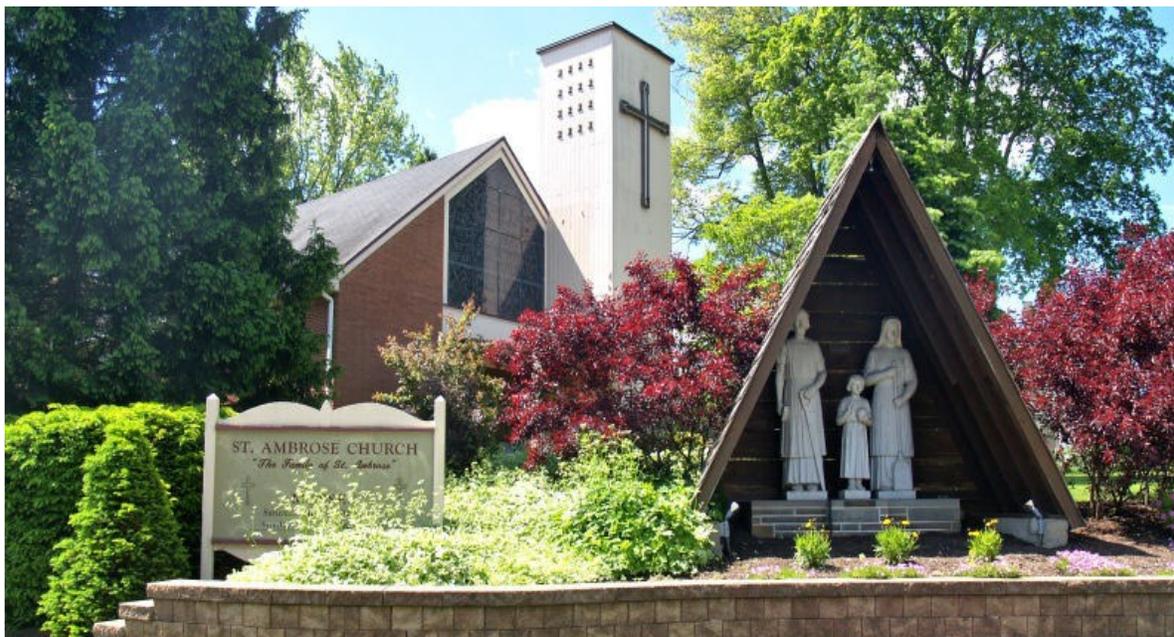


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Edward Stafford, *Pastor*
Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, *Permanent Deacon*
Susan Pickett, *PSR & Youth Ministry Coordinator*
Teresa Motz, *Director of Music*
Gloria Kuhn, *Secretary & Bookkeeper*

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday No Mass
Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day - watch the bulletin for location and time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose or anytime by appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent/Lent.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. Marriage preparation includes sessions with the Priest and with a Sponsor Couple.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated every two years in the fall. Preparation sessions for candidates and sponsors are mandatory.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is available upon request. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are hospitalized. Communal Anointing is held each Spring and Fall. The Eucharist is distributed regularly to the homebound by the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or permanent diaconate are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office (330-744-8451). Women discerning a call to religious life are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office.

Religious Education Classes PSR and Youth Ministry

(Sept. through May) Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (Youth Ministry - Journey).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring to become Catholic are invited to participate in the R.C.I.A. The "R.C.I.C. is for children in the third grade or older who have not been baptized or celebrated their first Eucharist. For more information, please contact the rectory.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are asked to please call or stop by the rectory to register. If you are changing your address or moving out of the parish, please notify us.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all articles for the bulletin no later than Monday of each week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 22, Sunday Liturgy
No Mass

Sunday, Aug. 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
11:00 a.m. (SA) Santo Scopilliti (Wife, Mona)
World Peace (A & R Society)

Monday, Aug. 24, St. Bartholomew
No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 25, Weekday
8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Wednesday, Aug. 26, Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, Aug. 27, St. Monica
No Mass

Friday, Aug. 28, St. Augustine
8:00 a.m. (SA) Nellie & Walter Kaminski
(Eileen Pantalone)

Saturday, Aug. 29, Sunday Liturgy
No Mass

Sunday, Aug. 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
11:00 a.m. (SA) Kathleen Stapleton (Mona Scopilliti)

Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SJ) - St. Joseph

Today's Readings

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).
Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).
Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Weekly Amount Needed: \$3,000.00
Assumption of Mary: \$ 162.00
Sunday's (08/16/20) Collection: \$1,493.00
On-Line Giving (08/16/20): \$ 377.70
Maintenance Fund \$ 187.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for August 30

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.
Lector: D. Vincent
Usher/Greeter: D. & C. Crane

The True Measure

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.
—Anonymous

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
(Psalm 138)

**Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands**

Trust

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The R.C.I.A. is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...

- ... *been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*
- ... *been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?*
- ... *yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?*
- ... *joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more, please contact the rectory at 330-527-4105.

Some Reminders!

- Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass by all in attendance. Please remember to maintain a safe distance (at least two empty seats) between you and others.
- When finding your seat, please **move to the center of the row** so others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.
- Please maintain a safe distance (at least one row in front and behind you) when coming forward to receive Holy Communion.
- Remember to remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS



Help Wanted

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR Program) is looking for individuals to help during the 2020-2021 school year. We are in need of teachers and aides to help educate our young people each Sunday. Please keep in mind that you do not need to be a theologian to help. We also need help with Journey (Youth Ministry Program). The only requirement is a passion for our Faith, and a desire to pass on that Faith to our children. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Sue Pickett on her cell at 330-204-5568 for further information.

PSR and Journey Registration

Any student wishing to attend PSR (preschool to grade 8) or Journey (grades 9 to12) in the fall and is **not** currently attending must fill out a pink registration form. Forms are in the vestibule or call the rectory to request a registration form and it will be mailed to you. Place the registration form in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, or mail it to the church. Please include a copy of the student's baptismal certificate. (Preschoolers must be age 4 by Sept. 30.)

Dispensation To Attend Mass Continues

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick remains. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives.

Sunday Offering

All parishioners are reminded to please honor the commitment made through the Increased Offertory Program through the Diocese of Youngstown. Our weekly collection totals seem to be falling again making it more difficult to meet our monthly bills.

Online Giving

The stewardship of treasure is made easier than ever with St. Ambrose Parish's online giving system, ONLINE GIVING. Make your one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

TO START GIVING ONLINE TODAY:

- Visit stambroseonline.com and click on On-Line Giving
- Select your fund
- Select your donation amount and frequency
- Enter in your account and payment information

It's Safe! It's Simple! It's Convenient!



Many Thanks

We sadly say good-bye to Bobby and Lou Stepic (also their son, Vic) as they step down as housekeepers for both the rectory and our Church. After many years of service, they have decided to relax and

retire. It has been through their diligent hard work that our Church and rectory have been the shining showcases of our parish and the Garrettsville community. We wish them good health and happiness! We will miss them!

Are You Registered?

To avoid problems or misunderstandings, especially when planning baptisms, marriages, etc., be sure that you are registered and active. To register, call the rectory at 330-527-4105. One way to show you are active means to use your weekly contribution envelopes. That way, the computer will not deactivate you.

Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

The men of the Knights of Columbus cordially invite all families of the parish to their monthly "Social" Meeting/Cookout this Monday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m. outside near the chicken pits. Please contact Bob May at 330-527-0074 for additional information.

Worship Committee Chairman

We are currently in need of a chairperson for our wonderful Worship Committee. I need to step aside due to some life changes and will no longer be able to head this committee. As a committee, we decorate the church for the various seasons of the church year. We bring forth the atmosphere of praising and rejoicing. The committee meets once a month, starting in August and running through May. The chairperson also holds a seat on the Pastoral Council and reports to council what is happening within the committee. We have very talented people on this committee who will work well with you. If you have an eye for decorating our parish, want to work with talented other parishioners, and add your ideas at Pastoral Council, please call 330-204-5568 and let me answer your questions. Please prayerfully consider this awesome committee position!

God's Blessings, Sue

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, August 23
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Monday, August 24
6:00 p.m. K of C Social Meeting/Cookout (parish grounds)

Sunday, August 30
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Confession

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Father Ed at 330-575-9105 to arrange an appointment.

Sponsor Certificates

Will you be needing a Sponsor Certificate? To be a Sponsor at a Baptism or Confirmation, you must be practicing your Faith (that is attending Mass regularly, supporting your parish & leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith). To receive a Sponsor Certificate, you must be a registered member of St. Ambrose Church, who has already received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist & Confirmation. To be a Sponsor is an honor & a life-long responsibility. For more information, please call the rectory at 330-527-4105.

Join the Ministry of Care

If you have a prayer request or would like to become a St. Ambrose prayer warrior, please email your information to ministryofprayersa@gmail.com. Prayer requests will be sent to members at the beginning of each month via email in the form of an attached letter. For prayers needed in between the monthly letter you can simply send your request to the same email, and all members who are on the email chain will receive it. If you do not have access to email, you can contact the rectory to request a copy to be mailed to you.

Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat, One-Day Retreat for Engaged Couples

On the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for \$65.00 per couple:

September 19, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

October 24, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

Brochures or on-line registration may be found on the diocesan website at www.doy.org (click the "Ministries" tab and click on "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life"), or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocations

"Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skkopp@youngstowndiocese.org.



Be Aware of Scamming

Fr. Ed's email continues to have issues with hackers that pop up every few months. If you receive a suspicious email or text that looks like it's from him, please do not respond and report it as phishing and/or mark it as spam. Please pay close attention to the email address or number it's coming from (you will notice it's not from estafford@stjosephmantua.com). In fact, Fr. Ed most likely won't send out emails or texts but rather will communicate with a phone call or in person. Thank you for helping to deter these fraudulent attacks. For more information on how to recognize and avoid phishing scams, go to: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>.