

# St. Ambrose Church and St. Michael Church

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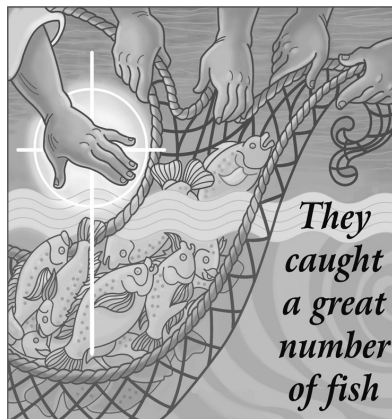
## Parish Staff

Mrs. Susan Pickett  
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## Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018



## Sacrament of the Eucharist Mass Schedule

September - May

St. Ambrose Church  
Saturday.....5:00 pm  
Sunday.....11:15 am  
Weekday.....8:00 am

St. Michael Church  
Sunday.....9:00 am

Holy Day.....watch the bulletin  
for location and time

June - August (to be announced)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard the first Saturday at 4:00 PM at St. Ambrose and the first Sunday at 8:15 AM at St. Michael, 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 (September through April) Sundays 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (Youth Ministry).

### 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.A. Adapted for Children" 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, Dec. 15, Sunday Liturgy**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA) The sick of St. Ambrose & St. Michael  
 (Friedel Family)

**Sunday, Dec. 16, Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Peter Byich (Sam Byich)  
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Charles Payne (Norma & Pat Mack)

**Monday, Dec. 17, Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Sandy Danku (Family)

**Tuesday, Dec. 18, Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Mary Ann Wardle

**Wednesday, Dec. 19, Late Advent Weekday**  
 No Mass

**Thursday, Dec. 20, Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the parishioners

**Friday, Dec. 21, Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Sylvester Painley  
 (Wife Dolores & Fm.)

**Saturday, Dec. 22, Sunday Liturgy**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Santo Scopilliti (Scopilliti Family)

**Sunday, Dec. 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Marcia M. Byich (Husband, Sam)  
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Frank Podojil, Jr.  
 (James Podojil Family)

**Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SM) - St. Michael**

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24,  
 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,  
 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;  
 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;  
 Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Dec. 22-23**

**Saturday, Dec. 22**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA)

Altar Server:	L. Barcikoski, H. Timmons
Euch. Min.:	L. Stapleton, L. Barcikoski, J. Hammar
Lector:	M. Schmidt
Usher/Greeter:	K. & C. Painley

**Sunday, Dec. 23**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM)

Altar Server:	S. Esposito
Euch. Min.:	D. Kohut, N. Baker
Lector:	D. Smith

**Sunday, Dec. 23**  
 11:15 a.m. (SA)

Altar Server:	L. & I. Blohm
Euch. Min.:	M. Szabaga, D. McCullough, D. Ashachik
Lector:	J. McCullough
Usher/Greeter:	D. & C. Crane, M. Pesecky

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:  
 (Psalm 12)

**Cry out with joy and gladness:  
 for among you is the great  
 and Holy One of Israel.**

**God's Summons**

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me." We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything. What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Christmas Concert**

Today's the day! Come let us adore Him at the St. Ambrose Christmas Choral Concert at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon in the church. This festive and celestial musical performance is the perfect way to start off your Christmas.



**Christmas Offering**

When using your Christmas envelope this year, please prayerfully consider the amount you are able to give. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. If you need a Christmas offering envelope, they are available in the vestibule.

**Christmas Confessions**

Confessions for Christmas will be:  
 December 20 --- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (St. Ambrose)

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve --- 5:00 p.m. (St. Ambrose)  
 Christmas Eve --- 5:00 p.m. (St. Michael)  
 Christmas Eve --- 9:00 p.m. (St. Ambrose)  
 Christmas Day --- 10:00 a.m. (St. Ambrose)

**Liturgical Ministers for Christmas**

If you are scheduled for any of the Christmas Masses, please note the schedule in today's bulletin which clarifies liturgical ministers and Mass times. **Altar servers** are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes early.

**PSR AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



**PSR Christmas Program**

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus at our annual Christmas program today, Sunday, Dec. 16. Students in grades K, 1, and 7 offer this gift of the Christmas spirit to you. Coffee and cookies at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:15 a.m., at the JAG Elementary School.

**No PSR and Youth Ministry**

There will be no PSR or Youth Ministry on Sunday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 30. Classes resume on Jan. 6.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation classes will begin Jan. 13. The classes will be held at JAG Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room PD1. All candidates and their sponsors are required to attend. The schedule is: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17. Confirmation retreat will be Jan. 26 & 27 at St. Joseph in Mantua. Confirmation will be held on April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral.

**New Parish Calendars**

Once again this year Carlson Funeral Home has provided us with our parish calendars. They are available in the vestibule.



**Memorial Tree**

Our tree in the vestibule is now a "Memorial" Tree. You are invited to bring in an ornament with the name of a loved one attached and place it on the tree. We will remember them in our prayers.

**Oplatke (Christmas Wafer)**

For those who observe this tradition of using the "Christmas Wafer" with their Christmas Eve or Christmas Day meal, the wafer is available in the vestibule. Each envelope contains four wafers. A \$2.00 donation is asked for each envelope.

**Peterson Nuts**

The women of the 2019 renewal team are selling Peterson's Nuts after masses at St. Ambrose and St. Michael, just in time for your holiday table or gifting. Your contribution to our fund raiser helps pay for women attending our CRHP renewal weekend on May 4-5, 2019.

**Youth Ministry Mass for Life in Washington DC**

St. Ambrose and St. Michael Youth Ministry will be attending the national March for Life and Youth Mass for Life in Washington DC on January 18, 2019. This will be a charter bus trip and several other area Youth Groups will be attending with us. We have been fundraising all year, but this is an expensive, yet worthwhile, endeavor. Our cost ends up being around \$60.00 per attendee. If you would like to financially support our trip, please consider sponsoring one of our young attendees. We hope to have about twenty of us attend. Your donation could be dropped in the offering basket or sent to the rectory, payable to St. Ambrose Youth Ministry.



**Married Couples**

Worn out from the Holidays? Feeling stressed? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? Bring some warmth and refreshed intimacy back into your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter® Weekend. Winter dates: Jan. 19-20 at St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights, or Feb. 15-17 at the Hartville Comfort Suites. Info: [www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330-305-9963.

**Save the Date**

CRHP Women's Renewal Team will be hosting their Annual Italian Night on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church hall. Please join us for lasagna, socializing and a silent auction.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH	
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	
10:00 a.m.	PSR/Christmas Program (JAG Elem. School)
10:00 a.m.	Youth Ministry (JAG Elem. School)
3:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert (church)
8:00 p.m.	AA (hall)
<b>Tuesday, December 18</b>	
6:45 p.m.	Bingo (hall)
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (church)
<b>Thursday, December 20</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Confessions (church)
<b>Saturday, December 22</b>	
4:30 p.m.	Praying the Rosary (church)
<b>Sunday, December 23</b>	
8:00 p.m.	AA (hall)

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,788.00**

**A Jolly Good Time!**

Many thanks to the men of the Knights of Columbus and their wives who hosted "Breakfast With Santa" for the children of our parish. Santa was quite impressed with all the good boys and girls of St. Ambrose parish!

**Bingo at St. Ambrose (Cookie Exchange)**

Doors open on Tuesday, December 18, at 5:45 p.m. Games (early bird) start at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall. Workers: J. Hoffmann, J. Evitts, P. James, T. Gushura, M. Gibbs, M. Kenesky.

**Children's Envelopes**

The 2019 church envelopes for use by the children of the parish are in the vestibule.

**Christmas Ca\$h Winners**

The Christmas Ca\$h raffle has been a great success thanks to the many who purchased tickets. The daily drawing began on December 1 and runs through Christmas day when the winning ticket will win \$500.00. Congratulations to the following winners:

- December 3 – \$ 50.00 – Ken Pike**
- December 4 – \$ 50.00 – Mark Rainey**
- December 5 – \$ 50.00 – Mary Furillo**
- December 6 – \$ 50.00 – Andrea Barrett**
- December 7 – \$ 50.00 – Charlotte Gravatt**
- December 8 – \$ 50.00 – Raymond Brom**
- December 9 – \$ 100.00 – Barbara Hill**

(Because the bulletin is sent out early in the week to the company who prints it, we will publish the winners of each week in the following week's bulletin.)

**Sister Parish Envelope**

In your contribution packets, there is a specially marked envelope for those who wish to make a monetary donation to our brothers and sisters at our "sister parish" in El Salvador, San Rafael. You can be assured that whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated and will help further the mission of the Church in one of the poorest areas of our world.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Anyone interested in reforming the Prayer Shawl Ministry should contact Marie Elium at 330-322-8561 or email her at [eliums4gmail.com](mailto:eliums4gmail.com).

**Ministry of Care: Prayer Request**

If you have a special prayer request, please let Trish Danku know. You can call Trish at home in the evenings at 330-802-2463 or email her at [gdanku@neo.rr.com](mailto:gdanku@neo.rr.com). Please put St. Ambrose Prayer Team in the subject line when you email her.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH	
<b>Thursday, Dec. 20</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Bingo (hall)

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$695.00**

**Many Thanks**

...to all those who helped in any way with lunch with Santa at St. Michael Church on Sunday, Dec. 2.

**Bingo at St. Michael**

Doors open this Thursday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **Floor Crew:** A. Olson, N. Kendrick, J. Crofford. **Kitchen Crew:** K. Olson. Please come and support St. Michael Bingo! There is a chance to win one of several jackpots!

**Hall Rental**

If you would like to rent St. Michael Parish Hall, please contact Barry Cree at 330-326-2420.