

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



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Sacrament of the Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Sunday11:00 a.m. (Mass)
Monday.....6:30 p.m. (Mass)
Tuesday.....8:00 a.m. (Mass)
Monday.....6:00 p.m. (Reconciliation)
Holy Day - watch the bulletin for location and time

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory at 330-527-4105 to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact the rectory at 330-527-4105 at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. Marriage preparation includes sessions with the priest.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated every year 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.

Religious Education Classes

PSR and Journey (September through April) on Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (Journey).

Order of Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA)

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 at 330-527-4105.

Bulletin Deadline

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

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St. Ambrose (Garrettsville)

Sun. 11:00 am Mass, Mon. 6:30 pm Mass, Tues. 8:00 am Mass
RECONCILIATION - Mon. 6:00 pm, ROSARY - Sun. 10:25 am

St. Joseph (Mantua)

Sat. 5:00 pm Mass, Sun. 9:00 am Mass,
Wed. 6:30 pm Mass, Thur. 8:00 am Mass
RECONCILIATION - Wed. 6:00 pm, ROSARY - Sat. 4:20 pm
ADORATION - Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Aurora)

Mon. 9:15 am Morning Prayer, Tues. - Fri. 9:00 am Mass,
Tues. 6:30 pm Mass, Sat. 4:30 pm Mass,
Sun. 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass
RECONCILIATION - Tues 6:00 pm, Sat. 3:30 pm
ROSARY - after weekday morning Mass
ADORATION - Tues. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

St. Joan of Arc (Streetsboro)

Mon. 8:30 am Communion Service, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am Mass
Sat. 5:00 pm Mass, Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass
RECONCILIATION - Sat. 4:00 pm
ROSARY - before weekday liturgy
ADORATION - First Thur. 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, Feb. 11, Sunday Liturgy**

5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Feb. 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) Austin Covey (Family)
White Family (Larry Stapleton)**Monday, Feb. 13, Weekday**6:30 p.m. (SA) Jack DeSalvo
(John & Debbie Kostrub)**Tuesday, Feb. 14, Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day**

8:00 a.m. (SA) Dolores Minisall (Chuck Milko)

Wednesday, Feb. 15, Weekday

6:30 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, Feb. 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Friday, Feb. 17, Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, Feb. 18, Sunday Liturgy

5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Feb. 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) George Gauthier, Ortrun Gauthier,
Jean Marvin (Jeanette Halterman)**Mission Statement**

Through our baptism, we, the family of Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, are chosen and called to be the body of Christ. As a community of faith, we gather to give thanks and praise to God through prayer, worship, and the celebration of the sacraments. Gifted by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue the mission of Jesus by sharing our faith and reaching out to others in justice, mercy, and love. Together, we strive to grow stronger in our love for God and one another.

Warm Hearts for Warm Homes

Catholic Charities annual "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" campaign was held on Sunday, January 29. This important winter collection aims to provide utility assistance during the cold winter months to families with children, working poor adults and other adults on fixed incomes. The funds raised are returned to the county in which they are collected. Thank you for your support of \$200.00.

Gifts of Jerusalem

Handcrafted items carved from olive wood by the Christian families in the Holy Land will be available for sale in the vestibule this weekend. These beautiful items aren't made in a factory. There are some 100 Christian families who make the statues, rosaries, Nativities and crosses. Families have workshops at their homes with this tradition handed down from generation to generation. Fair Trade provides for fair market value of the products made by the families who depend on the sales for their livelihood. For a look at the items or for more information, please visit <https://www.giftsofjerusalem.com>.

**Virtual Reverse Raffle**

St. Ambrose Church's Reverse Raffle Committee invites you to their St. Patrick's Day Virtual Raffle on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Watch live on FB (<http://www.Facebook.com/StAmbroseCatholicChurch>) as numbers are pulled. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each and one time buy backs available for an additional \$20.00. Gift baskets given away for every 20th number pulled. Grand prize for the final number is \$1,000.00. A lottery prize will be given to the runner up (new this year). Winner need not be present. Tickets available to purchase after Mass at St. Ambrose or by calling Marlene Szabaga 330-858-0458, Jackie Rinearson 216-375-0709 and Jen Barcikowski 440-635-6967. Cash, check, Zelle or Venmo accepted.

February 22, Ash Wednesday Masses/Services

- + St. Ambrose: 8:00 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. service
- + Hiram College: 12:00 p.m. service
- + St Joan of Arc: 8:30 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. service, and 7:00 p.m. Mass
- + Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Masses at 9:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- + St. Joseph: 6:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 10:25 a.m. in the Church.

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00

Sunday's (02/05/23) Collection: \$2,013.00

On-Line Giving (02/05/23): \$ 791.00

Warm Hearts For Warm Homes: \$ 200.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Feb. 19

Sunday, February 19, 11:00 a.m.

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| Reader: | J. Brookover |
| Usher/Greeter: | T. Danku, J. Pesecky |
| Altar Server: | I. Blohm, R. Kasper |
| Extraordinary Ministers: | M. Szabaga, T. Szabaga, P. Hagan (choir) |

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
(Psalm 119)

**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Blessed, blessed are they.**

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS**Palm Burning and Social**

Join JOURNEY and PSR students immediately following Mass on February 19 in the St. Ambrose courtyard for burning of palms. The ashes will be our ashes for upcoming Ash Wednesday services. Palm burning will be followed immediately by a social lunch in the church hall. ALL ARE WELCOME! Lunch and beverages will be provided. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

2023 Bishop's Appeal One in Hope, One in Mission

The Bishop's Appeal helps to support our diocesan ministries including seminarian formation and the Office of Vocations, the Office of Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown (CTNY). **Our parish was given an Appeal goal of \$15,000 to contribute towards the diocesan goal.** Bishop Bonnar is counting on our support of the 2023 Bishop's Appeal to reach our goal. Thank you to those members of our parish who responded early to the Appeal. Please submit a completed response card or pew envelope. Thank you in advance for your response.

Lenten Season Regulations

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. All Catholics are encouraged to participate in the traditional Lenten practice of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast and abstinence** – one full meal and two smaller meals for persons 18 thru 59 years of age; no meat for persons 14 years and older. All Fridays during Lent are days of **abstinence** – no meat for persons 14 years and older. There is no obligation to fast during the weekdays of Lent; however voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged.

The Order of Christian Initiation

.... meets Thursdays from October through May at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The instruction is offered for adults who wish to join the church, complete their formation, or simply know more about their Catholic Faith. Please feel welcome to join us any time.

Feb. 16 - The End Times / Prophecy Fulfilled

Feb. 23 - Who is Jesus Christ?

Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference

We are pleased to announce that Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown has set this year's Men's Conference for Saturday, March 25. This year's theme is on the Eucharist and is titled "This is my Body." Join your fellow Catholic brothers on March 25 at JFK Catholic High School in Warren, Ohio. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop David Bonnar. Throughout the conference, you will hear from engaging speakers on topics related to the Eucharist, including Why Adoration?, What is the "Real Presence?", What do I believe?, and the Coming activities of the Eucharistic Renewal in the diocese. **Our featured speakers include...**

- Fr. Ryan Furlong, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna, Ohio
- Dr. Ben Safranski, D.R.E. Christ Our Savior Parish, in Struthers, Ohio
- Fr. John-Michael Lavelle, Pastor of St Michael Parish, in Canfield, Ohio.

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired, motivated and educated on the Eucharist. Admission is free but reservations are required. To reserve your seat go to <https://www.cmfdoj.org/2023-mens-conference-registration/>.

An Invitation

Bishop Bonnar invites couples who are married civilly but not in the Church to inquire about beginning the validation process ("having your marriage recognized by the Church.") Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inquire about beginning the necessary steps leading to the validation of your marriage.

Children's Envelopes

The 2023 church envelopes for children are in the vestibule.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, February 12

All Day Cal's Restaurant - K of C Fundraiser
9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Monday, February 13

7:30 p.m. K of C Business Meeting (hall)

Wednesday, February 15

All day Cal's Restaurant - K of C Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)

Thursday, February 16

All day Cal's Restaurant - K of C Fundraiser

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. PSR (JAG Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)
10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)
12:00 p.m. Palm Burning and Social (courtyard/hall)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Knights of Columbus

The men of the St. Ambrose K of C will have their monthly business meeting this Monday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

The St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus is hosting a charity fundraiser through Cal's Restaurant in Garrettsville on February 11, 12, 15, & 16. Flyers are in the vestibule.

Women's Renewal Weekend

April 22-23 ~ Camp Asbury. All women 18 years and older are invited to attend. The weekend begins with 7:30 a.m. check-in on Saturday and ends by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is a free, two-day gathering of adult Christian women (Catholic & non Catholic) coming together in faith to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and other Christian women. Take some time for yourself, come enjoy fellowship, laughs, and much more! Self care includes your spirit. Ladies, it can start with renewal.

Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival

All are invited to join the second half of the Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival with opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours in a different county of the diocese each month. The Holy Hour will begin with a brief understanding of the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by time spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Our next celebration will be today, Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish (Hubbard). Please consider joining us as we spend time in prayer with our Lord. In subsequent months, we will visit other parishes throughout the diocese:

- Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Streetsboro (March 19)
- Corpus Christi Parish, Conneaut (April 16)
- Saint Jude Parish, Columbiana (May 21)

Please make sure to mark your calendar for the Holy Hour in your county.

Fabulous Fish Dinners



St. William Church, 5411 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Champion, is sponsoring a Fish Dinner beginning on Friday, February 17, 2023 "New This Year!" New Times for Dinners: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. New Price: \$13.00 (First price increase since 2019. The price of fish increased over \$30.00 per case this year.)

Our Sunday Bulletin

Every bulletin that you receive is paid for through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised. Most are members of our local community and many belong to our Parish. We urge you to consider using one of these businesses for your needs. Be sure to tell the owners that you appreciate their support.