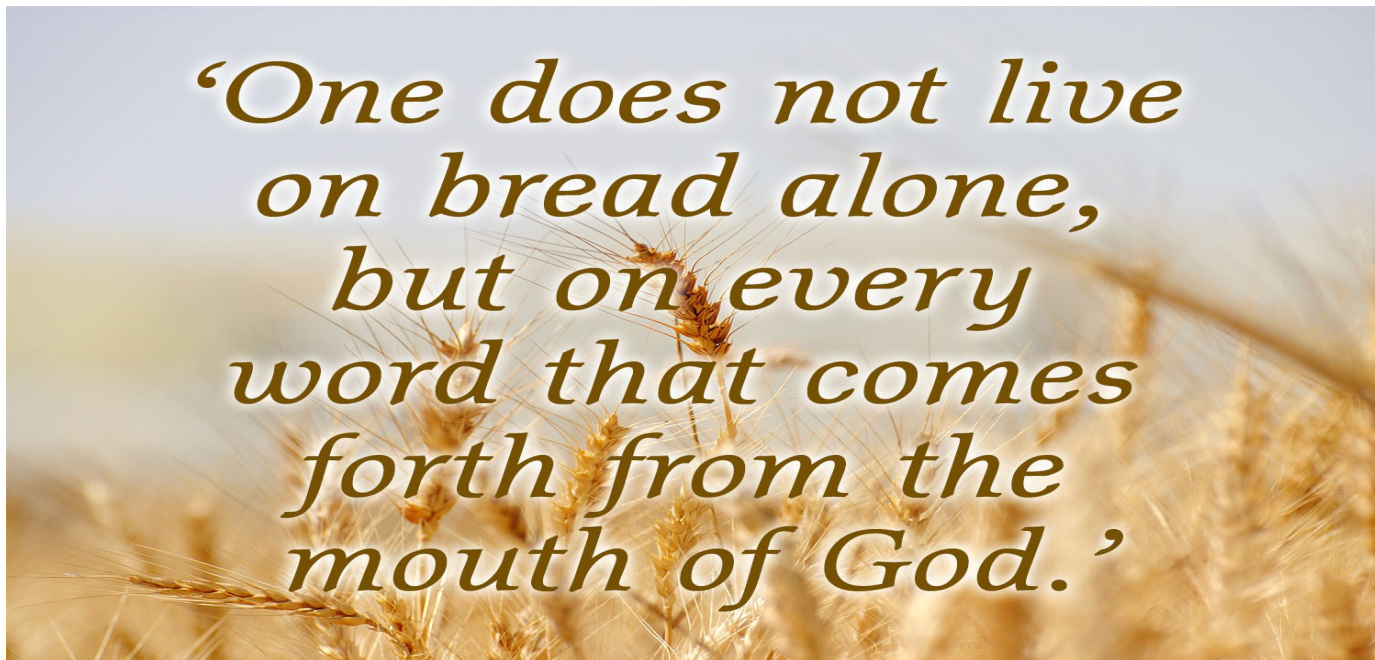


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



Parish Staff

Rev. Shawn Conoboy, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Ruggieri, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Steven Gies, Permanent Deacon
Margaret Haney, PSR & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Teresa Motz, Director of Music
Gloria Kuhn, Parish Secretary
Michele Manderbach, Parish Bookkeeper

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, February 25, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) Sick & Suffering (A. & R. Society)
 Jack DeSalvo (Dave & Kathy DeSalvo)

Monday, February 27, Lenten Weekday
 6:30 p.m. (SA) Frank and LaVerne Friedel (Family)

Tuesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) George Gauthier (Family)

Wednesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday
 6:30 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, March 2, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Friday, March 3, Lenten Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, March 4, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) John Pickett (John & Sue Wolanin)
 Rudolph & Cary Bobnar (Ruth Coz)

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
 Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
 Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00

Sunday's (02/19/23) Collection: \$1,673.00

On-Line Giving (02/19/23): \$ 325.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for March 5

Sunday, March 5, 11:00 a.m.

Reader: D. Vincent
 Usher/Greeter: J. Leonard, B. Voytko
 Altar Server: M. Walker, C. Milko
 Extraordinary Ministers: J. Brookover, D. Eggert,
 P. Hagan (choir)

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 51)

**Be merciful, O Lord,
 for we have sinned, we have sinned.**

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.



Lenten Season Regulations

The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. 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.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal
 One in Hope, One in Mission**

Just a few days ago we began our annual observance of Lent. We know that this sacred time is characterized by our increased awareness of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We unite closer to God in our daily conversations with him; we examine those things that keep us from placing him at the center of our lives; and we focus on the ways we can extend God's blessings in our own lives to the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. A wonderful way we as a diocesan family come together to do just that is through our support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**. Sixty cents of every dollar raised goes to the service of our brothers and sisters in need through the compassionate ministry of Catholic Charities in our six counties. The remaining 40 cents is used to enhance a wide variety of ministries in our parishes, schools, and other institutions throughout the diocese. Together, we are working to raise \$4,000,000 to fulfill our mission. **Our parish share of that goal is \$15,000.00**. Please complete and return your pledge card, either received in the mail or picked up at Church, as soon as possible. Your support is invaluable in our reaching our goal. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Through our shared commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we hope, "That all may be one!"

Eat, Pray and Give: Lenten Fridays

The Worship Committee will be having a meatless, light meal on each Friday during the Lenten Season here at St. Ambrose. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall with either the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet following at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted to go to various charitable organizations. **This Friday, March 3, is the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Fish Dinners

St. William Church, 5411 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Champion, is sponsoring a Lenten meal every Friday (February 17 thru March 31) from 4:00 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. Fish Dinners are \$13.00.

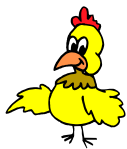
PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS

Palm Burning and Social

Many thanks to all that came to the palm burning after Mass last Sunday. A special thanks is extended to the committee who planned and hosted the social.

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

Today, February 26, our OCIA candidates will be celebrating the Rite of Sending in their respective Portage North Churches. From the Sending, they will proceed to the Cathedral of St. Columba for the Rite of Election with Bishop David Bonnar. This Rite begins the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, during which our catechumens, candidates, and their sponsors will begin an intense cycle of prayer and reflection leading up to the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8. Please keep these catechumens and candidates in your prayers: **Ada Friend**, St. Ambrose Parish, **Gary Sukowatey**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, **Jacqueline Rooth**, St. Joseph Parish, **Ryan Strainer**, St. Joseph Parish, **Laura Matulac**, St. Joan of Arc Parish, **Elliot Matulac**, St. Joan of Arc Parish, and **Michael Turk**, St. Joan of Arc Parish.



Chicken Dinner Festival 2023

It's time once again to begin planning our Annual Chicken Dinner Festival. Members of the Festival Committee will meet after Mass today, Sunday, February 26, at 12:00 p.m. in the **rectory**. Any parishioner wanting to serve on this committee is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. As you know, the success of our 62nd annual festival depends on the hard work of many parishioners! Hope to see you there!

The Order of Christian Initiation

The OCIA 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 at any time:

Mar. 2 - Sin, Guilt, Redemption

Mar. 9 - Nicene Creed OCIA (formerly RCIA)

For more information about this and other adult education opportunities, please contact Peg Haney at phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

Communications Coordinator

Pastors Shawn Conoboy and Chris Luoni are pleased to announce the hiring of Marcy Fleming as Portage North Region Communication Coordinator. The new role was created to bring about more effective communications in the Portage North region which includes the parishes of St. Ambrose (Garrettsville), St. Joan of Arc (Streetsboro), St. Joseph (Mantua) and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Aurora). As Communications Coordinator, Fleming will work with each of the pastors, deacons, and staff to ensure that communication among the four collaborating parishes is consistent, engaging, and timely for the people they serve. This will help to coordinate the collaboration process of the four parishes in the initial startup phase, and work to effectively move towards a cohesive plan that will meet the pastoral needs of all four parishes. A New England native, Marcy Fleming earned her bachelor's degree in marketing from Bryant College in Rhode Island. After extensive professional experience in office administration with Hitachi, she stayed home to raise her two children. Later, when her family moved to Birmingham, AL, she found a welcoming and vibrant parish where she converted to Catholicism. There, in addition to being an avid volunteer at her children's Catholic school, Marcy worked as assistant director for the parish school of religion, and in the parish office until the family moved to Mantua, Ohio in 2021. In Mantua she began working at St. Joseph parish. She has been married to her loving husband, Don Fleming since 1996, and they have two children; Christian and Audrey who both attend college in the Midwest. Commenting on her new role, Fleming says, "This is an exciting opportunity for me to serve. When I saw the ad for the position, I felt the Holy Spirit say "this is it" and felt led to apply. I feel blessed to be able to serve the faithful of our region in this way."

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
 9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)
 10:25 a.m. Praying the Rosary (church)
 12:00 p.m. Baptism - Ellie Dekome (church)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Monday, February 27

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Social (hall)

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)

Friday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Eat, Pray, & Give (hall/church)

Sunday, March 5

9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
 9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)
 10:25 a.m. Praying the Rosary (church)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Baptized in Christ

This weekend we welcome **Ellie Reese Dekome** into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Ellie is the daughter of Erik and Kacey. Welcome!

Knights of Columbus February Social

The Knights of Columbus February social will be held this Monday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

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 tree 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 at 330-858-0458, Jackie Rinearson at 216-375-0709 or Jen Barcikowski at 440-635-6967.

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.

Clothing Drives

Donations of clean, wearable condition clothing for all ages as well as diapers (especially sizes 4-6) and wipes are welcome on Clothing Drive Weekends before and after Masses at St. Joseph Church. Please have all clothes folded and bagged. Accessories items (shoes, belts, purses, etc.) and bedding will also be accepted (no pillows or furniture). Plastic hangers are also welcome. Place in the all purpose room in the school. **Clothing Drives: February 25/26, May 13/14 & 20/21, August 19/20 & 26/27 and November 18/19 & 25/26.**

Free Clothing Giveaways

St. Joseph Cares will be holding a Free Clothing Giveaway for the greater Crestwood area four times this year. A collaborative effort of area churches providing free clothing to families in need, the events will be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in an upstairs classroom in the school building. You do not need to be a resident, there is no limit, and no questions are asked. **Upcoming Giveaways: March 11** (includes prom dresses!), **June 6, September 9, December 9.**