

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# Saint Ambrose

*“Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will  
be great in heaven”.*



## 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

Sunday .....11:00 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, Jan. 28, Sunday Liturgy**

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

**Sunday, Jan. 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 a.m. (SA) Jack DeSalvo (John & Debbie Kostrub)  
Respect For Life (A & R Society)**Monday, Jan. 30, Weekday**

6:30 p.m. (SA) John Hyden (Family)

**Tuesday, Jan. 31, St. John Bosco**

8:00 a.m. (SA) George Gauthier (Family)

**Wednesday, Feb. 1, Weekday**

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

**Thursday, Feb. 2, The Presentation**

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

**Friday, Feb. 3, Weekday**

No Mass

**Saturday, Feb. 4, Sunday Liturgy**

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

**Sunday, Feb. 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 a.m. (SA) George Gauthier (Paul & Mary Hagan)  
Dolores Minisall (Chuck Milko)**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.

**Thank You**

Thanks to all of the dedicated Women's Renewal Team who cooked, donated and helped out in any way for the **Italian Night Dinner**. Thanks to those who donated to the Chinese Auction and finally to everyone who came to the dinner!! It was a wonderful night and the funds raised will go towards the 2023 Women's Renewal Weekend on April 22-23.

**Warm Hearts for Warm Homes**

(Formerly known as Keep the Kids Warm) Catholic Charities annual "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" campaign will be held this weekend, January 28/29. 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. More information about Warm Hearts for Warm Homes, including ways to support this campaign with your prayers and financial support, can be found on our website ([www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)). Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.

**Old Palms for Ash Wednesday Ashes**

Please bring your old palms to church. Our Youth Group (Journey) will participate in a prayer service in which the palms will be burned. The ashes from the burned palms will be used on Ash Wednesday (February 22). Place palms in the basket in the vestibule.

**Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SJ) - St. Joseph****Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00****On-Line Giving (01/15/23): \$ 415.00****Sunday's (01/22/23) Collection: \$1,926.00****On-Line Giving (01/22/23): \$ 635.00****Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Feb. 5****Sunday, February 5, 11:00 a.m.**

Reader:	D. Smith
Usher/Greeter:	D. & C. Crane
Altar Server:	A. Blohm, T. Kasper
Extraordinary Ministers:	J. Brookover, D. Eggert, P. Hagan (choir)

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:  
(Psalm 146)

**Blessed the poor in spirit,  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS****First Reconciliation**

This past Wednesday evening, seven children from the St. Joseph and St. Ambrose communities made their First Reconciliation:

**Aidan Orlowski****Evie Ehle****Elley Furner****Alexander Globokar****Matthew Kalman****Emily Kennerknecht****Perri Ventresco**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

**Confirmation Retreat**

Yesterday (01/28/23), over sixty students from the Portage North Communities (St. Ambrose, St. Joseph, St. Joan of Arc and Our Lady of Perpetual Help) gathered for a Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph Church. Please pray for our Confirmation Class at St. Ambrose as they continue their work toward Confirmation in April:

**Isabella Blohm****Riley Eisenmann****Charlotte Gibbs****Thomas McGinnis****Madelyn Smerkar****Hannah Timmons****Wyatt Tomasek****Theadora Kasper**

**2022 Statement of Contribution**

If you need a Statement of Contribution for tax purposes, call the rectory at 330-527-4105. Leave your name and address and a statement will be mailed to you. **Only statements that are requested will be mailed.**



**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 330-858-0458, Jackie Rinearson 216-375-0709 and Jen Barcikowski 440-635-6967. Cash, check, Zelle or Venmo accepted.

**Men's Renewal Weekend**

February 18-19 ~ Hughes Hall & School. Take some time for yourself. Come enjoy fellowship, laughs, and good food. This is a weekend you will not regret and never forget. Come for yourself, your wife, your son, your daughter. We gather at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and end with Mass on Sunday afternoon. You will be fed in mind, body, and spirit. You're guaranteed to leave FULL. It is absolutely FREE for all men 18 years and older.

**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.

**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. 2 - The People of God
- Feb. 9 - Church History
- Feb. 16 - The End Times / Prophecy Fulfilled
- Feb. 23 - Who is Jesus Christ?

**Ecology & the Theology of Creation Conference**

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father calls on Catholics to take up our role as stewards of creation. While there has been lots of discussion on the practical implementation of the encyclical, there has been very little discussion on its call to reflect on the theology of creation. This conference will look at ecology from within the Catholic tradition, seeking to understand how it can both be better understood from within this tradition and how the tradition can help guide the implementation of *Laudato Si'*. For more information, see <https://stbasil institute.org/conference/>

**Project Rachel Outreach**

Give Thanks for God's Mercy! He wants to Forgive and Heal after an abortion experience. For CONFIDENTIAL help text or call Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio at 330- 360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH**

**Sunday, January 29**

- 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)

**Wednesday, February 1**

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

**Sunday, February 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)

**Just a Reminder!**

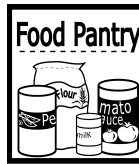
When entering Church for Mass, please be mindful of other parishioners who may be saying the Rosary or in prayer or meditation before the start of Mass. There are times when the volume of the conversations get a bit on the loud side. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

**Marriage Preparation engaged Couple Retreat Day**

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on Saturday, February 4 and March 4 in the social hall at St. Columba Cathedral. Reservations are required. Registration information may be found for the event at [www.doy.org/events](http://www.doy.org/events). You can also visit DOY.org, go to the "Ministries" dropdown menu and click "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life." The schedule of Engaged Couple Retreats for 2023 is forthcoming. Direct link for registration: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4479d9>. For more information on this and other opportunities for marriage preparation formation, please contact David Schmidt at [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

Bishop David Bonnar will celebrate the annual World Day for Consecrated Life Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Saint Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual diocesan celebration of Consecrated Life. Light refreshments will follow in the Cathedral Parish Hall.



**The Food Bank**

The first Sunday of the month is always the time parishioners show their generosity by "brown bagging" donations for the local food pantry. If you have never donated before, perhaps next weekend you will consider bringing a bag of non-perishable food or cleaning products.

Please check the expiration date of the food items before you donate them!

**Parish Registration**

It is our policy and desire to serve the needs of Saint Ambrose parishioners. We welcome you. Families and young adults (age 18 and over) should make efforts to become registered members of the parish. Even if you are not in a position to contribute regularly, it is important to be registered for us to take care of your pastoral needs (funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc.). To register, please call the rectory during the week or drop this slip into the collection basket and we will send you parish information:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_