

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
Saint Ambrose

JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

**“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36

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JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Ed at 330-575-9105 to arrange an appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent/Lent.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call Fr. Ed Stafford at 330-575-9105 to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact Fr. Ed Stafford 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 Diocesan Vocation Office at 330-744-8451. Women discerning a call to religious life are also invited to call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

Religious Education Classes

PSR and Journey (September through April) on Sundays 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (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 at 330-527-4105.

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 at the rectory at 330-527-4105.

Bulletin Deadline

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
Sunday, June 27, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) Larry Coz (Joe Brookover, Sr.)
 Ann Pocaró (Pat & Tammie Mack)
Monday, June 28, St. Irenaeus
 No Mass
Tuesday, June 29, Ss. Peter & Paul
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
Wednesday, June 30, Weekday
 No Mass
Thursday, July 1, Weekday
 No Mass
Friday, July 2, Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) George & Irene Gano
 (John & Debbie Kostrub)
Saturday, July 3, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
Sunday, July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) Santo Scopilliti (Wife, Mona)
 Austin Covey (Family)

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
 Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;
 Mk 6:1-6a

Weekly Amount Needed: \$3,000.00
Sunday's (06/20/21) Collection: \$1,645.00
On-Line Giving (06/20/21): \$ 280.00
First Step for Change: \$ 175.00
Maintenance Fund: \$ 245.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for July 4

Sunday, July 4, 11:00 a.m.
 Lector: D. Smith
 Usher/Greeter: L. & J. Barcikoski

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 30)

**I will praise, praise you, Lord,
 for you have rescued me**

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.

Jesus' Example of Helping Others

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point. After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



School Supply Drive

Catholic Charities of Portage County is asking for donations of school supplies for area children who are in need. If you would like to donate items, please bring them with you to Mass any weekend between now and Sunday, July 25. Items needed are: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, notebook paper, binders, folders, rulers, crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue, glue sticks, lunch boxes, pencil boxes, book covers, book bags, etc. On behalf of the many children who will be helped by your generosity...thank you!

First Step for Change

Thanks to all of you who have participated in Catholic Charities' First Step for Change campaign. The funds collected through this effort will be used to help low-income pregnant women and parents-to-be give their children a healthy start in life. If expectant parents do not have access to food, shelter, clothing and essential items – like cribs or car seats – their children are at-risk from the very beginning. All money collected by our parish will help families in our community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The **R.C.I.A.** is a formation process for adults (18 years of age and older) who wish to become Catholic. Classes are held in the rectory or church hall for learning, faith sharing and fellowship. The culmination of the R.C.I.A. is at the Easter Vigil at which time we will celebrate the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming Catholic and being involved in the R.C.I.A. classes, please call the rectory.

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS

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.)

St. Joseph's (Mantua) Ox Roast Fair

Last year was a tough year for all of us, but we made it. St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hitting the ground running with the Ox Roast Fair, which is being held on **July 16, 17, & 18**. They'll have a few changes this year and maybe some last minute changes as the Diocese of Youngstown and the Governor of Ohio progress through this pandemic. At this time they are able to have their fair, as all other communities. All recommended guidelines will be followed. Health and safety are their biggest concerns. The 57th Ox Roast Fair has plenty of fun to keep the whole family entertained including: a wide variety of fair food favorites; live entertainment in three locations; Friday night fireworks; Saturday morning 5K Run/Walk and 1M Fun Walk; Sunday Blessing of the Bikes; an assortment of rides, games, contests and giveaways; over \$20,000 in main raffle prizes and hourly progressive drawings each day plus several specialty raffles, souvenir T-shirts and mugs; tractor, truck and semi pulls; trade booths; casino games with instant bingo; security; handicap accessibility; clean grounds and much, much more!

Engaged Couple Retreat Day

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held Saturday, July 31 in the social hall at St. Columba Cathedral. Reservations are required. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Registration information may be found at www.doy.org; go to the "Ministries" drop-down menu and press on "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life." For more information on these, and other opportunities for marriage preparation formation, call 330-744-8451, ext. 272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org

Online Giving

... is now available for St. Ambrose parishioners. Simply visit www.stambroseonline.com. Just click on the Online Giving symbol on our website and support St. Ambrose through your weekly offerings. Special collections, holiday flowers and one-time gifts are simple to do through our secure parish software. Click and contribute - it's that easy.



We Are Called to Feed the Hungry

Next weekend is the first of the month, so we remind you to brown-bag-it for the Food Shelf. Non-perishable food items are always needed. Let's help those less fortunate!

2022 Mass Book

The 2022 Mass book is now open. There are still Mass openings for Masses in 2021.

Ladies' Day of Prayer

Ladies, have you heard? Saturday, July 10, St. Ambrose will sponsor a women's all day prayer retreat: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church and hall. It's sure to fire-up your faith and be a day just for you! And God of course!! COME AND SEE. Join us for a day filled with worship, praise, and creativity. Call Andrea at 330-883-2488, or email andrea.grunder@aol.com, for more information and to sign-up. You MUST register, spots are limited.

What are you doing on Tuesday nights?

Come play bingo with us in the church hall and support our parish's PSR and Youth Ministry programs. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. and Early Bird Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Your first packet (good for all evening with nine cards per game) is only \$13.00. Each additional packet is only \$3.00 more! Jackpots begin at \$400.00 and 48 numbers, and add one number and \$15.00 each week. Each regular bingo game pays \$25.00. Delicious food is available throughout the evening. Come and see how much fun you can have playing bingo with friends! **Bingo is back, first Tuesday of each month beginning on July 6, 2021.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, June 27

10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Monday, June 28

6:00 p.m. K of C Social Meeting (parish grounds)

Sunday, July 4

10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

May She Rest In Peace

Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the family of **Colleen Holdbrook** as they mourn her death. May God fill them with His healing presence and peace.



61st Annual Chicken Dinner!

Welcome to our annual Chicken Dinner Weekend! Our delicious chicken dinners will be served on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. Cost is only \$12.00 (adult) and \$8.00 (child). Besides the dinners, there are money raffles (\$500, \$250, and \$100)! Raffle for a TV, gas grill, bike, local gift card basket, lottery tree, wine basket & more. No need to cook or look for fun elsewhere this weekend....we have it all right here at St. Ambrose Church!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to put together this year's Chicken Dinner Weekend. A special word of thanks goes out to the Festival Planning Committee and to the co-chairs of the committee, **Lenny Barcikowski** and **Pat Johnston**. Many thanks, also, to all the men, women and children who worked our weekend. They give of their time and work hard to make sure that all are having a great time. And, finally, thank you to all those who support our annual weekend. We couldn't do it without you! May God bless you!

K of C Social Meeting

The men of the K of C will hold their next meeting this Monday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. They will tear down the tents from the Chicken Dinner Weekend.

Save the Dates (Rummage Sale) Sept. 17 & 18

Please save your gently used, clean and usable clothes, housewares, books and good stuff for a rummage sale under the tent (like we did last year)! Donations will be accepted in the garage **AFTER JULY 1 (please, no earlier)**. Sponsored by Altar & Rosary Society and St. Ambrose parishioners.

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 at 330-527-4105 to request a copy to be mailed to you.

Rosary

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

Confessions

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

Bulletin Ads

It is through the generosity of those who took out ads in our weekly bulletin that we receive our parish bulletin free of charge. Please be sure to patronize them.