

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



Parish Staff

Rev. Shawn Conoboy, Pastor
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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, March 11, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) William Dubzinsky (Family)
 Austin Covey (Family)

Monday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
 6:30 p.m. (SA) Special Intention - Marilyn Bartunek

Tuesday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Dolores Minisall (Chuck Milko)

Wednesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
 6:30 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, March 16, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Friday, March 17, Lenten Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, March 18, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
 11:00 a.m. (SA) Connie Ruffing
 (John & Debbie Kostrub)
 Getts Family (Larry Stapleton)

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00

Sunday's (03/05/23) Collection: \$2,054.00

Additional Ash Wednesday: \$ 40.00

On-Line Giving (03/05/23): \$1,081.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for March 19

Sunday, March 19, 11:00 a.m.
 Reader: A. Ryser
 Usher/Greeter: G. & J. Macek
 Altar Server: S. Blohm, S. Dorrance
 Extraordinary Ministers: M. Szabaga, T. Szabaga, Paul Hagan (Choir)

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 95)

**If today, if today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.**

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.

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

In the Letter to the Romans this weekend, we are reminded that *"hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts"*. How blessed we are to be endowed with God's ever-present love. Even more so, how incredibly blessed we are to bring that love to others – a love which provides great hope. Our **Annual Diocesan Appeal** serves to do just that. With the theme **"One in Hope, One in Mission"**, we are invited to recognize our own blessings, and then share a portion of those blessings to provide hope to those in need and to extend the mission of the Church for all. Thank you to everyone who has already made a prayerful response to the Annual Appeal. Our parish is working to raise **\$15,000** toward the total goal of \$4,000,000. If you have not yet done so, please consider making your response this week. Materials can be found in the Church pews or by visiting www.doy.org and clicking on the Appeal button. Beginning next week, we will be providing an update of how our parish family is responding to the Appeal. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Our prayer during this Lenten season, and through the work of the Appeal, is "That all may be one!"

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose
 Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph
 Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc

Portage County Communal Penance Service

The Lenten Communal Penance Service will be held today, Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick in Kent.



RAFFLE

St. Patrick's Virtual Reverse Raffle

The Reverse Raffle Committee invites you to their St. Patrick's Virtual Reverse Raffle this Saturday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. Watch live on Facebook as numbers are pulled. Only 100 tickets will be sold with one time buy backs available. Tickets are \$50 each with buy backs available for an additional \$20. Gift baskets given away for every 20th number pulled. Grand prize for the final number is \$1,000. Winner need not be present.

Lenten Calendar

If you did not get a calendar, the Lenten Calendar listing the various prayer opportunities for the season of Lent as well as the schedule for confessions and Holy Week liturgies at our parishes is in the vestibule.

Eat, Pray and Give: Lenten Fridays

The Worship Committee is having a meatless, light meal on each Friday during the Lenten Season here at St. Ambrose. The meal is 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 17, is the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Lenten Mission

A Lenten Mission will be held at St. Joan of Arc on March 17 at 7:45 p.m., March 18 at 7:00 p.m. or March 19 at 10:00 a.m. **Happily Broken: Discovering Happiness Through Pain and Suffering.** Presented by Clementine Bihiga, inspirational Rwandan speaker and published author.



Chicken Festival Leadership Wanted

We are looking for someone to get trained this year and take over duties next year in the dining room, serving food, cutting pies and managing setting and cleaning of tables during our festival. If you or someone you know is interested, please

have them reach out to Pat Johnston 330-281-9514 or Len Barcikowski 440-666-0722.

Fr. Ed Stafford Appreciation Reception

Since we didn't get a proper goodbye before Fr. Ed's medical health leave of absence in the Spring of 2022, we're having an Appreciation Reception for him on Saturday, April 15, in Hughes Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Come and show your appreciation for his time with St. Joseph and St. Ambrose parishes (no RSVP required). There will be light refreshments and desserts. Fr. Ed also celebrates his birthday on April 19. He would love to see everyone. **Mark Your Calendars!**

Catholic Men's Conference

Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown has set this year's Men's Conference for Saturday, March 25, at JFK Catholic High School in Warren. 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. This year's theme is on the Eucharist and is titled "This is my Body." The featured speakers include: Fr. Ryan Furlong, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna; Dr. Ben Safranski, D.R.E. Christ Our Savior Parish, Struthers; Fr. John-Michael Lavelle, Pastor of St Michael Parish, Canfield. This is a FREE event, registration is required. To make a reservation go to www.CMFDOY.org.

The Order of Christian Initiation

Our catechumens and candidates now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment — the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the next five Sundays of Lent, three scrutinies (rites for self searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer take place. The Period of purification and enlightenment is a time for: repentance; examining areas of sinfulness or weakness in our lives; asking God's help in healing these areas; prayer, fasting and almsgiving; and preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation. We continue to read the Sunday Gospel and discuss what it means to us in our lives. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. OCIA (formerly RCIA). For more information about this and other adult education opportunities, contact Peg Haney at phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2023. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate and reception. Reservations are needed and can be made at the rectory. Deadline to register is **March 29**.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Patrick Lucas** who recently passed away. May his family and friends find comfort and strength as their loved one lives in the eternal presence of God in whom all find comfort and peace.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, March 12

All day Cal's Restaurant - K of C
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)

Monday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

All day Cal's Restaurant - K of C
12:00 p.m. American Red Cross Bloodmobile (hall)

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

6:00 p.m. Reverse Raffle (Facebook)

Sunday, March 19

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)

Bloodmobile - American Red Cross

The bloodmobile will be at St. Ambrose this Thursday, March 16, in the church hall from noon to 6:00 p.m. Seriously consider giving the gift of life...donate blood.

Knights of Columbus

The men of the St. Ambrose K of C will have their monthly business meeting this Monday, March 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 March 11, 12, 15, & 16. Flyers are in the vestibule.



St. Ambrose K of C Steak Fry

The best way to chase away the winter blues is with a summer cook out, right? So come on down to the St. Ambrose K of C "Summer Steak Fry in March" on Saturday, March 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the hall. Menu includes: ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks (beer and wine available for donation). Cost is \$15/person, \$25/couple or \$50/family maximum and we accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards. One of the Knights will be taking names after Mass (so we can purchase the correct number of steaks).

K of C Cash Bonanza Is Back!!!

The Knights of Columbus are selling Cash Bonanza tickets. The funds raised help support the K of C's State Council's Charity Fund. An example of one of the charities they support is the Special Olympics. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 of which 50% comes back to our Parish Council to help support our local programs. Tickets can be purchased from any K of C member.

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.