

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose

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THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

STAY AWAKE, FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

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 Youth Ministry

PSR and JOURNEY classes began on September 20, 2020. PSR classes will be on-line this fall as we currently do NOT have access to use the JAG Elementary School due to COVID-19. Please call the rectory or information on the website at www.stambroseonline.com.

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.

Bulletin Deadline

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 7, Sunday Liturgy
5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Nov. 8, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
11:00 a.m. (SA) Vi McCarty (Family)

Monday, Nov. 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 10, St. Leo the Great
8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Wednesday, Nov. 11, St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
No Mass

Thursday, Nov. 12, St. Josaphat
No Mass

Friday, Nov. 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
8:00 a.m. (SA) Jack West & John Palker
(Nancy Caril)

Saturday, Nov. 14, Sunday Liturgy
5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Nov. 15, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph
11:00 a.m. (SA) Santo Scopilliti (Wife, Mona)

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Weekly Amount Needed: \$3,000.00
Sunday's (11/01/20) Collection: \$2,132.00
On-Line Giving (11/01/20): \$ 712.70
Maintenance Fund: \$ 368.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Nov. 15

Sunday, Nov. 15, 11:00 a.m.

Lector: D. Vincent
Usher/Greeter: T. Danku, J. Pesecky

The Foundation

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand. — St. Ambrose

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 63)

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:

**My soul is thirsting,
thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Expecting the Unexpected

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Retirement Fund for Religious

At all the Masses this weekend (Nov. 7/8) Sr. Barbara Klodt, SND, will share some information on the need for your continued support for our retired religious. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous! Retirement Fund for Religious envelopes are in the November envelope packet. A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses the weekend of Nov. 21/22.

**Veteran's Day – November 11**

As we honor the men and women who have served in the military since the birth of our nation, we also remember those in the armed forces who continue to protect our rights as a free country. We are reminded to pray daily for world peace and to keep from harm all those who serve.

Dispensation to Attend Mass Continues

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick remains. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS**Parents**

If you took your child's registration forms home to complete, please return them to Sue Pickett. Drop them off at the rectory (M-F, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), place them in the collection basket in an envelope marked with her name on it, or mail them to 10692 Freedom Street, Garrettsville, OH 44231. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Confirmation

The Confirmation class schedule is being planned and should be available soon. Thank you for your patience as we work out the details.

PSR and Youth Ministry Fees

The fee for PSR and Youth Ministry students will be \$20.00 per child with a \$30.00 family limit.

Volunteers Needed

Youth Ministry program is asking for volunteers to help with various activities and projects. If you would be willing to assist our young people, please call Sue at 330-204-5568.

Some Reminders!

Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass by all in attendance. Please remember to maintain a safe distance (at least two empty seats) between you and others. When finding your seat, please **move to the center of the row** so others can fill in the same row without having to pass by. Please maintain a safe distance (at least one row in front and behind you) when coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Remember to remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

Digital Doctrine

Portage County Deanery's Dinner & Doctrine has gone digital! As with so many aspects of parish life these days, the coronavirus has compelled us to create new ways to reach out to area Catholics and provide timely and important topics in adult faith formation. Join us for our second "Digital Doctrine" on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m. when Father Richard Pentello presents **"Our Call and Mission to be Instruments of Hope through Caring Hearts"** People seem to be fractured, fragmented and fraught with despair. Where do the followers of Jesus find hope? Within our very own hearts. As we reach out to others — even in simple acts of caring — we become agents of hope to them. Here's how you can join us online. Like the new Portage Deanery Facebook page where it will be livestreamed (<https://www.facebook.com/PortageCatholic>) or contact the rectory at 330-527-4105 to receive a Zoom link.

Food and Gift Assistance This Holiday Season

The Holiday Giving Tree is in the vestibule. This year we are asking **ONLY** for contributions of **gift cards to grocery stores or Walmart (for Thanksgiving) and to Walmart or Target (for Christmas gifts)**. Our parishioners have always been extraordinarily generous with food and gift donations, of which our parishioners and the community have been very grateful. You may pick a leaf/ornament from the tree (as a reminder to yourself), or just drop off any gift card in \$5, \$10 or \$20 amounts in the jar in the vestibule if you come to Mass. You may also drop off gift cards at the rectory, or mail/drop them off at my home (Marie Elium, 10630 South St., Garrettsville, 44231). Please call the rectory if gift cards need to be picked up and we will arrange for that. The deadline for your donations is **Sunday, Nov. 22, although we will accept gift cards if they are donated later.** If you, or anyone you know, needs food or help with gifts this holiday season, please contact the rectory 330-527-4105 or email st_ambrose44231@yahoo.com. Our deadline for requests is Nov. 10, although we certainly will consider requests for help if they arrive later. Thank you in advance for your generosity. God has truly blessed us with an incredible parish.

50/50 Raffle

Different groups of the Parish Family of St. Ambrose will be sponsoring a monthly 50/50 drawing. **This 50/50 raffle replaces the Christmas Cash this year.** Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5 and will be sold after Mass (or contact the rectory). The drawing will be held on the last day of the month and the prize is 1/2 of **all** donations received. Raffle benefits the Parish Social Life Committee for the month of November. The winner of the October 50/50 raffle was Larry Stapleton!

Catholic Exponent

If you are not receiving the Catholic Exponent at this time and would like to be put on the mailing list, please fill out this form and submit it to the rectory.

 Name _____
 Address _____
 Envelope Number _____

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

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

Sunday, Nov. 15
 10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Rosary

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

Knights of Columbus

The men of the St. Ambrose K of C will have their monthly business meeting this Monday, Nov. 9, 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 **Nov. 14, 15, 18, & 19.**

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet this Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Anyone who is interested in making our celebration of the Eucharist a more beautiful experience by helping out with the decorating of the Church for Holy Days and Holy Seasons is more than welcome to attend.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Members of the Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the hall. The Parish Council serves as the main consultative body of the parish to aid the pastor in the planning, guiding and administration of the parish. The main purpose of Pastoral Council is to collaborate with the pastor in promoting the Gospel message of Christ. The make-up of the Council consists of the following:

- Rev. Ed Stafford and Deacon Gerry Scopilliti
- Appointed Members: Marie Elium (Social Action), Sue Pickett (Christian Education), Diane Visocan (Worship Committee) and Laura Blohm & Joanne Biltz (Parish Social Life).
- Discerned Members: Charlotte Bower, Jacqueline Kable, Chuck Milko, Tess Motz and Judy Macek.

BLOOD Bloodmobile - American Red Cross

 On Thursday, Nov. 19, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Ambrose in the church hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please consider giving the gift-of-life...donate blood.

Bulletins for the Homebound

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the rectory with their name and address.

Maintenance Fund Envelope

You might have noticed that a new maintenance fund envelope has been added to the church's envelope packet. With the current pandemic, fundraising for the church's maintenance (capital improvement) fund has been drastically reduced. We realize these are difficult times for all of us. Please consider contributing whatever you can to keep our church in good order. Thank you!

Sister Parish

In your Nov./Dec. contribution packets, there is a specially marked envelope for those who wish to make a monetary donation to our brothers and sisters at our "sister parish" in El Salvador, San Rafael. You can be assured that whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated and will help further the mission of the Church in one of the poorest areas of our world.