

St. Ambrose Church

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St. Ambrose Parish 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.

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00PM
Sunday	8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
	(Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Sunday	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
	(Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Friday.....	8:00 AM
Holy Day	7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 4:00 PM, or anytime by appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact the parish priest 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 2 years in the fall. Preparation sessions for candidates and their sponsors are mandatory.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is available upon request. If hospitalized, please notify the rectory. 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 rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office (330-744-8451). Women discerning a call to religious life are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office.

Religious Education Classes

CCD/Youth Ministry Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM
(September thru April)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring to become Catholic are invited to participate in the RCIA. The "RCIA Adapted for Children" 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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles for the bulletin must be received no later than Monday of each week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 13, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. Philip Cheney & John Hill
 (George & Barbara Hill)

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:30 a.m. St. Ambrose Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. William Dubzinsky (Daughter, Mary & Fm.)

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. For the Elderly (A. & R. Society)

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday
 No Morning Mass

Wednesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention - Sam Talameh

Thursday, March 18, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. William Fetsko (M/M G. Guthric)

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph
 8:00 a.m. Martha Furey (Tom Furey)

Saturday, March 20, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. Beverly Flowers (Harris Family)

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:30 a.m. Blanche Trocchio (Daughter, Sue)
 11:00 a.m. St. Ambrose Parishioners

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for March 20-21

Saturday, March 20
 5:00 p.m.
 Altar Server: E. Shea, C. Crane
 Euch. Min.: K. Trzeciak, L. Stapleton,
 E. Rapinz
 Lector: D. Huzl
 Usher/Greeter: G. & B. Hill

Sunday, March 21
 8:30 a.m.
 Altar Server: J. & B. Tabor
 Euch. Min.: B. Rapp, J. Perme, C. Tench
 Lector: D. Smith
 Usher/Greeter: J. Leonard, J. West

11:00 a.m.
 Altar Server: G. Biltz, L. Danku
 Euch. Min.: G. Scopilliti, V. Krohn,
 M. Donkin
 Lector: A. McCoy
 Usher/Greeter: J. Pesecky, D. White, C. Boone

Bingo Workers for March 15

B. Kitko, V. McCarty, C. Jewell, N. Harris, K. & D. Kurtz, F. Pawlus, O. & J. Riffle, P. James

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 34)

**Come my children, come to me,
 and you will know the fear of the Lord.**

The Heart of Conversion

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites --see today's first reading--so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his



wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).
 Second Reading -- We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).
 Gospel -- We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-3).

May She Rest In Peace

We extend our sympathy to Kathleen Kearney & family, Mark Kearney & family, and Pat Strainer & family as they mourn the death of their mother, **Mary Kearney**. May the healing presence of our risen Savior be upon them.

Don't Forget the Goodies!

The Social Action Committee is hosting another great bake sale today, Sunday, March 14, after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Donations are accepted.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the St. Ambrose Prayer Shawl Ministry will be this Monday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. We welcome new members to join us as we meet on the **third Monday evening of each month**. Don't forget to fill out a card for someone you would like to receive a prayer shawl! The cards are on the counter in the vestibule. Many thanks for your generous donations on behalf of the members of our parish.



Chicken Dinner Festival

The Festival Committee will meet this Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. As always, we welcome *everyone* to attend. We can always use more help and ideas in planning the Chicken Dinner Festival. Be sure to join us and see what all the "crowing" is about so that this year's festival will be the biggest and best ever!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

This Wednesday, March 17, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This beautiful prayer is sung in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please bring your rosary.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,839.00

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The next R.C.I.A. formation session will be this Wednesday, March 17, at 7:30 in the church hall. Topic is: Presentation of the Creed.

Bloodmobile - American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Ambrose this Thursday, March 18, in the church hall, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Give the gift of life...donate blood.

Stations of the Cross

This Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. the Stations of the Cross will be prayed. All are invited to attend this Lenten devotion.

Attention New Parishioners

You are invited to join us for coffee and doughnuts in the church hall after Mass on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21. All parishioners who have registered at St. Ambrose since March 2009 are encouraged to attend. Please join us as we get to know the newest members of the Family of St. Ambrose.

Altar and Rosary Society

The members of the Altar and Rosary Society are invited to attend the Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival on Thursday, March 25 at Walsh University in Canton. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. to carpool. Please contact Kathryn Trzeciak at 330-569-3454 or Debbie Smith 330-389-1859 so we can plan the number of cars needed. This event will replace the regular Altar and Rosary meeting for March 25 so no hostesses are needed.



Easter Egg Hunt

Once again this year the men of the St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of our parish family. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27. We will meet on the church grounds.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1. If you are interested, please contact Melani Walker at 330-357-6377.

CCD AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Malley's Candy Sale

All candy order forms should be in by now. Candy orders will be at CCD on March 21. Candy bar sales continue. **All money for both orders and candy bars is due by April 11.**

CCD Stations of the Cross

Our 3rd, 4th and 6th grade CCD students will present the Stations of the Cross next Sunday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the J. A. Garfield Elementary School. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry meets today, March 14, in the church hall. They do not meet on March 21 and 28 but will meet again on April 11.

Soup and Bread

A big soup kettle full of thanks for all those who joined us for soup and bread on Friday, March 5. We collected **\$136.00** in donations which will go directly to the Salvation Army Northeast Portage Food Shelf to benefit the hungry in our area. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

St. Ambrose Youth Group

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, March 14

8:30 a.m. CCD Mass: Grade 7 & 8 (church)
9:30 a.m. CCD (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
9:30 a.m. Bake Sale (church)
12:00 p.m. Bake Sale (church)
8:00 p.m. AA (hall)

Monday, March 15

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (rectory)
7:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner Festival Meeting (hall)

Tuesday, March 16

6:45 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Wednesday, March 17 *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

8:30 - 7:00 Eucharistic Exposition (church)
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (church)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (church)

Thursday, March 18

1:00-7:00 Bloodmobile (hall)
7:00 p.m. O.K. Chorale (church)

Friday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (church)

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.m. Praying the Rosary (church)
6:00 p.m. New Parishioners Social (hall)

Sunday, March 21

9:30 a.m. CCD (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. New Parishioners Social (hall)
10:00 a.m. CCD: Stations of the Cross (JAG Elem. School)
12:00 p.m. New Parishioners Social (hall)
8:00 p.m. AA (hall)

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

On Wednesday, March 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall Fr. Leo will lead the second of two sessions on prayer. Some of the questions that came up at the end of the last session which will be discussed: What if I don't feel God's presence or it seems as if He isn't listening? What about the presence of sin in our lives when it comes to petitioning God? How does God answer the prayers of billions of people in the world? We will also focus on gift of the Lord's Prayer. All are welcome to attend.



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K of C Social - Boy Scouts of America

The St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council 11801 is sponsoring a presentation of video and slides observing the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America by Scout Executive and fellow parishioner, Pete Biltz. Please join us on Monday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall for this entertaining and educational evening. All parishioners and the public are welcome. Those with a background in scouting are invited to bring any memorabilia to share. Admission is free.

Kindergarten Parent Information Sessions

Do you have a child that will be five (5) years old by September 30, 2010? Are you thinking about a fall kindergarten class for your child? Before you make a final decision about where to begin a formal education process, you are invited to an information session at **St. Joseph School, Mantua on Tuesday, March 16.** You may choose either time: **9:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.** Each session will last about an hour. A tour of the school can also be included. You may bring your child with you to the gathering. SJS students will provide activities with your child while you attend the meeting. Please call the school office for reservations: 330-274-2268. Older children in grades 1-7 are invited to come to SJS and shadow for a whole or part of a day. Please call the school office for information. Registration for the 2010 - 2011 school year is in process.