



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

APRIL 23, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON and  
1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

### FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON and  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.



ST. AMBROSE, GODFREY

### ST. MICHAEL, BELTREES



Next Saturday, April 29, marks the 44th anniversary of the Dedication of St. Ambrose Church in its current location.

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am grateful to **Fr. Frank Kuczera** for celebrating Mass at St. Ambrose this week.

Wednesday, April 26, is Administrative Professionals Day. **To our Administrative Team, in both the Parish and School Offices** ... the contributions you make to our St. Ambrose community are tremendous. We appreciate all that you do and are so grateful to have you here. God Bless!

Next Saturday, April 29, marks the 44th anniversary of the **Dedication of St. Ambrose Church** in its current

location. We have been very blessed to have this space to worship together. Many thanks to everyone who built this sacred space and those who continue to maintain the building and grounds through manual labor and financial support.



Fr Steve

May God bless your week!

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

#### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

#### Gospel:

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)



### Baptisms at St. Ambrose

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children who were, or will be, baptized at St. Ambrose Church:

**Lucy Reilly Wetzel** and **Luke Henry Wetzel**, children of Ryan and Lauren (Henke) Wetzel who were baptized on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

**Aubrey Christine Edwards**, daughter of Luke and Amanda (Mitchell) will be baptized on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

**Ellie O'Dell Henke**, daughter of Zachary and Jessica (Humphreys) will be baptized on Saturday, May 6, 2023 with the permission of their pastor, Fr. Tom Liebler of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bethalto.

**Theodore James Kinder**, son of Craig and Katelyn (Held) will be baptized on Saturday, May 13, 2023.



Students are enjoying the new outdoor Stations of the Cross on the playground



**CONGRATULATIONS** to parishioner, **Samuel Wilkinson**, who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis this weekend (Saturday, April 22). His sponsor was his Grandmother and parishioner, Patricia Hieke.

# PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish community of St. Ambrose and St. Michael Catholic Churches strive to live by God's Word. By sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure, we grow in our faith and in our love of God and one another. It is in Jesus Christ that we are one family in our homes and broader community through the sacraments, outreach, faith formation for all ages, and our sister parish San Juan Baptista In Guatemala.



**JOIN US  
FOR MASS**

## **f** DAILY MASS AT ST. AMBROSE

Monday at 5:30 p.m. followed by the praying of the Rosary

Tuesday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**f** Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 p.m.  
in the Daily Chapel

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*

**Sunday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m.**

*Steve Goodman and Joan McCrea*

**Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Mary Papin, Lou Ann Henderson, and Duane Mossman*

**Monday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m.**

*Ellen Godfrey*

**Tuesday, April 25 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Jean Narup*

**Wednesday, April 26 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Pat Kane*

**Thursday, April 27 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Richard Janoski*

**Friday, April 28 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Pat Wheeler*

**Saturday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m.**

*Lucy Roderfeld, Kenny Roderfeld, Richard Janoski, Debby Hunter, Milt William and the Derwin & Cassella Families*

**Sunday, April 30 at 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*

**Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*

## BUDGET & FINANCE

Monthly Finance Council meeting is  
Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m.



2023-24 Kindergarten Screenings  
are Thursday, April 27, from  
Noon - 6 p.m. Contact the school  
office for more info.



## Office for Safe Environment

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217.321.1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF APRIL 29/30	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
<b>Saturday at 4:30 p.m.</b>	Julie Gorsage Maxwell Gorsage Andrew Narup Genevieve (Theresa) Roberts Thomas Schmidt Sue Stirnaman John Von Ah Sandra Willings	Holly Franklin Kayli Jacobs Leon Kerkemeyer	Delaine Dressman A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b>	Carmen Serio
<b>Sunday at 8:00 a.m.</b>	Paige Dawdy Stacey Eccles Carol French Stephen Mikoff Joseph Miller Alivia Noss Hailey Noss Michelle Pulaski	Toby Eberlin Tucker Eberlin Max Noss	James Baalman Clarence Davenport Brian Erwin Paul Krueger Joseph Monroe Michael Stumpf	Laurie Milnor
<b>Sunday at 10:30 a.m.</b>	David Dornes Scott Droste Mary Grant Lisa Hayes Patrick King Yvonne Mossman Julia Osborn Carla Totten	Benjamin Osborn Jackson Osborn Sophia Osborn	Eric Braundmeier Paul Braundmeier Stephen Hieke William Horn John Kline David Stafford	Sue Stirnaman

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



**Home mission dioceses** are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Often their small Catholic populations are distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of **Owensboro, in western Kentucky**, fits that mold. With Catholics making up about 6% of the population in a mostly rural territory of 12,500 square miles, pastors often serve multiple parishes that are more than 25 miles apart. Like many regions, it has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with a need for liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral support in Spanish.

With your support, **Catholic Home Missions** assists the Diocese of Owensboro's Hispanic Ministry program to meet the needs of its growing Hispanic community. Its 31 bilingual priests celebrate more than 900 Masses in Spanish each year, along with Baptisms, weddings, and Confirmations in Spanish. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides home mission dioceses with the resources to welcome and minister to their growing multicultural populations. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Please use the envelopes in your monthly packet to support that Catholic Home Missions appeal which takes place the weekend of April 29-30, 2023.

*Thomas John Paprocki*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Attention all Fathers, Father Figures and St. Ambrose Daughters!

Please come join us for our Father Daughter Spring Dance on **April 29th, from 6-8 pm**

**at the St. Ambrose gym.** Dance the night away, nibble on refreshments and confections, and spend some time with the people you love most in the world.

We're looking for volunteers (and a chance to earn services hours) to provide cookies, mini cupcakes, brownies, water and juice for our event, as well as photographers, greeters, refreshment table help and set up/break down.

A signup will be posted soon!

**Hope to see you Daddys & Daughters there!**



Thank you so much for participating in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Your prayer support in Granite City and from home, if you were unable to join us this time, was most appreciated. We will be praying again this fall and St. Ambrose will adopt a day. If you were not able to be there this time, please consider joining this peaceful prayer gathering.

Also, special thanks to Father Steve for his continued support for this ministry. If you would like to receive email notifications about other Pro-Life updates, please email Kris Kline. Her email is [krisandjohnkline@yahoo.com](mailto:krisandjohnkline@yahoo.com)

*Thank You*

Kris Kline and Laurie Milnor



**Diane Vore**

**Ryan and Kara Govreau** and their children, Norah & Addition

**Scott and Marli Nixon** and their children, Nolan & Wyatt

**Joseph and Katherine Schranck** and their children, Harper & Joseph

**Larry Goss**

**Michael and Mary Roberts**

**Joseph and Janis Penning**



*Bible Study on Saturdays in the Pastoral Center* **Men's 8:00**

**a.m. to 9:30 a.m. &**

**Women's at 9:30 a.m.**

**Questions?** Contact Greg Mattingly at 618-466-2911 or [grgrymt1@icloud.com](mailto:grgrymt1@icloud.com)



Join Us!

Join us for weekly **Inquiry Sessions** each **Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.**

**Questions?** Contact Deacon Bill at 618-466-2921 x6 or email him at [deaconbillk@gmail.com](mailto:deaconbillk@gmail.com)



Please contact Tom Schmidt (retired grief and trauma counselor) at 618-219-0612 to discuss your options.

**Grief Share**, support for the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, friend, pet, etc. meets every Monday at St Ambrose 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**The Compassionate Friends**, support for the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling meets the last Friday of the month at St. Ambrose 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick, For those in our Military, for Caretakers of the Sick, and for all who are struggling ...

- Brianne Barry  
Laura Bechtold
-  Steven Blair, Jr., Navy  
Ann Dooling  
Annie Dooling  
Terry Eberlin  
Patti Freeman  
Nina Giardina  
Natalie Gordon
-  Haley Haar, Air Force  
Jody Hagen  
Paulette Hartman  
Cheryl Ingle  
Melissa Jones  
Bill Kinnare  
Tom Kinnare
-  Kraig Kline, Army  
Isabel McLaughlin  
Noel Merkle  
Christopher Moore  
Marsha Norris  
Joe P.  
Dr. Janis Robinson  
Dr. William Robinson
-  Anthony Serio, Army  
Sarah Stirton  
Andrea Weirich  
Angie Wiener

To be added to the *Prayer List*, please contact the Parish Office at (618) 466-2921 x2 or email Mary Jo at [mzykan@saintambroseparish.org](mailto:mzykan@saintambroseparish.org)



**Interested in learning more about gardening?** We Looking for a hard working high school or college age student to help us work in **Drew's 2023 Memorial Garden.** Earn good money working 3-5 hrs a week. Please phone parishioner, Tom Schmidt, at 618-219-0612 if interested.

**WiFi Sound Assist** | Through the thoughtfulness and bequest of a St. Ambrose parishioner, we are happy to announce additional RF hearing assist devices and WIFI audio for Bluetooth enabled hearing aids.

### Radio Frequency (RF) Options 2-R35 & 2-R37 receivers

1. Headset with Receiver – simply connect the headset and turn on the receiver. Works just like the transistor radios of old.



2. RF Receiver with T-Coil Neck-loop. Use with hearing aids or cochlear implants equipped with a T-coil switch.



### WaveCAST C Wi-Fi Audio System

**WAVECAST-WF T5C** | As with most technology there is action required to use the WIFI audio Assist.

1. While connected to the internet, install the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app to your cell phone. For example, in your web browser type “Williams sound wavecast app”. You should receive an option to install the “WaveCAST Receiver App”.

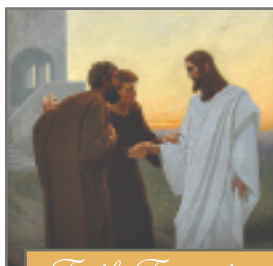
2. Once at Church connect your phone WIFI to “SoundSystem” password: “Music820”. Note: this WIFI connection is not connected to the internet.

3. Open your WaveCast\_Receiver app. Select “FM\_PLUS in the top center of the display.

4. We have noticed you may have to close and re-open the WaveCast\_Receiver app the first time.

**See Margaret E. or Deacon Jay for technical assistance**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Faith Formation Corner  
by Deacon Bill Kessler*

What is there about our culture that we are so overwhelmed by the culture that we can not see, or maybe even seek, God in our need? Today's Gospel is one of my favorite Post Resurrection events which was passed on by the events and the recording of them.

I liken it to my busy former life. I looked forward to coming to Mass so I could get some time away from the hustle and bustle. Yet, how many times did I catch myself drifting off to the week ahead?

With that in mind, maybe we can empathize with Cleopas and his companion on their journey in today's Gospel. Luke tells a wonderfully adaptive encounter that we can take to heart. One could liken this Gospel to something we do frequently. Do we have the same encounter?

The fear and sorrow of the travelers was so real, that even when the Lord was in their presence, they didn't know Him. But two things happened . . . someone proclaimed the Scriptures to them. They invited their unrecognized companion to pray with them and they knew WHO it was in the breaking of the Bread. We wouldn't be far off if we said this Gospel describes our Mass today. We have the Scriptures broken open for us and then we are gifted with the Bread which Jesus broke for the two disciples.

May this Gospel always be an encouragement to listen intently to the proclamation of the Readings and observe the Consecration of the Host as it becomes the Body of Christ. Then might we seek to have the experience of the two disciples . . . their fear and sorrow gave way to their life changing observation: **"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"** Then with certain faith they proclaimed that both Jesus was Risen and how: **. . . the two recounted what had taken place on the way and . . . how . . . Jesus . . . was made known to them in the breaking of bread.**

Sound familiar? That is our Eucharistic Celebration; The Liturgy of The Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Might we give ourselves over to Jesus so we can have the same encounter with Our Risen Lord as did these two disciples.



Our Eucharist Miracles series for April focuses on the town of Ludbreg, Croatia in 1411.

You can view our monthly series anytime, on our website or showcased

in the foyer of church. These divine interventions confirm our faith in the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. Truly miraculous!

## Save the Date!

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place **Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield**. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. **Stay tuned more details and for how to get free tickets!**



## NEIGHBORING EVENTS & NEWS

### Fathers, Sons, and Young Men's Prayer Breakfast | Saturday, April 29

Mass and Breakfast to be held at St. Anthony Church and Hall 8:00 a.m.

Following the Mass, Complete Buffet Breakfast \$15 per person

Keynote Speaker, Father Mark Schulte:  
Men of Faith

#### Reservations needed by April 22

Make checks payable to K of C Council 583

Mail to 700 So. 36th. St. Quincy, IL 62301

## EASTER BUNNY BINGO

Jesus, Resurrection, & Peeps!  
by Vicki Quade

Please join us for a "Dinner and a Show", **Saturday, April 29**, sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City. The event will take place at Engelbert Hall, 1610 10th Street, Madison (right next to St. Mary & St. Mark Parish).

Tickets for the entire event are only \$35 a person. A spaghetti dinner is at 1 p.m. followed by an Easter-themed interactive comedy play. Learn and laugh about Easter traditions, why Easter is never on the same day, the history of no-meat Fridays, why we either love or hate Peeps, Easter Movies and much more! It's a crazy afternoon of Easter trivia, audience interaction, and a wacky contest all built about the concept of sin!

For information and tickets call Bertha at 618-877-7158.



Catholic Charities

\$10,000 Raffle Prize

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Saturday, April 29, 2023  
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
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Dinner, Activities, &  
Music featuring Flip The Frog

Tickets for the \$10,000 raffle are \$25 each, or buy two and get one free. The drawing will be held at the fundraiser but you do not have to be present to win.

Raffle and dinner tickets are available by calling the Catholic Charities office in Alton, (618) 462-0634, ext. 221 or online at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

All proceeds from the fundraiser go to benefit the various programs that serve our communities.

- **Rent and utility assistance**
- **Individual and family counseling**
- **Food and basic necessities**
- **Prescription medication assistance**
- **Pro bono legal assistance.**

Please help support the mission of Madison County Catholic Charities, an extension of the church, serving those in need on a daily basis.

The Daughters of Isabella Circle 218 will again be offering a **monetary scholarship in the amount of \$1000** for Catholic girls at the high school level or entering a Catholic high school. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Robin Hake, Scholarship Chair at 314-422-7437, or Barb Sutorius, Regent who can be contacted through St. Boniface parish office.





# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

[www.stambrosegodfrey.org](http://www.stambrosegodfrey.org) | School Office ☎ 618-466-4216

**HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!**

**5th Grade Teaching Opening** ~ St. Ambrose Catholic School seeks a certified teacher to teach 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. To apply, contact St. Ambrose Principal, Robert Baird, at [rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org) With your submission, please include a resume containing references.

**St. Ambrose Catholic School Open House/Spring Sing/Art Show/Science Fair Information** ~ Our school's annual Open House, Spring Sing, Art Show, and Science Fair is coming up on Sunday, April 23rd! You are welcome to tour the school, meet teachers & staff, view our students' wonderful artwork at the 'Food Fair and Fractured Classics All School Art Show, and check out Science Fair projects and demonstrations in the Community Center. The Open House, Art Exhibit, and Science Fair run from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. At 12:30 p.m., enjoy the Spring Sing concert that features students in grades K-4, the St. Ambrose Choir, and a preview performance from our Newsies cast!

**SAPA Book Fair Coming Soon** ~ Our annual SAPA book fair is coming soon from Sunday, April 30-Friday May 5. The students will have an opportunity to preview books on Friday, April 28. The students will be given a paper to write down their "wish list" of books. Teachers will also be able to create a "wish list" for classroom books.

**2023-2024 School Year Registration** ~ Thank you to those that have completed the registration process. There are still a few families that plan to return that need to complete their registrations as soon as possible. This is essential for us to effectively plan and we will continue to reach out and encourage those not yet registered to complete the process.

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,  
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
WEEKEND!**

**May Crowning** ~ Our annual May Crowning of Our Mother Mary will take place on Thursday, May 4 at 8:15 a.m. in the gym.



## PRINCIPAL

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## UPCOMING CALENDAR

### April 23

Open House, Spring Sing, Art Show, & Science Fair  
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Spring Sing begins at 12:30 p.m.

### April 27

Kindergarten Screening

### April 28

Book Fair Preview Day

### April 30 - May 5

Book Fair

### May 4

May Crowning at 8:15 in Gym

### May 5

School Social

# SCHOOL NEWS

**Spring Musical NEWSIES JR. Coming Soon!** Our Spring Musical is scheduled for **Thursday, May 18, Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.** Please note that originally, the calendar had posted that the Musical is the weekend before, but was moved to May 18-20. The students have been working hard and will put on wonderful performances. Please come support them and check out a great show on our brand new stage, that was provided by generous donations to our Wish List. Thank you to all supporters!

**Character Counts April/May (INTEGRITY) Family Resources Posted** ~ Family resources and areas of focus for our April/May Character Counts theme of INTEGRITY have been posted to the website.

**Alumni News** ~ Do you know a graduate of St. Ambrose Catholic school doing great things in the world? If so, we love to highlight our graduates and share information about them and their successes after graduating from St. Ambrose. To share alumni news, please email Mr. Baird at [rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org)



ST. AMBROSE DRAMA CLUB  
Presents  
Disney  
**NEWSIES JR.**

May 18, 19, & 20, 2028  
Evening Performances at 7:00 PM  
St. Ambrose Gym

Tickets: Adults \$5 | Child \$3  
Tickets available through the Church and School Offices  
For more information, call 681-466-4216



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**APRIL 23RD**  
Doors open at 11 a.m.

**ST. AMBROSE OPEN HOUSE  
SPRING SING, ART SHOW &  
SCIENCE FAIR**

## JOIN US

You are invited to our Annual Open House | Spring Sing & Art Show on Sunday, April 23rd.

Meet teachers and staff as you tour the school during the Open House from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Enjoy the student artwork showcased at the All School Art Show.

At 12:30 p.m., you can enjoy musical performances from students in grades K-4, the St. Ambrose Choir, and a preview performance from our Newsies cast!



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