



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

JANUARY 14, 2024 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



As a temple of the Holy Spirit we must honor our own bodies and those of others.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

St. Paul asks the people of Corinth a question that is also asked of each of us. **“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?”** As a temple of the Holy Spirit we must honor our own bodies and those of others. These temples come in all shapes and sizes and colors, but what they have in common is the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. That’s WHO we honor and respect.



The **Social Justice subcommittee** of the **St. Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council** invites you to a prayer service **this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** in response to Pope Francis’ New Year’s Day message to the world appealing for peace where there is war AND a more just distribution of the world resources where there is hunger and poverty.

The Prayer Service is titled **“Bread Not Stones”** and comes on the eve of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday. All are welcome.

**Mass on Monday** will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. The School and Parish Offices are closed in honor of the Dr. King holiday.

This past Monday, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrated the **Rite of Baptism** for seven of our young children. It was a very special day for them. In this picture, they are wearing their baptismal gowns and holding their lighted Baptismal candles. Thank you to Deacon Bill and Pat, Deacon Jay, the parents and godparents for making this day possible. Congratulations **Ellie, Teagan, Collins, Paisley, Ellie, Harper and Josie!**



May God bless you with good health and safety during these winter days.



**INQUIRY** Join us! Join us for weekly **Inquiry Sessions** each **Sunday** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Questions?** Contact Deacon Bill at 618-466-2921 x6 or email him at [deaconbillk@gmail.com](mailto:deaconbillk@gmail.com)

**BIBLE STUDY** Bible Study on **Saturdays** in the Pastoral Center **Men's 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. & Women's at 9:30 a.m.** **Questions?** Contact Greg Mattingly at 618-466-2911 or email him at [grgrymt1@icloud.com](mailto:grgrymt1@icloud.com)



Our next Baptism Prep Session is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28th at 11:30 a.m.** in the Pastoral Center.

**Questions?** Contact Deacon Jay at 618-466-2921 x8 or email at [jwackerly@dio.org](mailto:jwackerly@dio.org)

# 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



## CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

### DAILY MASS AT ST. AMBROSE

Monday at 8:15 a.m. followed by the  
Praying of the Rosary

Tuesday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.

### HOLY HOUR

Thursday immediately followed morning Mass

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 in the Daily Chapel

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m.**

*Joe Certa, Sr., Dennis Olston, Jim Clark, Mary Roberts, and Dale Krepel*

**Sunday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*

**Sunday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Ruth Erthal, Louie & Jean Wiedman, and Ralph Rowden*

**Monday, January 15 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Paul Fessler*

**Tuesday, January 16 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Calvin Waters*

**Wednesday, January 17 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Dale Krepel*

**Thursday, January 18 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Stephen Kennedy*

**Friday, January 19 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Laura Rose Bechtold*

**Saturday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m.**

*Milt Williams, Cassella Families & Derwin Families, and Laurin Davis*

**Sunday, January 21 at 8:00 a.m.**

*Joan McCrea, Joan Y. Keller, Lee & Alice Baalman, and Harry Schwab*

**Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*



## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY JOHNES!

Join her family & friends as  
they celebrate ...

**Open House on Saturday,  
January 20th from  
1 - 4 p.m.**

Godfrey Knights of Columbus  
McNicholas Hall

For more information, contact Carla Totten at  
618-466-1588 or [ctotten72@gmail.com](mailto:ctotten72@gmail.com)

*Birthday Celebration* 

January 19th



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20/21	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
<b>Saturday at 4:30 p.m.</b>	Matthew Darr Delaine Dressman Andrew Narup Leanne Ridolfi Genevieve Roberts Sue Stirnaman John Von Ah Sandra Willings	Piper Adams Kayli Jacobs Conner Jockisch	A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b> <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b>	Flo Sievers
<b>Sunday at 8:00 a.m.</b>	Terry Croxford Paige Dawdy Anthony Joehl Drew Joehl Patricia Kimbro Joseph Miller Laurie Milnor Joseph Stephan	Hunter Horton Maizy McCahill Catherine Pulaski	James Baalman Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Jeff Erwin Paul Krueger Stephen Mikoff	Pat Kessler
<b>Sunday at 10:30 a.m.</b>	David Dornes Delfina Dornes Ben Droste Scott Droste Monica Ellebracht Lisa Hayes Yvonne Mossman Julie Schranck	Danica Dornes Charles Droste Natalie Droste	Robert Baird Stephen Hieke William Horn John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson	Barb Frost



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**WEEK #18 WINNERS ... THE FINAL WEEK!**

- 1st Place \$100 34EHL Carol French 150 pts.
- 2nd Place \$50 4KUVW Jennifer Weiner 147 pts.
- 3rd Place \$40 4DHIV Neil Godar 144 pts.
- 4th Place \$30 3HQRV Theresa Roberts 141 pts.
- Last Place \$25 6GXYZ Jane King 45 pts.

Thank you to Matt Bechtold for chairing this fundraiser and to everyone that supported the efforts!

Watch for raffle tickets to go on sale on February 17th for our Hoop It Up Raffle | March Madness!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2023 Year in Review | The St. Ambrose Women's Group



In February, St. Ambrose Women's Group is hosting *High Tea* on **Wednesday, February 7th at 11 a.m.** in the Community Center.

Presented by Marilyn Schwab, **seating will be limited** and you will need to make a reservation (at no cost).

**Questions & to RSVP for High Tea**, please contact Debbie Ellebracht at 618-972-5885.

This year, we were blessed with many opportunities and gifts from our own parish women who were willing to share their personal life stories. We had a 100th birthday celebration for Laverne Logston and heard the amazing story of her childhood and beyond, Cathie Peddie told us about her childhood in Ireland and then her move to Africa to continue her education, Minnie Stalker talked about her time in Australia for a teacher exchange program, and a special Mother's Day event showcased many sentimental stories about our mothers.

Guest speakers joined some of our monthly meetings as well. We learned about the St. Ambrose Community Outreach (SACO) program and all the amazing work they do to help others, Lt. Michael Keshner gave us ideas on how to be safer in our community, and John Meehan performed and shared Christmas traditions.

We can't forget our annual potluck & game day, and our wonderful Christmas brunch which rounded out all of these special memories. What a blessing it was to be able to celebrate Pat Klasner at our Christmas brunch for her many years of dedication to St. Ambrose.

Our fundraising efforts through our Spring Salad Luncheon and Pecan Sales were very successful. We also collected canned goods for Crisis Food Center and many wonderful items for the Alton Area Warming Center.

Our road trips included visits to the Fox Theatre, the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, lunch on the Hill, Country Christmas In Nashville, and shopping at our local businesses.

We have so much to be grateful for and look forward to continuing to celebrating one another and our supportive parish and community. Remember, all women of the parish are members of the Women's Group. We would love to have you join us at one of our upcoming meetings or events and be a part of our mission.

**Here's to a joy-filled 2024!**



Please join the **Empty Nesters** for dinner and conversation on **Saturday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Bluff City Grill.**

This group aims to carve out time for adults to gather on a regular basis to share life's moments and to ask God to guide us as we continue His work on earth. We strive to assist with the needs of others and grow in our faith by doing so.

**Questions?** Contact Rita Robertson via email [2teach\\_1@msn.com](mailto:2teach_1@msn.com) or call the Parish Office at 618-466-2921 if you would like to participate in our Empty Nesters group.

# ST. AMBROSE CASH BASH

DRAWING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024

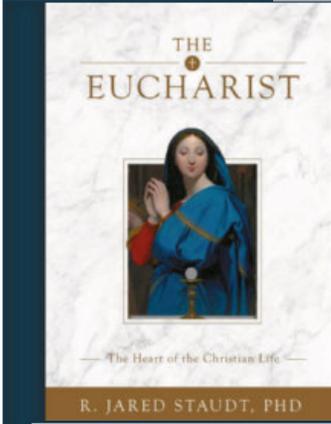
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**  
*Peace, Deacon Bill Kessler*

In this Year of The Eucharist, please give our Lord 1 hour a week for twelve weeks . . . the Blessing will be all yours!

The Eucharist distinguishes Catholic life more than anything else, providing the foundation for sacred worship and belief in Christ's living presence within the Church. This **12-week video-based course** will lay out the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the Mass and how they lead into a robust expression of the Christian life in the world. The Eucharist forms the soul in the holiness of Christ, which inspires believers to work for the transformation of the world through the spiritual power it bestows. More next week . . .

**Please join us on Tuesdays** in the morning following Mass at 9 a.m. or at 6:30 p.m. when the program will be repeated. Our Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- ▶ February 13
- ▶ February 20
- ▶ February 27
- ▶ March 5
- ▶ March 12
- ▶ March 26
- ▶ April 9
- ▶ April 16
- ▶ April 23
- ▶ April 30
- ▶ May 7
- ▶ May 14

**Break free from your Pharaohs.**

Are you tired of returning to the same "modern Pharaohs" over and over again - overconsumption of social media, watching your problems with alcohol, pornography, or binge-watching TV?

We start January 5.

[Sign Up for Free!](#)

## Exodus 90 - It's Never Too Late

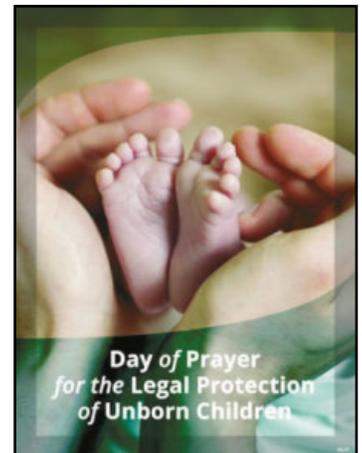
What is Exodus 90? It's a 90-day journey through the Book of Exodus, diving deeper into understanding the similarities we share with the ancient Israelites and finding our path to freedom from our own 'modern Pharaohs' holding us back from true unity with God.

For 90 days, we focus on three core pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity — a model witnessed to us centuries ago by the desert fathers in the early Church. It's never too late to sign-up.

CLICK HERE

<https://exodus90.com/>  
God Bless, Deacon Jay

**January 16-24** is the U.S. Catholic Bishop's **Annual 9 Days For Life novena**, surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please join others around the country praying for greater respect for all human life. Visit the **USCCB website** for the novena.



## St. Ambrose Catholic Church **GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY**

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

St. Ambrose Parish has partnered with Guide Book Publishing to publish our annual Church Guidebook & Directory for our parish that will be updated and mailed directly to our parishioner homes.

This book will be the who, what, when, where and how of our parish. The book is being provided at **NO COST** to our church. **All costs are incurred through local advertising.**

Local businesses and parishioners are being contacted to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like information regarding advertising in our book, please contact Marianne Kempka Fuhrmann at 314.723.1982 or email her at

[mkfuhrmann4@gmail.com](mailto:mkfuhrmann4@gmail.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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| Kate Baird Ashlock  | Rachel Kirchner  |
| Brianne Barry   | Robert Klaus, Jr.  |
|  Steven Blair, Jr., Navy | Pat Klasner  |
| Rick Boyer  | Kraig Kline, Army       |
| Carissa Burke   | Cindy Klunk  |
| Doris Cress   | Rachel Kuithe  |
| Steve Daniel  | James Manns  |
| Steve Darr  | Noel Merkle  |
| Ann Dooling   | Christopher Moore  |
| Ursula Dwyer  | Beverly Mosbarger  |
| Elaine Eberlin  | Joyce Nichols  |
| Michelle Eberlin  | Marsha Norris  |
| Terry Eberlin   | Joe P.   |
| Monica Ellebracht   | Dr. Janis Robinson   |
| Patti Freeman   | Dr. William Robinson   |
| Nina Giardina   | Danny Selby, Air Force  |
| Natalie Gordon  | Anthony Serio, Army     |
| Walt Gregory  | Nicholas Smith, Navy   |
| Ruth Guntren  | Sarah Stirton  |
|  Haley Haar, Air Force | Liz Stockhausen  |
| Jody Hagen  | Angie Wiener   |
| Dan Hall  |  |

**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)**



If you have a friend or loved one sick or in hospital please let the parish know. If someone needs anointing of the sick please contact the Parish office at 618-466-2921.



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 from 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 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



**Orval Ford Smith Jr.**, 88, passed away on January 7th. Beloved

husband of the late Barbara Ann Goldman, father of five including to parishioners Terri Hack, Cheri (Dick) Dover, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. Visitation and funeral took place at Gent Funeral Home on Thursday, January 11th. He was laid to rest at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Ladies, Looking for a way to enrich your Lenten Season?

**2024 Catholic Women's Breakfast**  
**February 10, 2024 - 8:00 AM to Noon at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville.**



Mass followed by catered breakfast and talk by **Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM** entitled 'Living Lent for a Change'.

Download the registration form (under the Quick Links tab) at [www.st-boniface.com](http://www.st-boniface.com) or email [Womensbreakfast24@gmail.com](mailto:Womensbreakfast24@gmail.com)

**Pre-Registered is Required and space is limited. Mail registration by January 31st.**

Bethalto Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner  
 Sunday, January 21st from 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Dine In, All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10)

Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$12 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides

No custom orders available for drive thru  
 Side Options: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Public Welcome | Proceeds go to Bethalto K of C Charities and OLQP Parish

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Ambrose Parish & School Wish List** | At St. Ambrose, we are blessed to be financially stable, with parishioners and friends of the parish that continue to generously give of their time, talent, and treasure. Despite this stability, year in and year out our parish and school face increasing expenses and financial challenges, while continuously striving to improve in the many ministries for our parish and school families. Typically, our annual budget is very conservative, and it is only through the generosity of so many that we continue to stay financially stable and will remain viable for the future. This new area of the bulletin is here to provide parishioners and friends of the parish our current needs and estimated expenses. These are expenses that St. Ambrose will have to absorb and any support for these costs is greatly appreciated.

## Wish List Items

- Repairs on Church roof to address multiple serious leaks (*additional estimates are being obtained, but the repairs will be in the 10's of thousands of dollars*)
- Active Shooter Security Equipment for the School & Classrooms (message Mr. Baird directly)
- New Carpeting/Flooring in the remainder of the 1st-4th grade wing



Every year, *Totus Tuus*, a popular program for Catholic students in grades first through twelve come to parishes all around our diocese. The Diocese of Springfield is now hiring *Totus Tuus* Missionaries for the summer of 2024! Faithful college-aged men and women are encourage to apply!

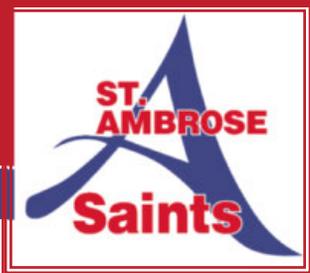
**Be a TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY in 2024**  
with the diocese of Springfield in Illinois



**MISSIONARIES WILL RECEIVE:**

- Paid full-time employment
- Food, gas, and lodging all covered
- A trip to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress, fully paid for by the Diocese
- A daily opportunity to share Jesus with kids
- A week off
- Paid training
- 2 retreats to grow in faith
- Heaps and heaps of fun!

**MAY 29 - JULY 27**



# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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

## HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

**Camp Ondessonk Presentation** | On Tuesday, Jan. 9, a counselor was on hand from Camp Ondessonk. He spoke to students about different camp options and some of the things that go on at Camp. The students received brochures with information about Camp O. Camp Ondessonk is a Catholic youth summer camp located in southern Illinois. Camp O is sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

**Catholic Schools Week Activities** | Our final list of activities for Catholic Schools Week will be posted to the school website in the next few days. Parents will be invited to attend "Parent Day" on Wednesday, Jan. 31. We will have a "Parent Day" Mass, followed by refreshments in the Community Center.

**Knights of Columbus (KC) Free Throw Shooting Contest** | On Thursday, Feb. 1, St. Ambrose will be hosting the finals of our KC free throw shooting contest. Students aged 9-14 are eligible to participate. Preliminary rounds will be completed earlier in the week and the finals are set for Thursday, Feb. 1 at 1:30. The winner of each age group will advance to compete at the Regional level.

**7th Grade to Attend STEAM Fair at LCCC** | On Thursday, Apr. 12, our 7th grade class will attend a STEAM Fair at Lewis Clark College in Godfrey. The students will be exposed to different programs that are available to all.

**Cash Bash Tickets on Sale Now** | The Cash Bash ticket sales are live and on sale now! New this year, in place of the SCRIP program, each family is required to purchase/sell two tickets. There will be a place to denote the family who should receive the credit, so please make sure if someone else is purchasing for your family they put your name on the sale to ensure you get credit.

The drawing will take place on February 10, 2024. There will be two early bird drawings held on January 15th and on January 29th, so get your purchases in early!

**HOW IT WORKS** | All 500 tickets are placed in a tumbler and EVERY ticket is drawn out. Every 10th ticket drawn wins a cash prize of either \$100, \$250, or \$500! Every non-winning ticket gets put in to one FINAL BONUS ROUND for \$500

Purchase three different ways:

- Online: <http://sacashbash24.givesmart.com/>
- Text: SACASHbash24 to 76278 for a link to your phone
- In person: At the Parish Office

### FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,  
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
WEEKEND!**

**Marquette Catholic HS Seeks Track and Field Coach** | MCHS is seeking a qualified boys and girls varsity track and field coach. Interested applicants should email cover letter and resume to Marquette Catholic AD, Brian Hoener, at [bhoener@mymchs.org](mailto:bhoener@mymchs.org)



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**January 15** | NO SCHOOL | Cash Bash Early Bird Drawing for \$100

**January 17** | 1:30 Early Dismissal

**January 19** | Spirit Day - Pajamas

**January 31-February 2**  
Catholic Schools Week!

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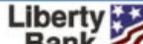
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