



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

JANUARY 21, 2024 | THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



The Word of God this weekend continues the theme of CALL ...
God's call to men and women to serve as prophets and leaders

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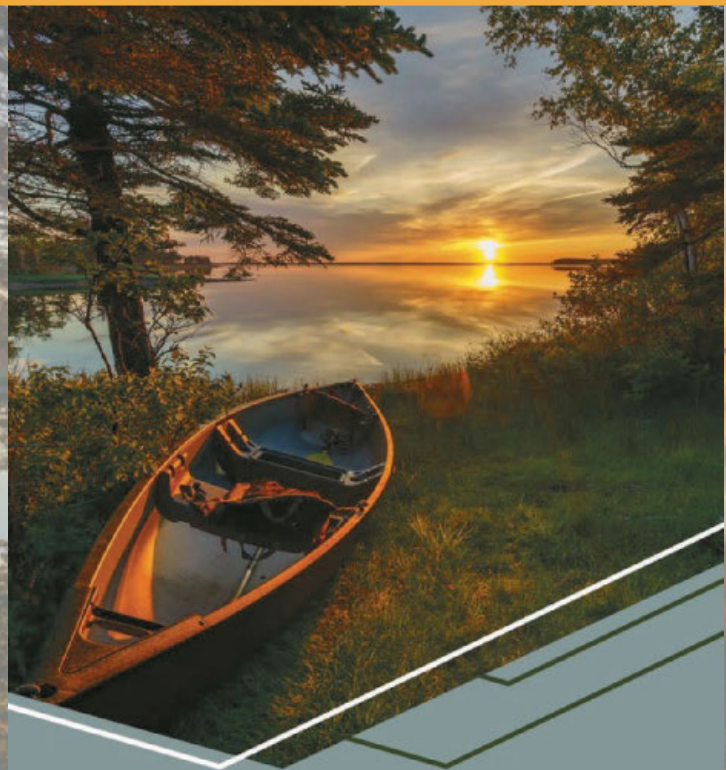
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

The Word of God this weekend continues the theme of CALL ... God's call to men and women to serve as prophets and leaders; Jesus' call to men, women and children to follow him. Every call is unique to the person. Like Jonah, we may resist the call. Like Simon, Andrew, James and John, we may drop everything to respond to the call. The choice is ours.

It's that time of year already! You are welcome to bring your OLD BLESSED PALMS to be burned for ashes for distribution on ASH WEDNESDAY. Containers are available at the entrances to church.

Deadline for old palms is Sunday, February 11, 2024. LENT begins on Wednesday, February 14 this year.



Heads up! Girl Scout Troop 707 will be selling cookies at St. Ambrose the weekend of January 27-28, 2024 ONLY. Please "be prepared" for this opportunity. Cookies are selling for \$6 per box.

May God bless you and your family! Stay warm and well.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)



Please join the **Empty Nesters** for dinner and conversation on **NEW DATE: Saturday, January 27th 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 or call the Parish Office at 618-466-2921 if you would like to participate in our Empty Nesters 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.



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



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



January Finance Council Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center.



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

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



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

 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 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Milt Williams, Cassella Families & Derwin Families, Gerald Baker, 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

Monday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Dennis Olston

Tuesday, January 23 at 8:15 a.m.

Judy Streif

Wednesday, January 24 at 8:15 a.m.

Kathy Dooling and Robert Langen

Thursday, January 25 at 8:15 a.m.

Andrea Moniz

Friday, January 26 at 8:15 a.m.

Tom Mullen

Saturday, January 27 at 4:30 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, January 28 at 8:00 a.m.

Pat Wheeler

Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Ervin Vogelsang, Minnie Perica, Marva Bachman, Ralph Rowden, and Bert Roberts

2023 ST. AMBROSE PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT



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Our second Annual Parish Stewardship Report is available now for viewing on our [website](https://www.stambroseparish.org). This report expands upon four pillars of our parish: *hospitality, prayer, faith formation, and service*. All this is in the context of stewardship ... how we make a grateful response to God's abundance in our lives. We thank you all for praying, serving, and giving joyfully to fulfill the mission of the church.

We hope you enjoy seeing several of these gestures captured and highlighted in this report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27/28	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.	Diane Adams Delaine Dressman Julie Gorsage Maxwell Gorsage Lisa Heffington Andrew Narup Susan Schmidt Linda Wickenhauser	Alexis Brown Holly Franklin Dakotah Kelly	A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW	Students
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Gwen Baalman Tammie Lynn Daniel Mary Erwin Anthony Josehl Jo ann Krueger Patrick Miller Carmen Serio Mary Lou Sutton	James Erwin Leon Kerkemeyer Emma Kory	James Baalman Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Paul Krueger Stephen Mikoff VOLUNTEER NOW	Students
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Michael Bruns David Dornes Delfina Dornes Mary Grant Charles Sethaler Patricia Steinmann Noah Wilkinson VOLUNTEER NOW	Benjamin Osborn Jackson Osborn Sophia Osborn	Robert Baird Stephen Hieke William Horn John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson	Students

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St. Ambrose Community Outreach (SACO) Report

October 1 - December 31, 2023 | Your donations provided help for:

- 37 Families with electric bills (these included 28 children)
- 29 Families with water bills (these included 36 children)
- 1 Parishioner with medical equipment not covered by insurance
- We assembled and delivered 30 Christmas "goodie" bags to our shut in parishioners.
- We provided Catholic Charities with gift cards as part of their Christmas Food Basket Program.
- We also made a substantial donation to the St. Ambrose "Giving Tree Program".

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Donations Received = \$17,448.47

Expenditures = \$11,180.53



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ST. AMBROSE CASH BASH

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on January 29th!

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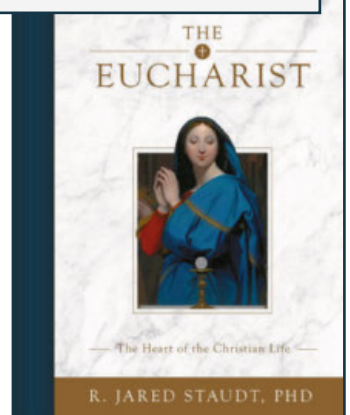
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More on Our Program on The Eucharist ... Why attend these sessions? Jesus left His Body and Blood to our Church for a reason: The Eucharist gives shape to the Christian life, forming a whole way of life, or culture, that flows from the grace it bestows. The encounter with Jesus at the Mass should make our own lives a continuation of His enfleshed presence in the world. The believer becomes a tabernacle of Christ, being transformed ever more into His image and likeness so that all our actions flow from His presence within us. This enables Christians to spread their faith, serve the needy, transform work and family life into an offering to God, and extend Christ's presence everywhere into society. The Eucharist changes the world from the inside out, becoming an oasis of truth, beauty, and love in a fallen world.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Peace, Deacon Bill Kessler



Please join us at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings beginning February 13th following Mass or at 6:30 p.m. when the program will be repeated.

Our Sessions are scheduled on the following Tuesdays:

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

First Week Only: *The Rocking Chair Prophet*. Here are some of the comments I have received from our fellow Parishioners on our Christmas gift:

"Finally had time to sit and read today. Amazing. Hit home! Loved it. Several post it notes. Highlights. One of his best in my opinion. Thanks for sharing this book with everyone!!"

"The nice thing about retirement, I have time to read . . . This book is great."

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Bereavement Ministries

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
(Men and Women)

We are in need of more volunteers who would be interested in preparing a dish and/or assist in serving for the funeral luncheons held in the Community Center.

Please fill out and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____







☐ PREPARE A DISH
☐ ASSIST IN SERVING

☐ HELP WITH BOTH

If you wish to be taken off the funeral luncheon list, please let us know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Larry Dale Hauck, 85, died on January 9, 2024, at Alton Memorial Hospital. Beloved husband of Norma (Cochran) Hauck, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, friend, and U.S. Navy Veteran. Larry owned Wells Tire and then, Wells-Hauck Tire Store in downtown Alton until his retirement. A private funeral was held at Gent Funeral Home with burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski officiated. Memorials may be made to the 5A's animal shelter.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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.



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.



Ladies, Looking for a way to enrich your Lenten Season? Join us for the **2024 Catholic Women's Breakfast on February 10, 2024 | 8:00 AM to Noon at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville.** Enjoy 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 or email Womensbreakfast24@gmail.com

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

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Eucharistic Miracle of Eten, Peru The Eucharistic Miracle for January happened in 1649. In a Host exposed for public adoration, there appeared the Child Jesus and three interconnected hearts of a brilliant white color. Every year, the feast in honor of this event begins on July 12, with the transfer of the Host of the miracle from its Sanctuary to the church in the City of Eten, and ends on July 24. You can discover more about this amazing miracle, and others, by viewing posters located in the front vestibule of church or on our [website](#).



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantánamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantánamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of **January 27/28, 2024**. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#iGiveCatholicTogether](#) (uscgb.givecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscgb-church-in-latin-america) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.uscgb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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You are invited to **World Marriage Day celebration in St. Louis** on **Sunday, February 11** at the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivotuso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis.

A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life.

World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11th.

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Bethalto Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner

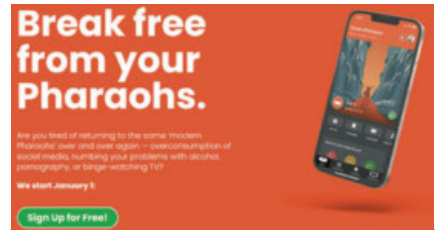
Sunday, January 21st | 1:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.

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



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God Bless, Deacon Jay



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King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center invites you to:

"Grace and Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives"

Presenter: Madeleine Lane, SSND, MA, LMFT

Monday, March 18, 2024, from 9 am to 3 pm (Lunch included)

Join Sr. Madeleine Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and in the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. Our day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection. **Cost: \$50 (Lunch included)**

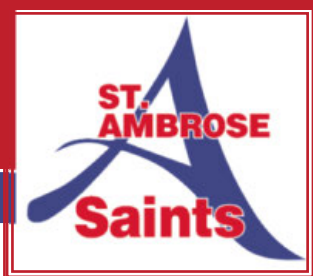
For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit www.snows.org/Grief



Dr. Scott Hahn on what Catholics need to change

Dr. Scott Hahn joins Dive Deep to discuss topics such as what habits practicing Catholics need to change; why was Dr. Hahn "anti-Catholic" before he converted; how John's Gospel changed his entire outlook on faith; how we can have Eucharistic amazement; and what should we lean on when we're facing hardships. Dr. Hahn joined Dive Deep from the BOS Center in Springfield on Oct. 28, 2023 when he was the

featured speaker at the Eucharistic Congress. Go to dio.org/podcast or youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

St. Ambrose Parents' Association (SAPA) Needs You | Year in and year out, SAPA and the parents involved greatly support the mission of St. Ambrose Catholic School. SAPA provides support through fundraising, organizing and volunteering at school events, providing special thank yous to teachers and staff, and so much more. SAPA needs you to help provide this support. We are looking for people to share their time and talents in a way that best suits them. Please remember that all volunteer efforts count towards the family service hour expectation.

One immediate need is for individuals with Marketing and Public relations experience and enthusiasm, to help promote our school. PR representatives from SAPA and our School Board are forming a Marketing Committee and we need additional assistance. Please contact SAPA to assist with PR/Marketing or in any manner. SAPA leadership can always be contacted at sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org

Snow Day Cancellation Reminders | A reminder that if we have the need to cancel school due to inclement weather, we will always try to do so no later than 6 AM. Cancellation notifications will be posted to the news stations, will be sent out via email, and will also be sent out via text through the FACTS SIS system. We realize the impact a school cancellation has on families and will not cancel school lightly. Any snow days will be traditional snow days, with no school work sent home or posted. The use of snow days will likely cause us to extend the school year at the end of the current calendar. Once the threat of winter weather is behind us, parents/guardians will be notified of any school calendar adjustments.

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.

2nd Quarter Report Cards Open & Honor Roll Posted | The second quarter report cards are open and available for viewing on FACTS SIS. Honor Roll and High Honor Roll lists were posted to the school website.

Catholic Schools Week Activities | Our final list of activities for Catholic Schools Week was posted to the school website.

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**

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.



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January 26 | Spiritwear or SAPA
Dress Down Pass Day

January 28 - February 3
Catholic Schools Week!

February 2 | Dress Down \$1.50

February 9 | Spirit Day or SAPA
Dress Down Pass Day

February 13 | Fat Tuesday
Pancake Breakfast

February 14 | Ash Wednesday

February 16 | Spirit Day - Decades

February 19 | NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day

February 21 | Early Dismissal 1:30

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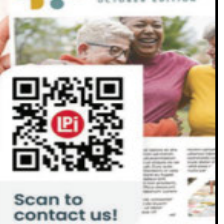
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