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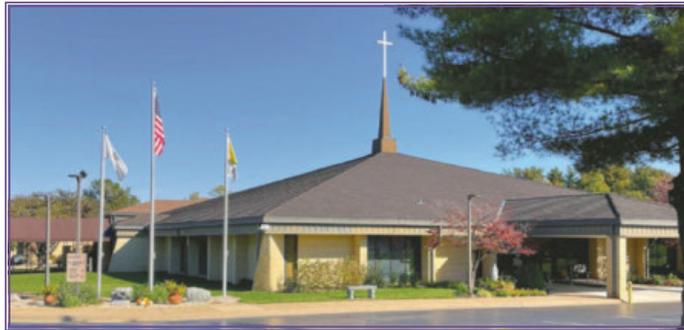
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



May God bless you during this sacred season of Lent.

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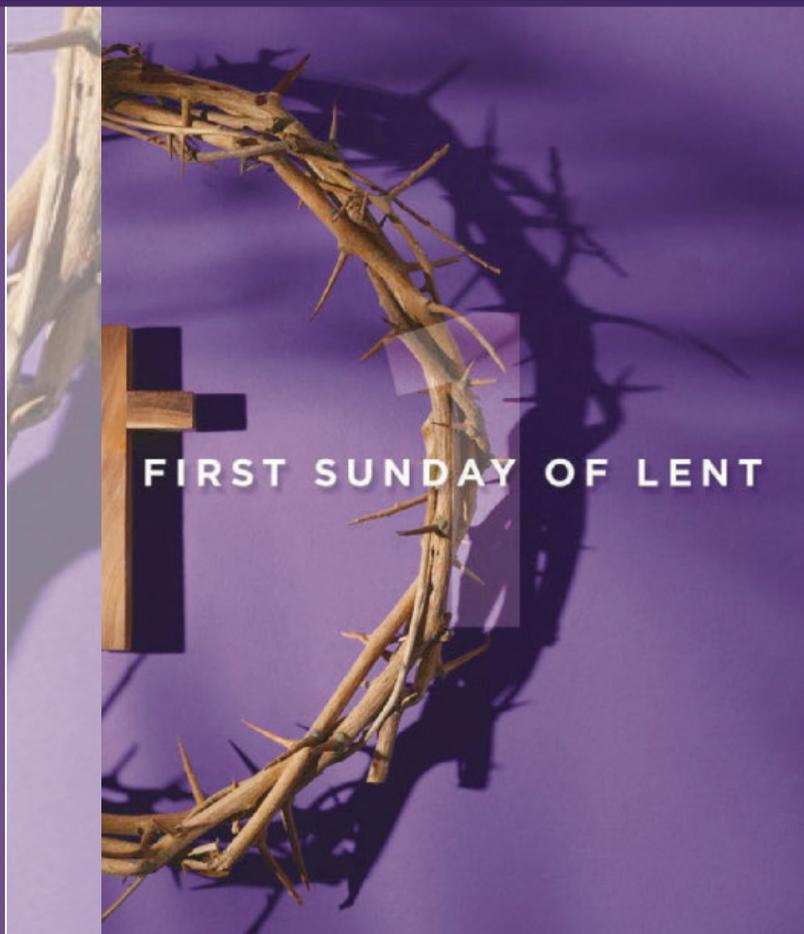
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

As we begin our journey into Lent, **Catechumens** throughout the world begin their final sprint to the Easter sacraments. This weekend, they will be presented to Bishops and officially called to the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They will no longer be called Catechumens, but the **ELECT**. During Lent, we journey together: as they prepare for baptism, we renew our commitment to baptism. Throughout Lent, our Elect will celebrate different rituals in preparation for Easter Vigil. We will pray with and for them, as we apply these rituals to our own lives as baptized Christians.

You are invited to pray the **Evening Prayer** of the Church in common at **4:00 p.m.** on the **Sundays of Lent**. This brief prayer of the Church helps us slow down and focus our attention on our relationship with God ... the primary purpose of the Lord's Day.



May God bless you during this sacred season of Lent.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you."
(Gn 9:8-10)

Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who
keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

Gospel:

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

★ **PRESIDENTS' DAY** ★

Because Monday is **Presidents' Day** (a federal holiday) **Mass** will be celebrated at **8:15 a.m.** There is no school and the offices will be closed.

Godfrey Knights of Columbus **FRIDAY FISH FRY(s)** have begun. Every Friday during Lent from **4-7 p.m.** at the McNicholas Club on Stamper Lane. Buffalo, whitefish, whole catfish, shrimp and baked fish and cheese pizza will be served. Buffalo and whitefish are all you can eat. Sides will be fries, onion rings, slaw, green beans, potato salad, spaghetti and tea or coffee. \$14 for adults, \$7 children 6-12 years old and under 6 are free) Anyone with questions can call Stephen Mikoff at 618-420-5557 or call the McNicholas Club at 618-466-9889. **Help is needed** (and will be greatly appreciated) from any members of the KC and also any parishioners, male or female. **See you there!**



Our Parish Pictorial Directory has been finalized and submitted to the publishing company for final preparation and printing. We anticipate delivery just after Easter.

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 grgrymt1@icloud.com

Join us for **Faith Formation Tuesdays**. This 12 week program about *The Eucharist* is offered **every Tuesday at 9 a.m. following Mass and repeated in the evening at 6:30 p.m.**

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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17 at 4:30 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Rena Lanham, Pat Wheeler, Laura Bechtold, and Ralph Rowden

Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Dale Krepel, Thomas, Lorraine & Elizabeth Krepel, Lucia & Joe Molloy

Monday, February 19 at 8:15 a.m.

Barb Joehl and John & Veronica Terlisner

Tuesday, February 20 at 8:15 a.m.

Dennis Olston

Wednesday, February 21 at 8:15 a.m.

Tom Acker, Sr.

Thursday, February 22 at 8:15 a.m.

Martha Wyss Cordes

Friday, February 23 at 8:15 a.m.

Laura Bechtold

Saturday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Mae Smith, Cassella Family, Derwin Williams & Milt Williams Families, Kenny Roderfeld, Lucy Roderfeld, Carl & Elizabeth Wagner, and Dr. Tanin Parich

Sunday, February 25 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Jeanne Rynders, Dale Krepel, Herman Boren and special intention for Marcia Todd

CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ADORATION

Wednesday at St. Michael at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNAL EVENING PRAYER

 Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 in the Daily Chapel

Feel free to help yourselves to the Lenten materials on the tables at the entrances to the Church. And, join us in any opportunities offered to intensify our efforts at prayer, sharing and sacrificing during this season of Lent.

- The Little Black Book (for adults) and The Little Purple Book (for children)
- A Lenten Calendar with daily suggestions
- Adult Faith Formation on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. studying the gift of the Eucharist.
- Adoration and Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael in Beltrees.
- Daily Mass [Mondays at 5:30 p.m. (except on federal holidays when Mass is at 8:15 a.m.); Tuesday-Friday at 8:15 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross with Children on Fridays at 2:00 p.m.
- "Best Lent Ever" from Dynamic Catholic (sign up online) <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>
- Godfrey Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Frys from 4:00-7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday.
- Bible Study on Saturday mornings (8:00 a.m. Men's Group; 9:30 a.m. Women's Group)
- Sunday Evening Prayer at 4:00 p.m. on the Sundays of Lent
- Communal Penance Service in mid-March (date and time TBD)
- 40 Days for Life (silent prayer witness) on Wednesday, March 13, at the Hope Clinic in Granite City from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (One hour commitment)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24/25	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.	Diane Adams Eric Braundmeier Matthew Darr Andrew Narup Leanne Ridolfi Thomas Schmidt John Von Ah Sandra Willings	Ryan Terry	A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW	Matt Darr
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Mary Bethal Tammie Lynn Daniel Jo Ann Krueger Stephen Mikoff Alivia Noss Hailey Noss Mary Jo Zykan	Leo Noss Max Noss Catherine Pulaski	James Baalman Clarence Davenport Dick Dover Brian Erwin Thomas Juravich Joseph Monroe	Pat Kessler
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Jennifer Baird David Dornes Delfina Dornes Ben Droste Scott Droste Monica Ellebracht Arlene Mathus Yvonne Mossman	Collin Cruse Finley Cruse Kayli Jacobs	Robert Baird Stephen Hieke William Horn David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson VOLUNTEER NOW	Michael Brunns

Please have all Christmas Decorations removed from St. Patrick's Cemetery by February 21st. Thank you!



JOIN US FOR THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Wednesdays during Lent at St. Michael in Beltrees at 7:00 p.m. with Adoration



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
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Join us in participating in the **40 Days for Life Campaign**. St. Ambrose's Vigil is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13th**, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Hope Clinic in Granite City. **Sign-up now** for a one-hour spot (or more!) Link is on our website or click here: <https://stambrosegodfrey.flocknote.com/signup/154378>

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

Questions? Contact Kris & John Kline at krisandjohnkline@yahoo.com or Laurie Milnor at laurie.milnor@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In Fr. Steve's column, he mentioned how God is calling a number in our families to the Sacrament of Baptism, please keep the following in your prayers:

- Rachel Mcleod*
- Scott Nixon*
- Nolan Nixon*
- Wyatt Nixon*
- Christian Johnson*
- Hunter Johnson*
- Matthew Mayer*
- Brenna Grant*
- Sophie Grant*

While seven of these are of an age to be Elected by our Bishop this weekend to Baptism, at Easter, all nine by God's grace will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In addition, God has graced us with 9 youngsters recently with one more, Ava Copley, to be baptized this week. Thank you God for all of these blessings!

Faith Formation Corner
Peace, Deacon Bill Kessler



The Eucharistic Miracle at Legnica, Poland:
A Bleeding Host

On Christmas Day 2013, at the Church of Saint Hyacinth in Legnica, Poland, a consecrated host fell on the floor. The host was put into a container with water so that it would dissolve. Instead, it formed red stains.

Learn more about this Eucharistic Miracle, and many others, by visiting our poster library in the front vestibule of the church.

We also highlight a different miracle each month on our website.

*Thanks and God Bless,
Deacon Jay Wackerly*



Join the St. Ambrose Women's Group on **Thursday, April 11th**, for a *Spring Soiree with a Touch of Class*. Shopping discounts, specialty cocktails, and decadent desserts. **Arrive no later than 9:15 a.m.** at the lower parking lot to board our Vandalia Bus Lines Motorcoach.

We will head to Chesterfield Outlet Mall, then on to lunch at Mimi's Cafe, and wrapping up at Three French Hens, arriving back at St. Ambrose around 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$74 & includes lunch, shopping discounts, cocktails, & dessert. **Due by March 28th.**

Informational packets available at church entrances.

*RSVP to Debbie Ellebracht
618-972-5885*

Bethalto Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner

Sunday, February 18th | 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 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: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Kate Baird Ashlock	Linda Jun
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	John Manio
Ann Dooling	James Manns
Ursula Dwyer	Noel Merkle
Elaine Eberlin	Christopher Moore
Michelle Eberlin	Beverly Mosbarger
Terry Eberlin	Freda Mullen
Monica Ellebracht	Donna Narrup
Patti Freeman	Joyce Nichols
Nina Giardina	Marsha Norris
Natalie Gordon	Joe P.
Walt Gregory	Dr. Janis Robinson
Ruth Guntren	Dr. William Robinson
 Haley Haar, Air Force	Larry Ruder
Jody Hagen	Danny Selby, Air Force 
Dan Hall	Anthony Serio, Army 
Darlene Henke	Nicholas Smith, Navy 
Emily Hollinger	Sarah Stirton
Cheryl Ingle	Liz Stockhausen
Melissa Jones	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

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE SPRINGFIELD, IL

APRIL 17, 2024

12 p.m. | Rally at the Capitol

1 p.m. | Illinois March for Life



Visit www.marchforlife.org/illinois for complete details



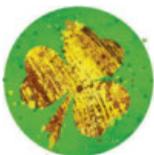
Please contact Tom Schmidt (retired grief and trauma counselor) at 618-219-0612 to discuss your options.

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.



The Hibernians St. Patrick's Celebration and Dinner will be on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Please join us at Suddes Hall for a corned beef, cabbage, ham, potatoes dinner and traditional Irish music by Celtica. **Reservations are required.** This year, tickets are \$30 per person, checks payable to L.A.O.H. Mail checks to Martha Maloy, 4625 Valleydale Rd., Godfrey. For more information, email Martha at maloy47@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR THE
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BLUE & WHITE

Gala

DINNER & AUCTION

MARCH 16, 2024

at Marquette Catholic High School

5:30pm Silent Auction | 6pm Dinner | 8:30pm Live Auction

Ticket Prices

\$60 per person

includes dinner, dessert, & 2 drink tickets

\$25 Online Bidding Number

for those who are unable to join us

rsvp by March 1st

marquettecatholic.org/auction

or contact Mary Kline (314) 791-9853



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DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



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MONDAY
March 4, 2024

7:45 - 8:45 PM

What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

Break 7:30-7:45 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 8:45-9:15 PM

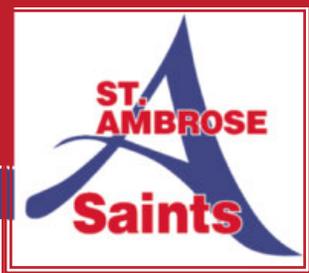
Tickets: chastity.com/purified
Info: bananie3@yahoo.com or 618.581.7055

Purchase Tickets with QR Code:



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ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

www.stambrosegodfrey.org | School Office ☎ 618-466-4216

HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

Why St. Ambrose? The question is often brought up, “why should I be a part of St. Ambrose?” The reasons to be a part of our church are many, just ask our Parishioners and they will be happy to tell you. Why be a part of St. Ambrose School? The reasons to be a part of our school are many as well. Four essential and the most important include:

- ▶ Numerous opportunities for spiritual growth during the school year.
- ▶ Strong academics (see MAP Test scores, NHS Inductions at local high schools, and our graduates success once they are out of school).
- ▶ Our strong school community of students, parents, faculty, staff, and parishioners.
- ▶ Improvements in safety and security - anticipated by the start of the 2024-2025 school year we will have implemented over \$200,000 in improvements in the last few years, including (door replacements, camera network, safety film on windows, intercom systems, and more).

ACRE Testing Coming Soon | The ACRE (Assessment of Catholic Religious Education) test will be administered in February to 5th and 8th grade students. The test will be given the week of Feb. 19.

Registration & Tuition | Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open March 1. Shortly before the opening of registration, tuition information and other important updates for the 2024-2025 school year will be shared. Tuition will increase, with our Finance Council deciding the exact increase. This increase is a necessity due to continuing increases in personnel costs and increases in costs of other expenses (utilities, curriculum, safety and security, and more). The costs to operate a quality school, along with a slight downturn in enrollment and the struggles with volunteerism and fundraising continue to necessitate a tuition increase. Additionally, Catholic schools in the Alton Deanery have prioritized collaboration with the other schools. Consistent tuition, sharing resources, and providing support to one another between the neighboring schools is one of the many goals of the collaboration. Tuition increases are not pleasant and the increases will never cover all costs to operate our school, but they are a necessity as our Parish does not have an infinite amount of money and cannot continue to subsidize the school at the rate it has done for the last few years.

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**



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February 17 | Hoop It Up
Basketball Raffle Launches

February 19 | NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day

February 21 | Early Dismissal
1:30 p.m.

February 23 | Spirit Wear / SAPA
Dress Down Pass Day

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week A Success | Thank you to the CSW planning committee for making this year's CSW a success! A special thank you to Kim Wackerly, for leading the committee and helping coordinate the different events. Thank you to other committee members, including Stephanie King, Chris Bachman, and Marcy Fessler.

Stations of the Cross during Lent | During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be presented in the Church on Fridays at 2:00. Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 8th grade during Holy Week on Tuesday, March 26.

Science Fair | Our 2023-2024 Science Fair was an amazing display of wonderful projects and informative science. Thank you to Ms. Deb Freeman (middle school science) for leading the students and for developing an organized and sequential process for the students to accomplish their projects. This was a great opportunity for our students to complete a detailed and multi-step project and also display and present their work for parents and judges to view. Congratulations to those recognized for outstanding achievement.

English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption | The ELA curriculum adoption committee will be having a meeting in the next week or two and will begin the process to select a new program for the 2024-2025 school year.

National Catholic Presenter, Jason Evert, to speak to 7th and 8th grade students from our local Catholic Schools | On Tuesday, March 5th, 7th and 8th grade students from St. Ambrose and other local Catholic elementary schools will head to St. Mary's middle school in Alton to hear a nationally renowned speaker. Parents that attended his presentation last year, spoke highly of the messaging and delivery. This presentation is endorsed by our local Catholic leadership. In his seminar, which has been delivered to more than one million teens on six continents, Jason Evert reveals the compelling vision of God's plan for human sexuality and presents an uplifting case for practicing the virtue of chastity. By addressing the issues that teens struggle with most, such as sexual pressure, pornography, modesty, and starting over, Jason offers encouragement for teens to maintain their purity or begin again if they've made mistakes in the past. The night before, on March 4, there will be a parent/student presentation that is a ticketed event (*please see the attached flier*). The ideal format is for the parents and students to attend the evening before and then the group of middle school students attend together with a session focused entirely on their age group. The time of the school presentation on March 5 is still in discussion and will be communicated asap. The students will be transported by bus to St. Mary's and permission slips will be sent home. Parents may opt their students out and they will be supervised at school. Please let us know if you have any questions.

10 St. Ambrose 8th Graders to Participate in Model UN | On Monday, Feb. 26 and Tuesday, Feb. 27, ten of our 8th grade students will participate in the Model UN conference at SIUE. Schools from around the area will participate.

Chess Club Update | This year, we have approximately 25 students in Chess Club. The competitive team is now 2-1-1. The Alton Deanery competitive league added 3 teams this year. We even have "friendly" matches scheduled with Alton Middle School.

5-8 Grade Monthly Talks | This past week, we hosted the first of what will become a monthly event. We spent 20 minutes talking with the students about important topics, especially things like avoiding issues that cannot be joked about or made "light of," including threats to others or one's self, racially derogatory terminology, sexual harassment, and more. We also reminded them to share with parents and adults at school when matters of concern arise. We also reminded them of the available anonymous reporting tool on our school website. The next talk will be Feb. 21. We will share talking points with parents, so the topics can be discussed at home.



Congratulations to Carolyn Klasner on winning the \$10,000 Cash Bash Raffle!

Thank you to everyone that participated and to SAPA for hosting the virtual event!

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