



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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



May God bless you as we continue our Lenten journey.

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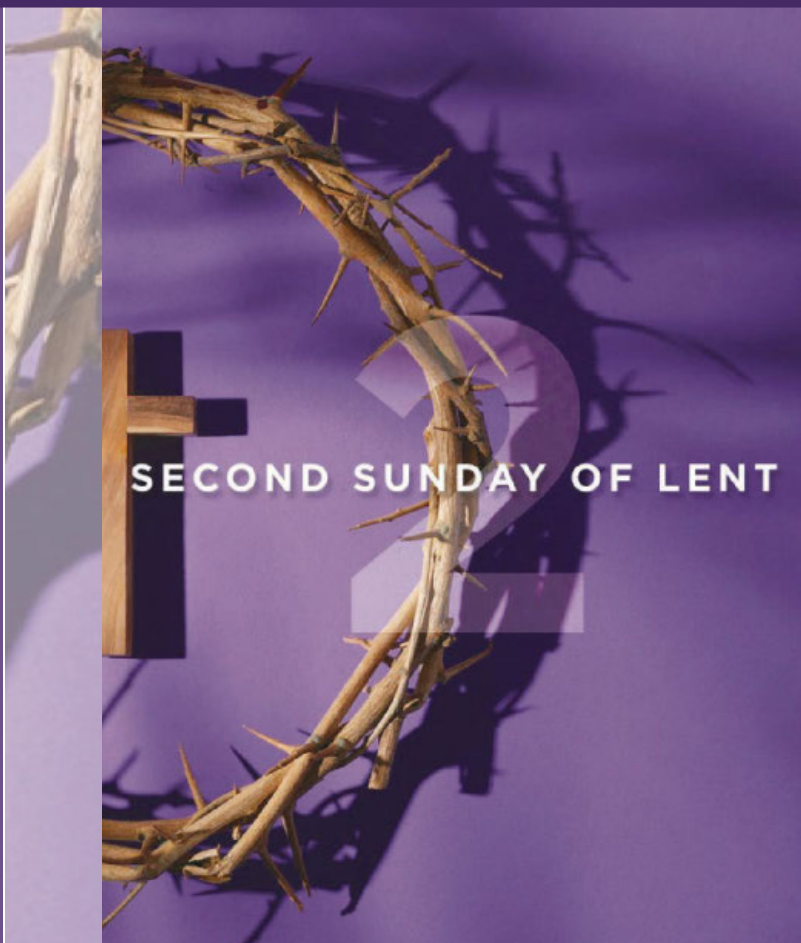
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

As we gather to worship God on this Second Sunday of Lent, we are invited to accompany Abraham and Issac to Mount Moriah AND Jesus, Peter, James and John to the top of Mt. Tabor. We accompany Abraham as he trusted God even when he could not understand what was being asked of him. We accompany Isaac in his innocence. We rejoice with both as they offer a sacrifice in gratitude to God. We accompany Jesus and the three Apostles as they depart from the crowds after Jesus told them that if they choose to follow him, they will have to carry the cross that accompanies discipleship. The experience of Jesus being transfigured was God's reassurance to Jesus and the Apostles as they journeyed to Jerusalem where Jesus would suffer and die on the cross.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER: Several parishioners asked if they could pray the **Rosary** following Evening Prayer on Sundays during Lent. Evening Prayer lasts about 15 minutes and spending some extra time in prayer is ALWAYS a good thing. There will be a pause after Evening Prayer to allow folks to depart before the beginning of the Rosary.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE for LENT: Sunday, March 17, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Fr. Frank and Fr. Louis will assist me with Confessions. The Service consists of a gathering song, Scripture reading, examination of conscience, communal act of sorrow, individual confession of sins and absolution. We will conclude the service with our regular Sunday Evening Prayer, followed by the Rosary for those who are able to stay. Please mark your calendar.



May God bless you as we continue our Lenten journey. Remember to pray for our Elect and others preparing to become members of the Catholic Church.

Last Sunday, at our 10:30 Mass, Fr. Steve sent our delegation to The Rite of Election at our Cathedral in Springfield. Our Parish Community sent our Catechumens with love and prayers in anticipation of their baptisms at our Easter Vigil. We will be blest, by God's grace, with 9 new Catholics on March 30, 2024. Our delegation included those to be baptized with God Parents and our Oblate Novices.



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 SCHEDULE

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.

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. followed by the Praying of the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 in the Daily Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mae Smith, Cassella Family, Derwin Family & 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

Monday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Special Intention for Monica Ellebracht

Tuesday, February 27 at 8:15 a.m.

Harry Schwab

Wednesday, February 28 at 8:15 a.m.

John Gibbons

Thursday, February 29 at 8:15 a.m.

Rene Pohlman

Friday, March 1 at 8:15 a.m.

Larry & Shirley Spain

Saturday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Joseph & Olga Stephan, Ed Cordes Family, and Joseph Certa, Sr.

Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Virgil Lee Monroe, Stephen Kennedy, and Harry Schwab

Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

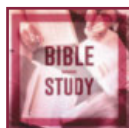


Come out **every Friday** during Lent from **4-7 p.m.** for a Godfrey Knights of Columbus **Fish Fry** at the McNicholas Club on Stamper Lane. **Help is needed** (and will be greatly appreciated) from any members of the KC and also any parishioners, male or female.

Call Stephen Mikoff at 618-420-5557 or call the McNicholas Club at 618-466-9889.



Tickets are on sale now through March 17th for our St. Ambrose Hoop It Up Basketball Raffle. Visit SABasketball24.givesmart.com to purchase tickets & view complete details



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| WEEKEND OF MARCH 2/3 | Eucharistic Ministers | Servers | Ushers | Lector |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| Saturday at 4:30 p.m. | Nancy Blair Stacey Eccles Julie Gorsage Maxwell Gorsage Richard Lucido Genevieve Roberts John Von Ah Kathleen Wittich | Piper Adams Sabrina Eccles Conner Jockisch | Eric Braundmeier Paul Braundmeier Delaine Dressman A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune Andrew Narup | Flo Sievers |
| Sunday at 8:00 a.m. | Paige Dawdy Drew Joehl Stephen Mikoff Joseph Miller Patrick Miller Laurie Milnor Michelle Pulaski Joseph Stephan | Maxwell King Lucas Stephan Cam Weirich | Terry Croxford Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Anthony Joehl Paul Krueger Michael Stumpf | Laurie Milnor |
| Sunday at 10:30 a.m. | Monica Ellebracht Mary Grant Lisa Hayes Yvonne Mossman Julie Schranck Minnie Stalker Carla Totten | Elizabeth King Joseph King Madeleine King | Robert Baird David Dornes Stephen Hieke John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson | Mark Ellebracht |



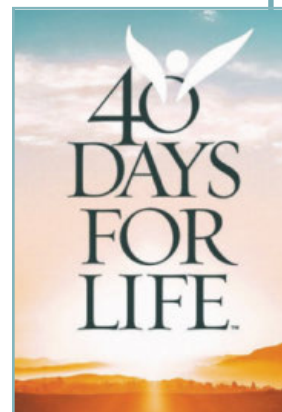
**Stations
OF THE CROSS**

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

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

On Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. join us for our (rescheduled) Jericho Walk
at the Hope Clinic



*Thank
You*

On behalf of Fr. Jerry's family, we want to send a big heartfelt thank you to
Fr. Steve and all staff for a wonderful farewell Mass for Fr. Jerry. The choir and
soloists did a beautiful job. A special thank you to the funeral luncheon
committee, all those who donated food, and those who helped serve and work
the luncheon. You are appreciated! Fr. Jerry would have approved!

Jim and Linda Wickenhauser

MARCH CALENDAR

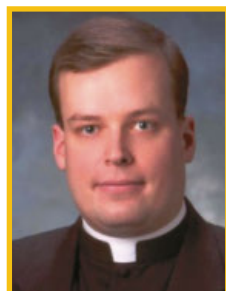
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. OCIA 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Rosary | 26 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary | 27 8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation | 28 8:15 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/ Adoration St. Michael (Beltrees) | 29 8:15 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Finance Council | 1 8:15 a.m. Mass School Registration Opens for 2024-25 4:00-7:00 p.m. Godfrey KC Fish Fry | 2 Bible Study 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass |
| 3 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. OCIA 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Rosary | 4 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary | 5 8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation 7:00 p.m. Outreach | 6 8:15 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. SAPA 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/ Adoration St. Michael (Beltrees) | 7 8:15 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council | 8 8:15 a.m. Mass 4:00-7:00 p.m. Godfrey KC Fish Fry | 9 Bible Study 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass HOSPITALITY WEEKEND |
| 10 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. OCIA 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Rosary | 11 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary | 12 8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation | 13 8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Women's Group Noon Serra 6:00 p.m. School Board | 14 8:15 a.m. Mass | 15 8:15 a.m. Mass NO SCHOOL 4:00-7:00 p.m. Godfrey KC Fish Fry | 16 Bible Study 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass |
| 17 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. OCIA 3:30 p.m. Penance Service 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Rosary | 18 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary | 19 8:15 a.m. Mass 1:30 p.m. Cedarhurst Mass 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation | 20 8:15 a.m. Mass 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/ Adoration St. Michael (Beltrees) | 21 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction | 22 8:15 a.m. Mass 4:00-7:00 p.m. Godfrey KC Fish Fry | 23 Bible Study 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass |
| 24 Passion Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. PSR 10:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Rosary | 25 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary | 26 8:15 a.m. Mass 2:00 p.m. LIVING STATIONS | 27 8:15 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/ Adoration St. Michael (Beltrees) | 28 HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED NO SCHOOL 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer | 29 GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED NO SCHOOL Noon: Tenebrae 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 4:00-7:00 p.m. Godfrey KC Fish Fry | 30 No Confessions No 4:30 p.m. Mass EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 p.m. |
| 31 Easter 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. Mass (St. Michael, Beltrees) 10:30 a.m. Mass | 1 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED NO SCHOOL | 2 8:15 a.m. Mass NO SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation | 3 8:15 a.m. Mass | 4 8:15 a.m. Mass | 5 8:15 a.m. Mass | 6 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wittich/ Strozewski Wedding 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass |

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| 01 Richard Schmitt Dorothy Wendle | 08 Joseph Certa Barbara Hawley Gayle Joehl Barbara Murphy | 15 Donna Mikoff Deborah Schwaab Jo Siener Blake Varady | 21 Alison Christine Wilson 22 Thomas Anthony Joehl 23 Margie Crull Shelley Eberlin Darin Henry Jonathan Kribs Ethan Medlock | 28 John Klockenkemper Georgiann Ursch |
| 02 Taylor Aguirre Jacob Beiser Ann DiLeonardo Louis Franklin Nolan Frazier James Heafner Karen Medlock Jon Miller Florence Wilton Lucas Woolsey | 09 Krystal Brinkman Emerson Bruns Edward Kasten Donna Narup Patrick Purcell | 16 Mary Kline Olivia Mayden Maggie McHugh Laura Moore John Ramsey Alyson Varble | 24 Marcia Dressman Matt Holden Vincent Hollinger James McCormick Evan Rathgeb Carla Skrabacz Sawyer Staub Kevin Zumbaum | 29 Isabelle Bassett Dorothy Cagle Tracey Carpunky Rachel Kirchner Raymond Rakers |
| 03 Addison Govreau Erin Hampton Mark Korte James Lieber Erin Spain | 10 Kolton Beasley Matthew Bechtold Kate Cogan Walter Grabner Daniel Hoefert Ellie Marie Jacobs Liam Laslie Joseph O'Connor Cynthia Pratt Geoffrey Turner | 17 Donald Certa Kristopher Drake Aubree Gibson Dakotah Kelly Josie Slayback Claire Spain | 25 Madeline Croxford Stephen Hieke Robert Hudanick Justin Lacy Eloise Landreth Theresa Northcutt | 30 Ricky Gibson Christopher Hoefert Conner Jockisch Waylon Schroeder Addison Charles Stutz |
| 04 Jenny Hamberg Mark Hamberg Joann Krueger Zoe Ann Williams | 11 Carol Gregory James Mooney Timothy Rathgeb Melanie Retzer Steven Ruppert Marcia Wheeler | 18 Randy Fox Laurie Milnor Christian Monroe Ann Retzer Jennifer Roth Todd Varady | 26 Mary Ann Buck Maria Carter Madison Dixon | 31 Rachel Acord Chris Burns Daniel Kessler Rita Robertson |
| 05 Deborah Davis Julie Gorsage Lauren Heinz Jessie Joaquin | 12 Charlotte Eberlin | 19 Jon-Patrick Bennett Janet D Heischmidt Patricia Kessler | 27 Piper Adams Daniel Clasby Anna Heavner Ryan Hoefert Emily Lacy Kathrine Ramsey Amanda Scoggins | |
| 06 Grant Heinz Victoria Salvador | 13 Brian LaGarce Erin Manns | 20 Connie Bollini Barbara Henry Abigail Stutz Alice Ann Varble James Wickenhauser | 28 Gary Bland Brent Burklund Benjamin Droste Mary Eckhard C. Shawn Fears | |
| 07 Amanda Beiser Schelle Fuhler Thomas Hanson Anthony Joehl Mary King Cole Pearson Andrea Schenk Clement Wilkinson | 14 Mary Jo Jacobs Sheila Mullen Ashley Salvador Lillian Schumer Larry Thompson | 21 Henry Franklin Cindy Hawkins Casper Joehl Thomas Juravich Spring Morelli Isabela Passig | | |
| | 15 Carson Hampton Jennifer Khantzios Gregory King | | | |



All are welcome to a A DAY OF LENTEN REFLECTION WITH THE ST. SERRA VOCATIONS CLUB

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Saint Ambrose Church & Community Center
820 W Homer M. Adams Parkway, Godfrey, IL
(Non-members are most welcome at our retreat!)

11:00 – 2:30

(confessions begin at 2:30)

Includes Mass, 2 Reflection Talks, Santino's Lunch & Confessions

Retreat Director: Father Tom Donovan

Topic: The Eucharist

COST for meal \$20.00 per person, RSVP for a lunch required

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR OUR LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT
BY MARCH 6 BY E-MAILING OR LEAVING A MESSAGE FOR CAROLYN AT
casimansky@gmail.com or 618-463-1793**

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Ambrose Women's
Group will be hosting
their annual**

**SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON
& BASKET RAFFLE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Community Center

Cost will be \$15

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

ATTENTION ALL LADIES:

Please mark your calendars for a gathering of all Parish ladies to share a half day of spirituality and friendship.

WHEN: Wed., March 20th

TIME: Mass begins at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sts. Peter & Paul, Alton

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. Jeff Holtman

TOPIC: "Reflection on Holy Week"

Light Lenten luncheon

Brief meeting updates regarding the Deanery and sharing of information.

Questions? Contact Sue Schwegel, Deanery President, at 618-466-4208 or 618-304-2916



Please contact Tom Schmidt (retired grief

and trauma counselor) at

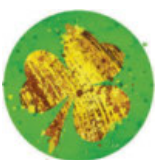
618-219-0612 to discuss your options.

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
MARQUETTE CATHOLIC
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



Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center WOMEN'S RETREAT

I Want to See You

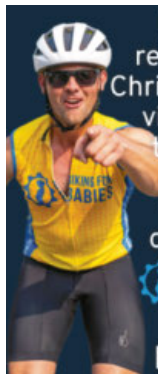
Presenters: Br. Pat McGee, OMI and
Virgina Herbers

Weekends in March and April: March
8, 9 and 10; March 15, 16 and 17;
March 22, 23 and 24; April 5, 6 and
7; April 12, 13 and 14, 2024.


Starts on Friday at 4:00 pm through
Sunday's at 2:00 pm

This retreat centers on the story of
the man born blind. Spend the
weekend learning the realization –
no matter where we are or what
we're doing, Jesus sees us.

Cost: \$200.00 per person (includes
lodging and meals). Register online
at <https://kh.snows.org/events/> or call
618-397-0584.



Hey Young Adult: are you
ready for an adventure with
Christ, where you'll transform
virtuously and be equipped
to share the Gospel of Life
and the message of hope
from pregnancy resource
centers across the nation?

 **wants YOU for the**
NATIONAL RIDE
FORMATION PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN
UNTIL MARCH 1, 2024;
PROGRAM BEGINS 3/13
Questions? Contact Aubrie!
aubrie.faust@bikingforbabies.com



Do you like to paint and volunteer? If so, please join us
on **Tuesday 3/12/2024 from 6:30-8:30 pm** to paint
furniture at Restore Decor in Edwardsville, IL.

We need 6 people ages 13 and up.

Enjoy getting to know other St. Ambrose Parishioners and
supporting a great cause. Restore Decor supports families
in need by selling restored furniture on Saturdays that is
painted and sold by volunteers. 100% of the proceeds
made from selling the furniture are given to the family in
need. For more information visit their website:
<https://www.restoredecorwardsville.com/about>

Please contact Maddie Croxford at 618-419-1616 or
mrcroxford@gmail.com for any questions.



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).

Student Service Expectation Coming in 2024-2025 | Currently, our School Board is developing a plan to implement student service as an expectation for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. Once the policy is finalized it will be shared.

Registration & Tuition | Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open March 1. Next week, 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.



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Now thru March 17

Hoop It Up Basketball Raffle
Tickets are on Sale

March 1 | Registration Opens

March 8 | End of 3rd Quarter |
Spirit Wear Day

March 15 | NO SCHOOL |
Teacher In-Service | Report Cards
Open

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

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.

St. Ambrose Alumni Association | At recent meetings, group discussions have expressed how nice it would be to have a St. Ambrose Catholic School Alumni Association. We could not agree more and would love for passionate individuals to lead a project to develop an Alumni Association. If interested in this project, please contact Principal, Mr. Baird.

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