



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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



Welcome to Holy Week!

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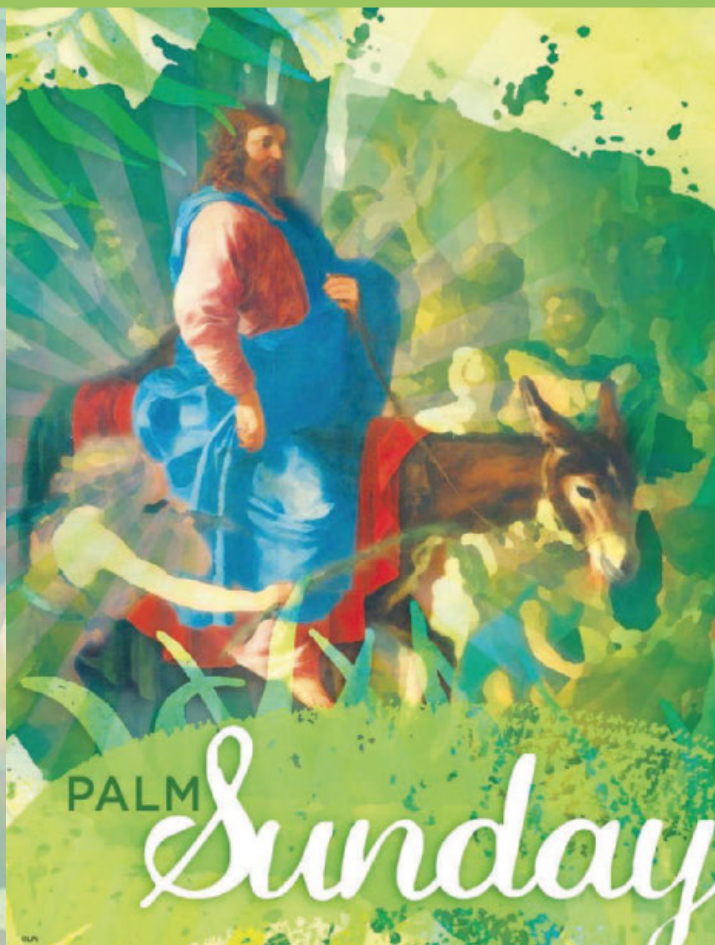
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose
Parish Family,

Welcome to Holy Week! The holy season of Lent concludes on Thursday as we begin the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We then enter the shortest season in the Church year: the Sacred Triduum (*the Sacred Three Days*) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. This three-day season culminates with the Solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Please consider participating in the prayer of the Church on these three days.

Please continue to pray for our Elect as they prepare for the three sacraments of initiation: **Brenna Grant, Christian & Hunter Johnson, Scott & Nolan Nixon, Rachel McLeod and Matthew Mayer**; our candidate for Full Communion in the Catholic Church: **Tammy Mayer**; our baptized Catholic completing her initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation: **Marli Nixon**; and our two younger children who will be baptized: **Sophie Grant and Wyatt Nixon**.

They will celebrate these sacraments at the Easter Vigil. May God bless them in the week ahead and all the days of their lives.

Please note:

No Stations of the Cross and Adoration this Wednesday at St. Michael.

The **parish office will be closed** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

No Confessions or **4:30 p.m. Mass** on Holy Saturday (March 30, 2024).



May God bless you and your families during this most holy time of year. For those who are traveling, may the angels and saints watch over you.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Living Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

*Please bring a **non-perishable item** to share
with those in need.*

*These will be gathered during the Presentation
of Gifts at Mass.*

Private Prayer after Mass until

Communal Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29, 2024

Tenebrae Service at Noon

KC Fish Fry 4 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose

9:15 a.m. at St. Michael

10:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose

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.

WEEK OF MARCH 25-31 MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS AT ST. AMBROSE


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

Tuesday - Wednesday at 8:15 a.m.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday at 2 p.m.


HOLY THURSDAY

 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae at Noon
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

 Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER MASS

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose

Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at St. Michael

 Sunday 10:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose

NO RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Kenneth & Lucille Roderfield, Geno & Irene Finn, Milt Williams, & Cassella & Derwin Families

Sunday, March 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Joe Haar, Sr., Helen & Edward Dodd, Jean Langen, Ralph Zerr, Lee & Alice Baalman, and Laura Bechtold

Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Monday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Jeanne Rynders

Tuesday, March 26 at 8:15 a.m.

Martha Wyss Cordes

Wednesday, March 27 at 8:15 a.m.

Dale Krepel and Jessica Serio

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Friday, March 29 Tenebrae at Noon

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, March 31 Easter Mass at 8:00 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, March 31 Easter Mass at 9:15 a.m. at St. Michael

St. Michael Parishioners

Sunday, March 31 Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

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!



REMINDER: No Inquiry, OCIA, PSR, or Bible Study on
Easter weekend

Mark your calendars for our April Women's Group gathering on **Wednesday, April 10th, at 11 a.m.** the Community Center. ALY SLAUGHTER (Marquette alum) will be our guest speaker. Aly is legally blind and she's a yoga instructor & world traveler. Come hear her inspiring story as she speaks of traveling by herself across the globe. She is an amazing young woman and you won't be disappointed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF MARCH 30/31	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Saturday at 8:00 p.m.	TBD	TBD	TBD	Susan Piazza Minnie Stalker
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Tammie Lynn Daniel Paige Dawdy Drew Joehl Jo Ann Krueger Michelle Pulaski Joseph Stephan Mary Lou Sutton	Maxwell King Finn Stephan Lucas Stephan	Terry Croxford Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Anthony Joehl Paul Krueger Michael Stumpf	Kim Wackerly Steve Blair
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Delfina Dornes Monica Ellebracht Lisa Hayes Yvonne Mossman Julie Schranck Page Selby Carla Totten Sandra Willings	Elijah Baird Danica Dornes Ryan Kline	Robert Baird David Dornes Stephen Hieke John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson	TBD TBD



St. Ambrose 40 Days for Life Prayer Partners

A huge **THANK YOU** to each of you for making the time in your busy schedules to come to the abortion clinic in Granite City on Wednesday, March 13th to pray with us. It was gratifying to receive news on our day of prayer, March 13th, that a mom who walked past us on the sidewalk to go into the clinic came out after a brief time and walked by us again to share her news that she had changed her mind. She was not going to have the abortion. Since this spring campaign kicked off on Wednesday, February 14th, there have been 18 babies saved by moms choosing life.

Also, within the last week, an employee from the clinic came out of the building and raised her hands in the air and said, "I quit!" 40 days for Life is working with her to help with expenses until she can find another job. We were blessed on Wednesday with beautiful weather. Thank you again to those who joined us and those who were praying with us from home. We will be participating again in the Fall of 2024. Please consider joining us if you have not. For those of you who have joined us, think about asking a friend to join you in prayer. A special thank you to several people behind the scenes who help Kris Kline and me each campaign ... Mary Jo Zykan, with setting up the signup area, Mel Bechtold, who coordinates the bulletin announcements and of course, Fr. Steve, who is always so supportive to this mission for LIFE. We appreciate each one of you.

Here are a few pictures from the day.

Kris Kline and Laurie Milnor

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As Winter comes to a close and we begin to see Spring start to bloom all around us, we want to take a moment to thank these generous donors for their gifts towards our Christmas & Winter decorations.

Our church looked so beautiful throughout the entire season!

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Beverly Ambrosi
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Matt & Melany Bechtold
Margaret Behrens
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Michael & Mary Ann Bethel
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Samuel Roberts
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Helen Schwab
Shellan & Richard Schwank
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Janet Zerr

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HOLY WEEK MEDITATION: Pope responds to question, "How is it possible that God's glory is manifested in the Cross?"

(ZENIT News / Vatican City, 03.17.2024). 20,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square around noon on Sunday, March 17, to accompany Pope Francis in the recitation of the Angelus prayer. As usual, moments before, the Pontiff delivered his Sunday address based on the Gospel of that day. Below is the text of the Pope's words in English:

***Today, fifth Sunday of Lent, as we draw closer to Holy Week, Jesus in the Gospel (cf. Jn 12:20-33) tells us something important: that on the Cross we will see His glory and that of the Father (cf. vv. 23, 28). But how is it possible that the glory of God manifest itself right there, on the Cross? One would think it happened in the Resurrection, not on the Cross, which is a defeat, a failure.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER PEACE, DEACON BILL KESSLER

Instead, today, talking about His Passion, Jesus says: "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (v. 23). What does He mean? He means that glory,

for God, does not correspond to human success, fame and popularity; glory, for God, has nothing self-referential about it, it is not a grandiose manifestation of power to be followed by public applause. For God, glory is to love to the point of giving one's life. Glorification, for Him, means giving Himself, making Himself accessible, offering His love. And this reached its culmination on the Cross, right there, where Jesus outspread God's love to the maximum, fully revealing the face of mercy, giving us life and forgiving his crucifiers.

Brothers and sisters, from the Cross, the "cathedra of God", the Lord teaches us that true glory, that which never fades and makes us happy, is made up of giving and forgiveness. Giving and forgiveness are the essence of the glory of God. And for us, they are the way of life. Giving and forgiveness: very different criteria to what we see around us, and also within us, when we think of glory as something to receive rather than to give; something to possess instead of something to offer. No, worldly glory fades, and does not leave joy in the heart; it does not even lead to the good of all, but rather to division, discord, and envy.

And so, we can ask ourselves: what is the glory I desire for myself, for my life, that I dream of for my future? That of impressing others with my prowess, my abilities, or the things I possess? Or the path of giving and forgiveness, that of the Crucified Jesus, the way of those who never tire of loving, confident that this bears witness to God in the world and makes the beauty of life shine? What kind of glory do I want for myself? Indeed, let us remember that when we give and forgive, God's glory shines in us. Right there: when we give and forgive. May the Virgin Mary, who followed Jesus faithfully at the hour of His Passion, help us be living reflections of the love of Jesus.



Tristin, is a 16 year old High School Student who began as a visitor to our Parish and then enrolled in our Order of Christian Initiation. Two weeks ago, Fr. Steve fully initiated him into our Catholic Community.

"I was introduced to the church by my grandmother, and now I am officially apart of St. Ambrose Church. I am very happy to have gotten confirmation, it was a long journey, but it was worth it."

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School at St. Ambrose

June 3rd-6th | Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God

We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to help organize and lead Vacation Bible School this year. If you are willing to join us on this adventure, please contact EITHER Chris Bachman at cbachman@stambrosegodfrey.org, Kate Hoefert at khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org or Kim Wackerly at kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org.



We hope to schedule a meeting soon!

ST. AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Brianne Barry	Rachel Kirchner
 Steven Blair, Jr., Navy	Robert Klaus, Jr.
Rick Boyer	Pat Klasner
Carissa Burke	Kraig Kline, Army 
Sharon Cadel	Rachel Kuithe
Doris Cress	John Manio
Steve Daniel	James Manns
Steve Darr	Noel Merkle
Ann Dooling	Christopher Moore
Ursula Dwyer	Beverly Mosbarger
Elaine Eberlin	Freda Mullen
Michelle Eberlin	Donna Narrup
Terry Eberlin	Joyce Nichols
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Emily Hollinger	Sarah Stirton
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	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



If you have a friend or loved one sick or in hospital please let the



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.



Gene Fiedler, passed away on March 13th. Devoted husband to the late Sharon Johnson, loving father of four including parishioner Jennifer (Brian) Belchick, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and esteemed entrepreneur. Throughout his life, Gene cultivated a love for fine cuisine, always appreciating the pleasures of great food and good company. An entrepreneur at heart, he dedicated himself to his work, displaying dedication and perseverance in all his ventures.

Memorial Contributions may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association-Greater St. Louis, Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis, or NRA in Virginia.

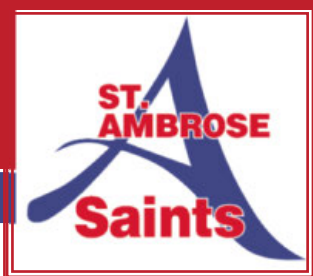


Madison County Catholic Charities Hosts 23rd Help On The Move Annual Fundraiser Saturday, April 13 from 6 – 11 p.m.

The event will be held at Julia's Banquet Center, 101 Eastgate Plaza in East Alton, IL. The evening will include dinner, drinks, & DJ music, a \$10,000 raffle, and other activities. **Dinner tickets are \$50 each.** Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 2 and get 1 free. **Tickets may be purchased** on our websitecc.dio.org or by calling 1.618.462.0634.



Church Women United Wednesday Lenten services begin at noon and last 30 minutes, followed by lunch served at the Host Church. The lunch is homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and a drink. A donation of \$5 helps to cover the cost of the lunch. The next service is **Wednesday, March 27** at Deliverance Temple, 1125 East 6th St., Alton.



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

Registration for 2024-2025 School Year Open | On Friday, March 1, registration opened for the 2024-2025 school year. Timely completion of registration is essential in order for us to effectively plan for the next school year. If your child will not be returning, please let us know asap.

3rd Quarter Honor Roll Posted | The list for 3rd Quarter honor roll has been posted to the school website.

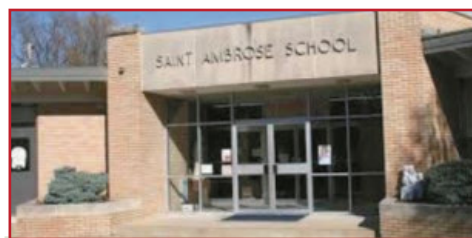
Diocesan Accreditation & State Recognition Visit | On Monday, March 25th, representatives from the Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Springfield, as well as from the Madison County Regional Office of Education will visit St. Ambrose for our Diocesan accreditation and State recognition review. Preparations have been ongoing for the last several years. All schools in the State and Diocese complete the process once every five years.

Eclipse Viewing April 8, 2024 | On the afternoon of April 8, students in K-8 will have the opportunity to witness the rare solar eclipse. St. Ambrose has obtained eclipse glasses for all staff and students in grades K-8. Students will witness the event in the lower parking lot. Permission slips will be sent home. Parents are welcome to sign their students out before the eclipse begins. The eclipse will begin to be visible in Godfrey at approximately 12:43 PM and will reach maximum viewing at 2:01 PM. We will head outside at approximately 1:30.

March Character Counts Assembly | Our Character Counts assembly for the month of March is set for Tuesday, March 26th at 10:45 a.m. Our theme for the month is Citizenship and our guest speaker will be Mr. John Meehan. He is someone that exemplifies Citizenship and will share some of his experiences with our students.

Competitive Canned Food Drive Begins Next Week | To foster the Lenten practice of sacrifice and giving, and to support the local needy, St. Ambrose 5th grade, along with our Student Council, are sponsoring a competitive canned food drive. The competitive drive will also connect with the

excitement of March Madness and be setup in a bracketed format. The class that brings in the most items each week (per student) will advance to the next week. **Parents, please do not feel obligated to participate each week.** The winning class will receive an extra recess, homework passes, and book vending machine tokens. The "Final 4" classes remaining at the end of 2 weeks all receive an extra recess. The drive will begin Monday, March 11, and will go through Friday, Apr. 5.



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2024-25 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

March 25 | Diocesan Accreditation & State of IL Recognition Visit

March 26 | Character Counts Assembly at 10:45 a.m. and Living Stations at 2 p.m.

March 28 - April 4 | Easter Break
NO SCHOOL

April 3 | SAPA Meeting at 6 p.m.

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**

SCHOOL NEWS

Checkmate! Congratulations to our chess team for earning second place in the tournament at St. Elizabeth's and to Eli, Henry, Lucas, and Cooper for placing in each of their individual boards!



St. Ambrose Needs A Grass Mower for the 2024 Growing Seasons (Spring, Summer, and Fall) | St. Ambrose is in need of a responsible individual to cut grass and weed eat on a regular/as needed basis. The Parish provides all necessary equipment. To be considered, contact school Principal Mr. Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org or at 618-466-4216.

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

Middle School Dances Coming Soon | The Woodlands Golf Course, (the owners are parents of St. Mary's students) would like to invite 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to attend a Catholic middle school dance at the Woodlands. Students from St. Ambrose, St. Mary's, and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bethalto are all invited. The dance is set for Saturday, April 6th. Please see the attached information flier. Our St. Ambrose Student Council is sponsoring a St. Ambrose middle school dance on Friday, April 19th as well. More details will be shared soon.

English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption The ELA curriculum adoption committee has begun the process to select a new program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Shout out to our amazing 7th-8th girls volleyball team who played their hearts out in the 8th grade tournament, landing in second place!



Shout out to our amazing 7th-8th boys volleyball team who won 1st Place in the tournament against St. Elizabeth's in Granite City!



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