# ST. AMBROSE PARISH APRIL 21, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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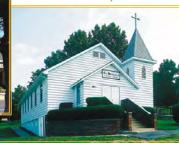
**MONDAY - THURSDAY** 8:30 A.M. - NOON and 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

#### **FRIDAY**

8:30 A.M. - NOON and 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.



ST. MICHAEL, BELTREES





He knows what we need and guides us to where our needs can be met in a healthy and holy way.

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#### 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

The Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Easter introduces us to another I AM statement of Jesus: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus desires only the best for his sheep. He knows what we need and guides us to where our needs can be met in a healthy and holy way. Sometimes we choose another way, but the Good Shepherd never abandons us, but instead searches us out and leads us back to his love and mercy.

Congratulations to our **St. Ambrose Graduating Class of 2024** who joined us for their Baccalaureate
Mass this weekend. May they always feel the power
of our prayer for them as they move into the next
chapter of their lives.

#### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

#### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone, (Ps 118)

Or. Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

I hope to see you at the annual **Spring Salad Luncheon** this Wednesday, hosted by our St. Ambrose Women's Group. These ladies provide so much to our parish family in countless ways. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Whatever happened to the new **Parish Pictorial Directory**? Good question. We have been anxiously awaiting the final proof for review. We are in regular contact with the company asking for updates. HOPEFULLY the Directories will be available soon ... as well as the "online" directory found on the parish website. Hang in there!

**May God bless you** and your family as we continue our journey through the Easter Season!

#### THIS SUNDAY!



Our next **Baptism Preparation Session** is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd at 11:30 a.m. **Questions?** Contact Deacon Jay.



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 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* 

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

## 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

#### **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**

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

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 in the Daily Chapel

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Carolyn Davis, Virgil Lee Monroe, Ralph & Sharon Rowden, and Richard Janoski

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Beverly Stutz, Dale Krepel, Virgil Lee Monroe, & Jeanne Rynders Monday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Rene Pohlman

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

Carolyn Davis

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

Bill Horn & Rick French

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

Harry Schwab

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

Pat Kane

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

Kenny & Lucille Roderfeld, Don Schulz, Milt Williams, and

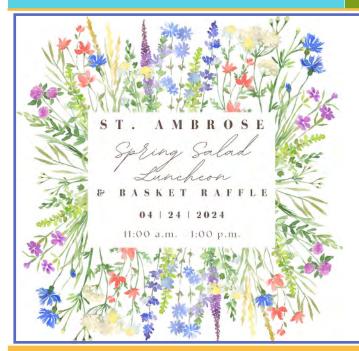
Cassella & Derwin Families

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

*St. Ambrose Parishioners* 

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

Stephen Kennedy, Carolyn Davis, and Bill Horn



Hosted by St. Ambrose Women's Group

Wednesday, April 24th

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Ambrose Community Center

Cost \$15 | Children 6-12 \$7 | Under 6 Free

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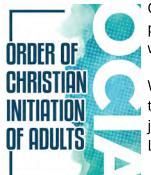
WEEKEND OF APRIL 27/28	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.	Diane Adams Nancy Blair Matthew Darr Delaine Dressman Lisa Heffington Andrew Narup Susan Schmidt Thomas Schmidt Sue Stirnaman Linda Wickenhauser	Holly Franklin William Monahan Joey Schwanck	A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW	David Craig
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Gwen Baalman Mary Bethel Tammie Lynn Daniel Paige Dawdy Mary Erwin Drew Joehl Jo Ann Krueger Joseph Miller Michelle Pulaski Mary Lou Sutton	Colton French Leon Kerkemeyer Catherine Pulaski	James Baalman Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Anthony Joehl Paul Krueger Stephan Mikoff	Linda Jun
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Ben Droste Lena Droste Scott Droste Monica Ellebracht Lisa Hayes Julie Schranck Page Selby Minnie Stalker Carla Totten	Collin Cruse Finley Cruse Noah Rose	Robert Baird Stephen Hieke John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b>	Sandy Willings





Thank you to the amazing women in both the church & school offices for all that you do to make
St. Ambrose a success! Your hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes are appreciated all year long. Our jobs are easier and more enjoyable because of you.

Happy Administrative Professionals Day!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Just an invitation to share the names of possible candidates to explore interest in our Catholic Faith. I am happy to meet with anyone at anytime.

We are seriously putting together a program for 7-10 graders over the Summer for Faith Formation. Please send along any names to join with us. It will be fun but lots of opportunity to encounter our Loving Lord.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER
Peace, Deacon Bill Kessler

If you know of anyone interested in either OCIA or the Summer of Faith Formation, please have them reach out to me at:

deaconbillk@gmail.com or 618-466-2921, Prompt 6.



Our Easter Season will present to us many beautiful examples of the Love of Jesus for His Disciples. This week we will encounter Him in His unique role as Our Good Shepherd. No better friend do any of us have. Dear Jesus please walk with us. Amen.

Our last testimonial is from Jillian...

I was baptized Catholic, and was told I could not get confirmed Catholic since I was over 30. On a whim, I called St. Ambrose and Deacon Bill called me back within 10 minutes welcoming me into the RCIA program. The timing was perfect because classes started quickly after. Since then, I have enjoyed learning about the sacraments every Sunday - making wonderful friends along the way. I am still learning, but the resources I have been given will make this journey a life long one.

**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 <a href="mailto:cbachman@stambrosegodfrey.org">cbachman@stambrosegodfrey.org</a>, Kate Hoefert at <a href="mailto:khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org">khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org</a> or <a href="mailto:kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org">kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org</a>.

We hope to schedule a meeting soon!





**St. Ambrose Parish & School Wish List of Needed Items** | At St. Ambrose, we are blessed to be financially stable, with parishioners and friends of the parish that continue to generously give of their time, talent, and treasure. Despite this stability, year in and year out our parish and school face increasing expenses and financial challenges. We do this while continuously striving to improve in the many ministries for our parish and school families. Typically, our annual budget is very conservative, and it is only through the generosity of so many that we continue to remain financially stable and will remain viable for the future. This area of the bulletin is

provided so that parishioners and friends of the parish are aware of our current needs and estimated expenses. These are expenses that St. Ambrose will have to absorb and any support for these costs is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that donations to school and Church projects are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

- **Copy Machine** | St. Ambrose Catholic School relies on 2 copy machines to provide for our school needs. This week, one of the two machines went down. The parts to repair the machine, may be as much as a new machine. **Cost for replacement machine is approximately \$5,500.**
- **Gymnasium Sound** | More than a year ago a generous donor provided funds to purchase new wireless microphones for our gym for student performances and more. That upgrade enhanced the sound in the gym. Recently, we ran into another new sound issue in the gym. One of the two speakers in the gym recently went out. Improving and enhancing the sound in the gym has been a goal and focus the last several years. We received quotes to replace the broken speaker and to upgrade the other necessary components of the gym sound system. These include:
  - 4 new speakers, a new mixer, speaker amplifiers, power conditioner, and AV cabling for new screens in the gym. This sound system will be connected to 3 new flat screen TVs that will be mounted in the gym to provide visual displays for games, assemblies/presentations, events, and more. The new speakers and the upgraded sound equipment is just under \$10,000.
- **Detailed Security Audit** | This past November, our Safety and Security Committee met for our bi-annual meeting. This committee is composed of current and retired members of law enforcement, most of which are parents to students in our school. These individuals have generously donated their time to help enhance security at St. Ambrose. This group has been meeting now for almost 3 years and have helped identify the projects that will be completed (hopefully this Summer) with our IEMA grant funds. The Safety and Security Committee suggested our next step to improve security would be to hire a company to provide St. Ambrose a detailed security audit. This audit would cover our entire St. Ambrose campus (*Church, Community Center, School, and Rectory*) and the audit would identify realistic and important future enhancements to safety and security at St. Ambrose. **To have a security firm complete this audit, will cost approximately \$2,500**.



Enjoy a great ballgame AND help support our 7th grade class in reaching their fundraising goals for their 8th grade class trip!

Tickets are on sale now to see the Alton River Dragons take on the Jacksonville Rockabillys on Sunday, June 9th at 5:35 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and the Class of 2025 will get half of the proceeds.

If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Marissa Murray directly at *marisamurray1018@yahoo.com*, or any 7th grade parent can help you out!

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

Joan Anzalone Kate Baird Ashlock Brianne Barry

😰 Steven Blair, Jr., Navy

Rick Boyer

Carissa Burke

Sharon Cadel

Grayson Clasby

**Doris Cress** 

Steve Daniel

Steve Darr

Ann Dooling

Ursula Dwyer

Elaine Eberlin

Michelle Eberlin

Terry Eberlin Monica Ellebracht

Mary Ellis

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Kraig Kline, Army

Rachel Kuithe

Pat Klasner

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James Manns

Noel Merkle

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Vern Phillips

Dr. Janis Robinson

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Danny Selby, Air Force

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Sarah Stirton

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 <a href="mailto:mzykan@saintambroseparish.org">mzykan@saintambroseparish.org</a>



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.



**Robert Neal Speidel**, 76, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 13th. Beloved

husband to Caroline, devoted and much-loved father to his children Frank Speidel (Kimberly) and Marie E Boesch (Jeremy) and grandfather to his grandchildren Robert, Ruth, Ross, Raeanna, and Rory Speidel and Elyse Boesch.

He led a life of service to the community and love for family and friends. For 44 years, he inspired students as an English Teacher and Instructor, enlightening them with numerous stories. He was a passionate storyteller with an encyclopedic knowledge of funny or insightful tales for friends and family on every occasion. He led as a High School coach who loved the game and cared about the player. Faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, he was active in Bible Study and led the

Fourth Degree Honor Guard on 5th Sundays at St. Ambrose Parish.

Visitation will be at Thursday, April 25 4 - 7 pm at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Homes in Godfrey. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 26 at 10:00 am at the St Ambrose Catholic



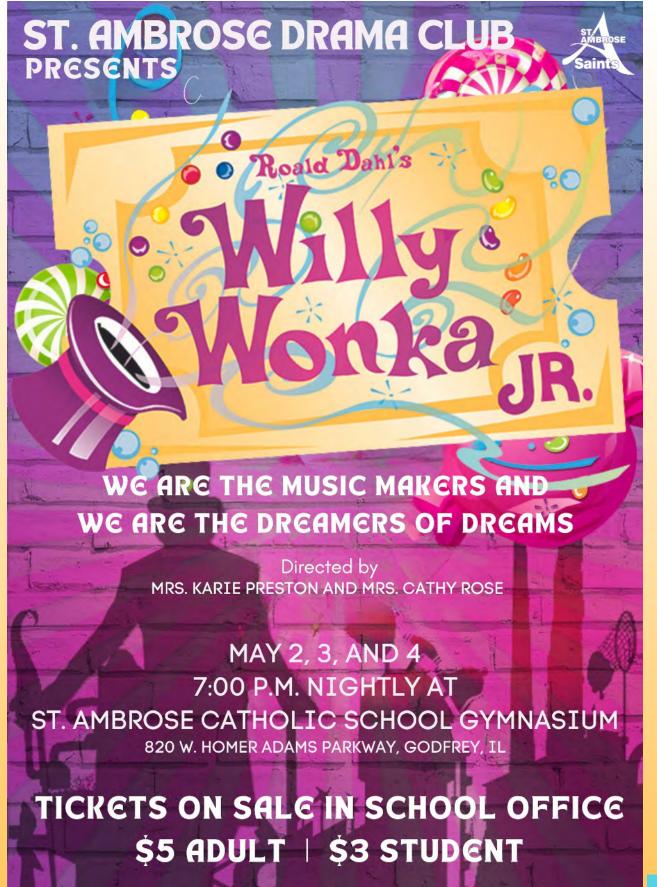
Church with Father Steven Janoski, officiating.
Cremation will take place in the Valhalla
Memorial Park. Memorials are suggested to
the Siteman Cancer Center or
St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Bethalto Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 21st | 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Dine In, All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$14 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10) Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$14 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides

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





## ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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School Office (

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#### **HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!**

**State Recognition Visit** | We received the report from the State of Illinois regarding our recent Recognition visit. They did not identify any areas of concern that would need to be addressed. We met all the expectations set forth by the State of Illinois. We are still waiting on the summary report from the Diocese of Springfield.

**English-Language Arts Curriculum** | Our ELA Adoption Committee has been reviewing options. Committee members are reviewing options and providing feedback. We plan to make a selection in May and complete an order for the 2024-2025 school year as soon as possible.

MAP Testing Completed | This past week, 3-8 grade students completed MAP testing. Individual results will be sent home as soon as possible. Group summary results will be available in early May. A big thank you to SAPA for providing snacks to help encourage student success. Thank you to Dr. Chris Varady for talking to the students about test anxiety awareness. Thank you to Mrs. Kim Wackerly, Mrs. Peggy Kory, Mr. Eli Hawkins and our teachers, for helping the testing be completed successfully!

**Benjamin Godfrey - Presented by Mr. John Meehan** | On Monday, April 29, students will have the opportunity to learn about our community namesake, Benjamin Godfrey. Parishioner John Meehan will present as Mr. Godfrey and will help the students learn some about our local history.

Marquette Catholic HS Summer Camp Opportunities | Marquette Catholic HS has announced its 2024 athletic summer camp schedule and opened its registration! Teams will be holding camps throughout the summer, giving the kids the opportunity to learn from their fantastic coaching staff and meet some of our exceptional student-athletes. Kids will get one-on-one instructions from coaches that have led our programs to countless IHSA Regional, Sectional and even State championships! There is an early registration discount and every kid that registers receives a camp tee-shirt. We hope to see you this summer! To learn more or to register, please go to marquettecatholic.org/summercamps

**Summer Tutoring & Camps/Programs** | Some teachers will be available to tutor this Summer. We are working on developing Summer Camps/programs. A list of any tutors and programs will be available soon.

FROM THE DESK OF



ROBERT BAIRD, PRINCIPAL

> HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Alton Knights of Columbus Offers
Scholarship | Students attending
Marquette Catholic HS this fall can apply
for a \$1,000 scholarship. The application
can be found on the Council's website at
www.altonkc.org Applications must be
postmarked no later than May 15, 2024.
The scholarship will be awarded in early June.



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**April 21** | Baccalaureate Mass at 10:30 a.m. | PreSchool & Art Show Open House 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & Spring Sing at 12:30 p.m. in Gym

**April 28** | Sports Banquet at St. Ambrose 5:00 p.m.

**May 2-4** | Spring Musical Wonka Jr. at 7 p.m. nightly in gym

May 3 | School Social

May 4 | Golf Tournament

#### Remaining Dress Down Days for the 2023-2024 School Year

Friday, April 26 - Spirit Day Friday, May 3 - School Social, Dress Down Day

Friday, May 10 - \$1.50 Dress Down for Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Friday, May 17 - Awards Day, Dress Down Day

## **SCHOOL NEWS**



## **Eclipse Viewing Party**

Thank you to our wonderful Parents Association for providing all of the great brain power goodies for the week of MAP testing!







## **ROVS**

#### CRMPS ATH-STH GRADE

BASKETBALL GIRLS MAY 28 - 30 BASEBALL MAY 28 & 30 TENNIS GIRLS & BOYS JUNE 4-6 BASKETBALL BOYS JUNE 4-6 SOFTBALL JUNE 10 & 11 FOOTBALL JUNE 11 - 13 SOCCER GIRLS & BOYS JUNE 18 - 20 CROSS COUNTRY JULY 1 - 3 VOLLEYBALL GIRLS & BOYS JULY 16 - 18 CHEER **FALL SEASON** DANCE WINTER SEASON

#### eorenes 4 Staff

MCHS camps focus on age appropriate skills & training techniques that have led the Explorers to countless Regional, Sectional and State championships! The camps serve as a great opportunity to be introduced to Marquette athletics as well as our coaching staff and players.

Camps will be held in the MCHS Gym or at Gordon Moore Park.

#2 Ranked Athletic Program - Madison County- Niche.com 2020 & 2024 IHSA Best Student Section - Class 1A/2A 22 IHSA State Finals Appearances

#### registration & fees

- + \$50 per athletic camp
- \$45 each for two or more children
- Register by Midnight on 5/6 & pay only \$40/camp
- · For team discounts contact Marquette AD, Brian Hoener at bhoener@mymchs.org
- · All registered campers will receive a t-shirt

Register online or print off registration form and

Marquette Catholic High School, 219 E. 4th St., Alton, IL 62002, attn: Business Office

Important: Campers must provide their own labeled water bottle.

For specific details by camp, please visit marquettecatholic.org/summercamps.

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