FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent, a time for us to prepare for the coming of the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus at Christmas. This is a time for to prepare our hearts and minds for what matters most, to take a better look at what the Holidays are all about. To look beyond the presents we hope to give to our loved ones as we go out shopping during the month and see that the greatest gift of all, the one that we can share with our families and friends is our faith. To help them to come to know the Lord and see that the beautiful Christmas day we look forward to is one in which we await with eager anticipation from deep in our hearts. Looking forward more to the true meaning of Christmas, our God humbling Himself to be born of a virgin in the lowliest of places, to show us how to live together and most of all, to restore us to the hope of eternal life to come through the Cross and Resurrection.

May this season bring you joy, happiness and heartfelt yearning as we approach that beautiful Christmas morning, readying ourselves from within, converting those places that we know need to change in us, so that we can be fully prepared for the greatest gift of all, the gift that is the love of the Lord. May God continue to bless each and every one of you for all that you do to make St. Ambrose our home.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
5:30 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY VIGIL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
9 AM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
5:30 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

GIVING TREE

Thank you for your generosity!

Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 10th.

As the angels take flight from the tree, gift cards are appreciated and can be placed in the offertory baskets or dropped off at the parish office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
4:30 PM Mass in the Parish Ctr & Church
8:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mass

CLERGY

Rev. Brian Kelly, Pastor
Deacon Helmut Neurohr
Deacon Frank Garceau
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday – December 4**
6:30 AM People of St. Ambrose

**Tuesday – December 5**
9:00 AM Vincent Razzano by Daughter Mary
Mary Travis by Kendrick Family

**Wednesday – December 6**
6:30 AM Jim Danner by Family
Andrew Lasek by Mark Lasek

**Thursday – December 7**
9:00 AM Bill Connors by Marge Connors
5:30 PM Teresa M. Fox by St. Ambrose Parish

**Friday – December 8**
9:00 AM Frances & Tony Coneski
by Mary Anne
5:30 PM Frank Liburdi by Jim Labombard

**Saturday – December 9**
4:30 PM Donna Martin by Paula Stopera
James K. Bogart, Sr. by Sano Family
Michael Quinn by Donna Sabatino
Edward R. Lupian by Family

**Sunday – December 10**
7:30 AM John Kardas by Mark, Barbara &
Elaine
Joy Hart Bryk by Family
Bonita Fabio-Tidd by Clara Alberti
9:00 AM Gerald “Jerry” Nadeau
by Jim & Maryann Wetra
Alice Finch by Laureen Sharp
11:30 AM Frank Sala by Goddaughter Kathryn
Bob Hillje by Lawrence D’Arco
5:30 PM People of St. Ambrose

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**
8 AM–12 PM PARISH BREAKFAST

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**
7 PM JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT RETREAT
PARISH CENTER

**MINISTRY CONVERSATION**

Stop in to breakfast this Sunday and have a conversation about serving in media or music ministry. Look for Tom Green or Mary Alice Hunt.

**50s themed celebration to mark the 50th day of school**

**FOOD PANTRY**

St. Ambrose parishioners and many members and groups in and around the Latham Community made possible the Thanksgiving food baskets and gift cards that provided bountiful Thanksgiving dinners for 246 families consisting of 551 adults and 491 children. All recipients were most grateful.

THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ASSISTANCE will also be a struggle for many families. Please help the St. Ambrose Food Pantry volunteers again to meet these requests. DONATIONS of FIVE POUND BAGS of POTATOES and GIFT CARDS ($5, 10, 15, 20, 25) will be urgently needed to assure adequate CHRISTMAS DAY dinner foods can be purchased by families in need. Please place POTATOES on tables at entrances and GIFT CARDS in collections by DECEMBER 9/10 and no later than DECEMBER 16/17. Together the Community of St. Ambrose will strive to provide the spiritual and nourishment needs of many.
Save the Date
Sunday, Dec. 17th
6:30pm

LIFETEEN High School youth group will present their annual Advent reflection and prayer. Please come and celebrate with us the Joy and Peace of a new world; a new beginning; a new Hope. Jesus Christ is born and He lives. There is no greater reason to gather and praise Him who gives us all we have and all we need. Praise be to God!

YOU SHOULD BE HERE!

Journey Through Advent —A Weekly Retreat—
7pm in the Parish Center
Wednesday, November 29th
The Time Will Come

Wednesday, December 6th
The Way

Wednesday, December 13th
I am not the Christ
(Reconciliations offered from 6pm-7:30pm, we will begin right afterwards)

Wednesday, December 20th
Behold

Join us for a special evening of prayer, reflection, teaching and discussion to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the coming week as our Savior and helper. All are invited!
THANK YOU

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who made our community Thanksgiving dinner a special occasion for our guests. About 115 people were served and were able to take home an extra dinner. We appreciate everyone who volunteered to chop vegetables, make favors, cook, bring desserts, prepare the room, and clean up. We are grateful for the drivers, greeters, waiters and waitresses, buffet servers, Girl Scouts, teens, and people who donated money to purchase the food and supplies. Thank you to Mark Trudeau and the teens for baking breads for our tables and providing the sweet potatoes. We couldn't have done it without all of you! May God bless you abundantly for your generosity to those in need in our community!