

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11, 2026 | The Baptism of the Lord



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

Monday - Friday | 7 am, 9 am

Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



### *Welcome!*

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

#### CLERGY

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
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#### STAFF

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571-640-9938 | [DRE@stambroseva.org](mailto:DRE@stambroseva.org)

**Lissie Torres, Youth Minister**  
703-280-4400 | [YM@stambroseva.org](mailto:YM@stambroseva.org)

**Jon Laird, Obl.OSB, Director of Music**  
703-280-4400 | [jlaird@stambroseva.org](mailto:jlaird@stambroseva.org)

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish bulletin deadline is 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos, [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

#### ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at [arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Parish Registration:** Parish membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. **In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.** Please notify the Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at [stambroseva.org/registration](http://stambroseva.org/registration)



**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** The process through which a person is initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please contact the Director of Religious Education, 571-640-9938 or [DRE@stambroseva.org](mailto:DRE@stambroseva.org).

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or home-bound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



**Mass Intentions** Pray for people in need, both living or deceased, by having a Mass said for that intention. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Special Intentions, Weddings or other needs.

**Devotional Candles** for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex are available for a \$4 donation.

For Mass Requests, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Devotional Candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

#### PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. **The login is at [bit.ly/sacc25](http://bit.ly/sacc25)** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



#### CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Details are available at [bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt). Any amount you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to ParishSoft.



# FAITH FORMATION

OCIA | Religious Education | Youth Ministry | Bible Studies | Discussions

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

[stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://stambroseva.org/OCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

OCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition and Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

September - May | Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith & enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS 101

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall  
January - August 2026  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Wednesdays | 9:30 am, Snack 10 am - Noon, Study | Parish Hall  
January - April 2026 | Foundations of Faith  
Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library  
Carol Russell, Coordinator

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
Father Nugent, Facilitator | [fnugent@stambroseva.org](mailto:fnugent@stambroseva.org)

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | January 28 - March 11

Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: [wwp@stambrosechool.org](mailto:wwp@stambrosechool.org)

Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at [stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Lissie Torres, Youth Minister

703-280-4400 | [YM@stambroseva.org](mailto:YM@stambroseva.org)

we need you

Sign up to help with the formation of our teens by providing a dinner and dessert for 15. The High School Youth



Group meets on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm each week. Sign up now. Thank you for your generosity! God bless! [bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals](http://bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals)

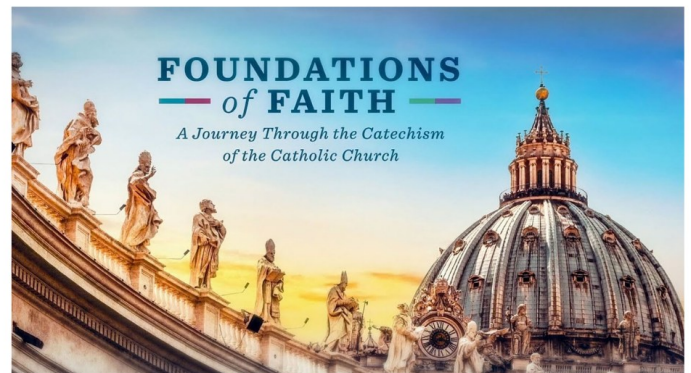


THINK OF WHAT IS **above**, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.  
COLOSSIANS 3:2

## Adult Bible Study

JANUARY 7 - APRIL 29, 2026

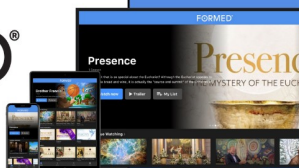
WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM - SNACK | 10 - 11:30 AM - STUDY



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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 12: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Larry Payne †
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Nugent
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 13: Wkdy; St. Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00 a.m.	Samperio Family
9:00 a.m.	Claire Hogarty †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 14: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger
9:00 a.m.	Eleanor Krzemienski †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 15: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Laura Viteri †
9:00 a.m.	Vivienne Samperio †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 16: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Meghan Lewis
9:00 a.m.	Neil Corey †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot</b>
9:00 a.m.	Larry Payne †
5:00 p.m.	Maria Moy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Samperio Family
12:00 noon	Larry Payne †
5:00 p.m.	Charlie Kirk (†) & Family ( L )

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

February 6 | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 12	Rev. Msgr. Lee R. Roos, VF
Jan 13	Rev. Robert L. Ruskamp
Jan 14	Rev. Michael C. Sampson
Jan 15	Rev. Msgr. William P. Saunders
Jan 16	Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia
Jan 17	Rev. William B. Schardt (Ret.)
Jan 18	Rev. Nicolas J. Schierer

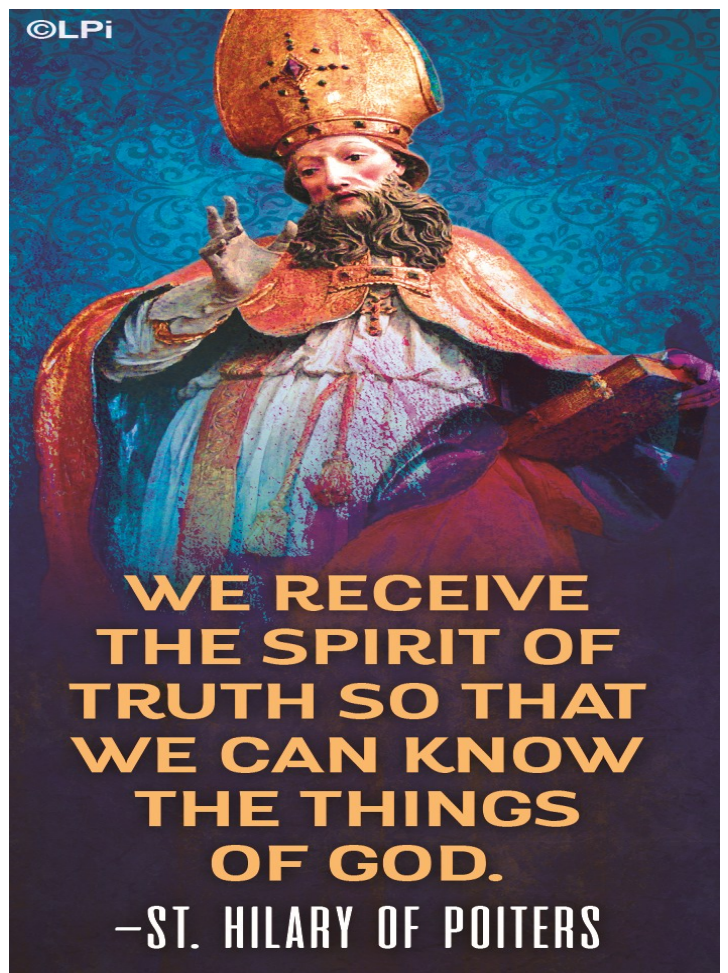


For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17



**WE RECEIVE  
THE SPIRIT OF  
TRUTH SO THAT  
WE CAN KNOW  
THE THINGS  
OF GOD.**  
—ST. HILARY OF POITERS



# RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

2026 DIOCESAN RETREATS

Visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat) for more information about San Damiano and the retreats being offered in the months ahead.

## **Women's Silent Retreat: Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux**

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia to read, pray, and rest with Jesus as we consider her great autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday January 23 and concludes Sunday January 25 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org) or visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

## **Praying with the Saints: Retreat for Married Couples**

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Father Stephen Vaccaro and Father Ed Guilloux as they team up to lead a retreat for Married Couples. With conferences on the lives and teachings of great saints, they'll help couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocations. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday February 13 and concludes Sunday February 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

## **Women's Retreat: Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection**

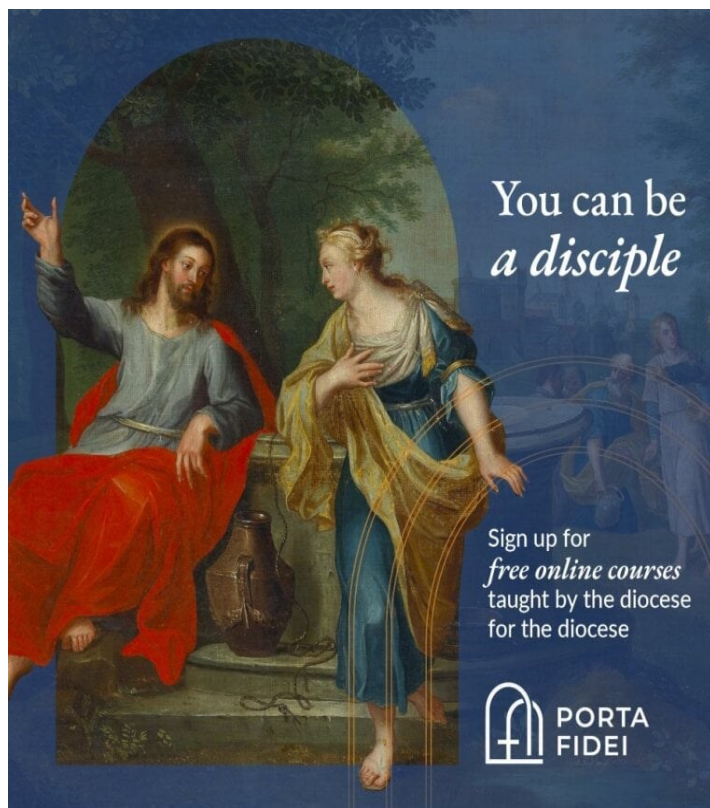
Gather at the midpoint of Lent and retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Msgr Mangan from Mt. St. Mary Seminary as we renew our sorrow for our sins, and we express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. We will listen to His Holy Word, and we will participate in His grace-filled Sacraments. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday March 13 and concludes Sunday March 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. Please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).



**WELCOME SUNDAY!**  
Coffee & Donuts  
After 8 + 10 am Masses  
Parish Hall

### **Your Hosts**

January 11 | Youth Ministry  
February 1 | WorkCamp  
February 8 | Walking with Purpose  
March 8 | St. Ambrose Men's Group  
April 12 | WorkCamp  
May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose  
May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group  
& Young Professionals Holy Hour



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*a disciple*

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taught by the diocese  
for the diocese



### **PORTA FIDEI | DOOR OF FAITH**

Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ has "opened the door of faith" to all. Inspired by this assurance we invite you to a new threshold: Porta Fidei, a new companion to help you grow in faith by God's grace through digitally accessible, intellectually engaging, and spiritually fortifying courses. Porta Fidei is brought to you by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and produced by its Office of Communications. This initiative is a fruit of our Diocesan Strategic Plan, which emphasizes encouragement and growth in authentic discipleship among the faithful. Porta Fidei courses are anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes in length, segmented into easy to digest lessons. Membership is free. Visit <https://www.portafidei.com/about/>



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### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

**KoC Multi Car Raffle!** All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle again this year. Prizes include four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Ford Mustang, Ford Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Ford Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$42,000 in cash prizes (including one for \$20,000!). Tickets will be mailed to you within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you as this directly affects the charitable work the St. Ambrose Knights do for our Parish every year. *Your support is greatly appreciated.* Volunteers are needed, too - please email [michaelcoss09@gmail.com](mailto:michaelcoss09@gmail.com) to help us make this a success.

**WSA**  
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

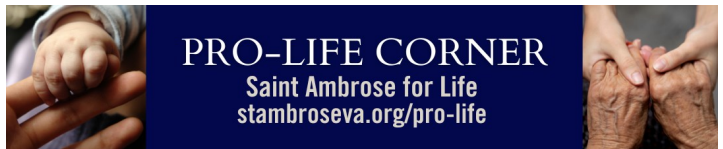
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)

#### UPCOMING WSA EVENTS

Friday, January 23	March for Life Watch Party
Saturday, February 21	Women's Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 15	Baby Shower for MaRiH Center



*Life as a Catholic dude in America can be...challenging.  
We don't need another podcast. We need each other.*



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### Diaper Drive Weekend: February 7 & 8

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (newborn - 6), fall/winter clothes/coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Join us for the fifth annual **Virginia Pro-Life Day** on January 15, 2026 in Richmond! Meet with your legislators to advocate for life and against the extreme, radical and deadly proposal to enshrine a virtually unlimited "fundamental right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution. Be a voice for the voiceless! With majorities in both the State Senate and House of Delegates poised to advance extreme abortion measures quickly, it is more important than ever to show up in record numbers and stand up for life. Virginia Pro-Life Day will be your last chance to stop the extreme abortion amendment from going to a referendum. Register at: [vaprolifeday.org](http://vaprolifeday.org) Virginia Pro-Life Day is a collaborative effort of the Virginia Catholic Conference, Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, and Virginia Society for Human Life.

## Bereavement Group

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG)



## St. Ambrose Men's Group Winter/Spring 2026

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| 10 January  | • Coffee, conversation, prayer & formation in the parish hall, 7:00 - 8:30 AM                |
| 24 January  |  |
| 14 February | • <b><u>Every</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, every month |
| 28 February |  |
| 14 March    | • Confessions available at 6:30 AM in the Church   |
| 28 March    |  |
| 11 April    | • Hang out with other dudes in our parish and Fr. Nugent                                     |
| 25 April    |  |



*Join the group chat here to stay connected!*



# Saint Ambrose Parish 2026 Diaper Drive Dates

Sponsored by St. Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)



*All items are donated to The MaRiH Center*

**January 3 + 4**

**February 7 + 8**

**March 7 + 8**

**April 4 + 5**

**May 2 + 3**

**June 6 + 7**

**July 4 + 5**

**August 1 + 2**

**September 5 + 6**

**October 3 + 4**

**November 7 + 8**

**December 5 + 6**

**These needed items are collected  
the first weekend of the month at all Masses**

**Diapers – all sizes**

**Formula – especially Similac Advance**

**Wipes + Diaper rash ointment**

**Other critically needed items such as  
Grocery Gift Cards | Baby Shampoo | Blankets  
Lovies | Clothes: Sizes 0-3 months and 2T  
*can be directly donated to***

**The MaRiH Center, 3230 Duke Street B  
Alexandria VA, 22314**

**[marih.org/donate](http://marih.org/donate) | 703-370-4774**