

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 13, 2024 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., 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  
 email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

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 571-640-9938 | cjackson@stambroseva.org

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**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos. Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication.**

**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.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA/RCIC):** 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 call Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 571-640-9938.

**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.

**FAITH DIRECT**

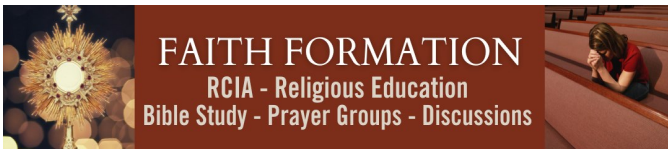
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday Morning Bible Study	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Paula Society	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir		Youth Ministry



# FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- 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

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include required 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 and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS 101

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

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our faith.

Facilitator: Lee Cena

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us! Carol Russell, Coordinator.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

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

Saturdays | Twice Monthly | 6:30 - 8 am | Parish Library

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation. For more information, please email Father Nugent at [fnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:fnugent@stambroseschool.org).

## TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library

Open to all women of the parish. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words and lift up each other's personal prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA. Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator.

Claire Jackson

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education  
571-640-9938 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD

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

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a meal for the God Squad - volunteer to provide dinners for approximately 15 people. God Squad meets weekly on Sundays from 6 - 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm. God bless and thank you for your generosity! Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/GodSquadMeal](http://bit.ly/GodSquadMeal)



## Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys

Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Michael Isenberg, Director of Vocations and Quo Vadis on Saturday, November 23, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is November 12. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.



OCTOBER 14

**COLUMBUS DAY**  
PARISH OFFICES  
CLOSED

**Take a Hike! with FIAT and the Nashville Dominican Sisters** on Saturday November 23. Join the FIAT high school young women and Dominican Sisters for some prayer, hiking and hanging out at Leesylvania State Park. The day starts with Mass at 9 am and ends at Noon. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in faith and friendship and exploring all vocations. For more information and to register visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT) or contact [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or call 703-841-2514. Deadline to register is Tuesday, November 12.

**Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge** at the annual Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, on Saturday, November 2, at 11 am. Please join us as we pray with the Bishop for the repose of the souls of all of our loved ones & for all who have died. Refreshments follow at the Fairfax Memorial Park Office. (Rain site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church).



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
NOVEMBER 5 | ELECTION DAY | 9:30 AM - 7 PM

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 14: Wkdy; St. Callistus I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b>
7:00 a.m.	All Souls †
9:00 a.m.	Lala Hacopian †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00 a.m.	Myrna Seangio †
9:00 a.m.	Kosnik Family †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 16: Wkdy; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</b>
7:00 a.m.	Maria Lomboy †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
7:00 a.m.	Vanessa
9:00 a.m.	Dr. Gil Ascunce †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist</b>
7:00 a.m.	Lala Hacopian †
9:00 a.m.	Casper Lewis †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 19: USA; Sts. John de Brebeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues, Priests, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
9:00 a.m.	Frank Palladino †
5:00 p.m.	Roselea Grassman †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 20: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Minh Thai
5:00 p.m.	Ed Fish †

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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, Kathy Burns, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Szychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Oct 14	Rev. William Nyce
Oct 15	Rev. John M. O'Donohue
Oct 16	Rev. John F. O'Farrell
Oct 17	Rev. John T. O'Hara (Ret.)
Oct 18	Rev. Keith M. O'Hare
Oct 19	Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe
Oct 20	Rev. Steven G. Oetjen

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

### Saint Ambrose Parish

#### Memorial Mass & Reception

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 9 AM



St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass & Reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish - or elsewhere - during the past year. We invite you to include the names of your loved ones who've died since November 2023.

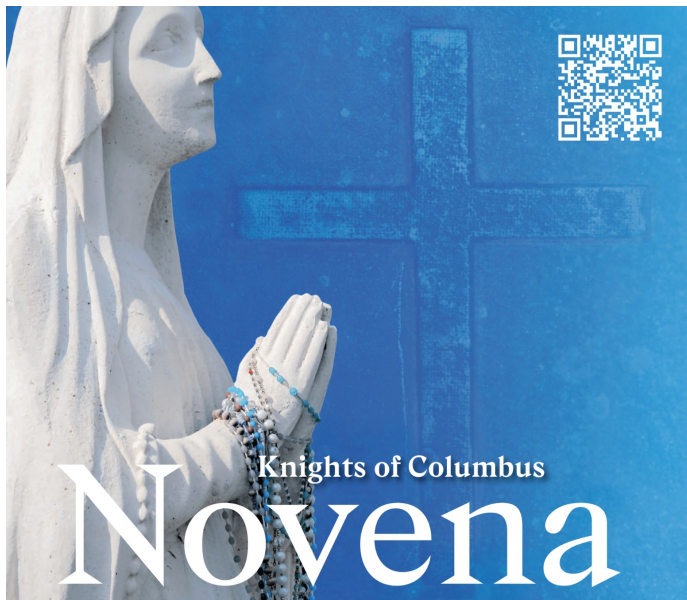
Please contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400, by October 22 to provide the names for the Mass program and to RSVP for the Reception.

The Memorial Mass & Reception are hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose.

WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME  
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS  
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL





# Knights of Columbus Novena for Life

October 18 - 26 | November 16

Saint Ambrose Parish

Novena details at [stambroseva.org/novena-life](http://stambroseva.org/novena-life)



Saint Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus



**2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE)

The annual Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass and Festival with Bishop Burbidge will be held on Sunday, October 13, from 11 am - 6 pm, including Mass at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. We will be celebrating the rich spirituality, faith traditions, diverse cultural music, and delicious regional food of our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there! Free admission and food will be available for purchase.

### Finding Divine Truth in Catholic Literature

Our faith has produced an abundance of Catholic writers throughout the ages, and the grace they received in the Sacraments permeates their works. Come spend a weekend with Fr. Rich Miserendino at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and dive into short stories and snippets of longer works as we contemplate the divine Word glimpsed in the written word in the likes of O'Connor, Chesterton, Waugh and more. This unique retreat experience is for both men and women. The retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday, December 13, and ends at 1 pm on Sunday, December 15. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information /registration, please contact Deacon Mark Maines, [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

COME & SEE! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

# OPEN HOUSE

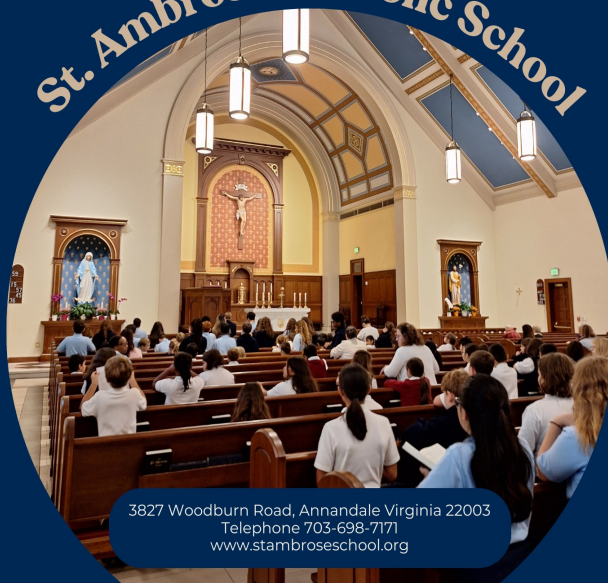
After 9:00 am Mass at St. Ambrose Church

**9:00am - 10:45am**

Thursdays in October

- Celebrate Mass
- Visit classes
- Meet students
- Meet Principal

St. Ambrose Catholic School



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[www.stambroseschool.org](http://www.stambroseschool.org)



# MONTH OF THE Rosary

### Stewardship Reflection

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

MARK 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our parish and other charities.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON

**EVENTS CALENDAR**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)



**Knights of Columbus**

**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)



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)

**POTLUCK SOCIAL**



Tuesday, October 22 | 7 - 9 pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening filled with friends, family, food and fun!  
All St. Ambrose parishioners are welcome.  
Bring a dish to share - we'll see you there!

- Your Hosts -

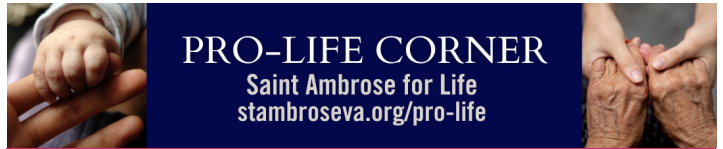


**CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION**

To complete the 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 out electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct ([membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401)) or use the QR code to access Faith Direct.



Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Fr. Michael Isenberg for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The group departs Northern Virginia on Friday, November 15 at 5:30 pm and returns Sunday, November 17 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40, financial aid is available. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register is Monday, November 4.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

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

**Diaper Drive Weekend: November 2 & 3**

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 (all sizes), wipes and formula (especially Similac Advance). 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**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

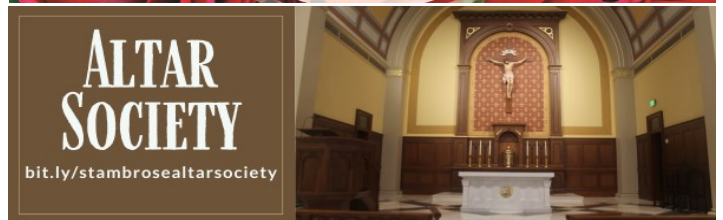
**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)



**RESPECT LIFE**



**ALTAR SOCIETY**

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



**ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP**



Twice Monthly  
Saturdays | 6:30 - 8 am  
[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)



*Rosary Makers*

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY



**USHERS NEEDED**

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)