

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 4, 2024 | Fifth 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

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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
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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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which a person becomes 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, 703-280-1122.

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

Parish Membership: 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. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org



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.

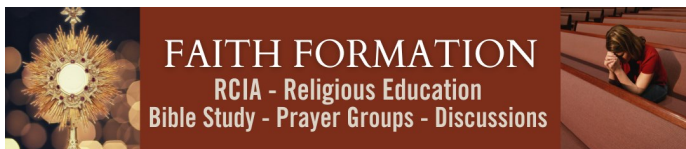
FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit membership.faithdirect.net/VA401 or click Donate tab on stambroseva.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Bible Prayer Group	Christ House Meals
Eucharistic Adoration	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group	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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

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

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

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 DISCUSSION GROUP

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30-9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.
Facilitator: Lee Cena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 1:15-3:15 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

UPCOMING SATURDAY EVENTS

February 24 | Homeless Ministry

March 23 | Mount St. Marys

YOUNG ADULT MEET UP | FAITH & BEAUTY

Monday, February 19 | 10:30 am | National Gallery of Art

Take a morning stroll with Father Nugent through the National Gallery of Art to discuss a selection of religious-themed works and related poems, homilies, and details from the lives of the saints. Please meet in the West Building's Dome Room.

RSVP: frnugent@stambroseschool.org



young adults group



STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS

- Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays, 6 - 7 pm, followed by a social at Glory Days on Nutley Street.
- Women's Group meets every Tuesday night from 7:30 - 9 pm. All single, engaged, or married women ages 21-35 are welcome!
- Stay in the know! Scan the QR to join our group chat and get updates on all young adult events. Join us!

the
RESCUE
project

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

Scan the QR or visit bit.ly/ambroseproject. For details, see stambroseva.org/rescue-project or contact Claire Jackson, 703-280-1122 or cjackson@stambroseva.org.



Lights-Camera-Action -- FIAT Day with the #MediaNuns

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5 pm at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Space is limited, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Register by February 19. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Luciana Costa †
9:00 a.m.	Robert E. Morin & Mary Morin †
Tuesday	February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Judy Zias †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Wednesday	February 7: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Robert JJ Seoane, Jr. †
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Yonas & Mrs. Ignatius
Thursday	February 8: Wkdy; St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephing Bakhita, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Mary Knowlan †
9:00 a.m.	Dwight Hayes
Friday	February 9: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Anne Haislmaier & Family
9:00 a.m.	Bruna Bernadi Lorenzon †
Saturday	February 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin
9:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 p.m.	Tomas Clavijo †
Sunday	February 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Bridget Haislmaier & Family
5:00 p.m.	Estela Laguda

First Friday Adoration ~ March 1, 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, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, 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

Feb 5	Rev. Eduard B. Guilloux
Feb 6	Rev. Andrew Haissig
Feb 7	Rev. Daniel F. Hanley
Feb 8	Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway
Feb 9	Rev. Christopher H. Hayes
Feb 10	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
Feb 11	Rev. John F. Heisler

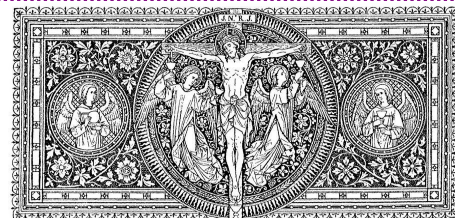
† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



- SAVE THE DATES -

Men's Lenten Retreat | February 24 | 9 am - Noon

"Spiritual Combat"

Rev. James Hinkle, Chaplain, US Navy | Presenter
Free | Light refreshments & lunch provided

Ladies Lenten Retreat | March 2 | 9:30 am - 1 pm

*"The Gift of Lent:
To See with New Eyes and Love with a New Heart"*

Rev. Andrew Fisher | Presenter
Free | Light refreshments & lunch provided

Stewardship Reflection

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"

- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Bookkeeper: Part-Time Position

St. Ambrose Parish is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to provide accounting/bookkeeping functions including, but not limited to, payables, receivables and all other Parish and School revenue and expenses, the maintenance of general ledgers and the management of the payroll process. Interested candidates should have a working knowledge of accounting principles. A detailed job description is available by emailing businessmanager@stambroseva.org. Send resume to businessmanager@stambroseva.org.

2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

"Behold, I make all things new."

The 2024 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no parish could provide on its own. We are asking every family to participate to help our parish make our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. You may go online to make a donation at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code to make a gift.



SCAN ME

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. Currently, we are only paying 3.5% interest on the loan. Once the loan is amortized, we will begin making a monthly mortgage payment. The more we can pay down the principal prior to amortization, the lower our monthly mortgage payment will be. Any amount that 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 our electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct.



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose

NEWS & NOTES

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit stambroseschool.org or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

St. Ambrose school continues to accept applications for all grades. We invite you to call the school to schedule a private tour at your convenience.

Saint Ambrose Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Information and application requirements are on the preschool website stambroseschool.org. Application information forms can also be obtained at the main school office and the Parish Office.

St. Ambrose School is always in need of extra substitute teachers. If you would be interested in being added to our sub list, please call the front office at (703) 698-7171.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

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stambroseschool.org

discover you

Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, March 9, 2024
9-11 AM
St. Bernadette Catholic School
7602 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 - August 2, 2024 | stambrosesummer.com



Campers!

Camp registration opens at 1 pm, March 3, 2024. The schedule for campers, ages 4-13, is live now at stambrosesummer.com/camps.

Counselors!

Full-time | May 28 - August 2

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp is hiring engaging, fun and responsible college students who exhibit a joyful love of Christ and desire to be positive role models in the lives of young children this summer. Apply now!
stambrosesummer.com/employment



Saint Ambrose Summer Camp strives to offer a dynamic, Christ-centered summer experience that forms the next generation of saints. Join us!



DONUT SUNDAY!
FEBRUARY 4
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES
PARISH HALL
 Hosted by
Women of St. Ambrose



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 | info@ambrosecouncil.org



USHERS NEEDED
emailushers@stambroseva.org




garden + grounds club
2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE
Join us!

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS
[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](http://bit.ly/stambrosechmm)



KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP
FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY

ALTAR SOCIETY
bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



PRO-LIFE CORNER
 St. Ambrose for Life | stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive This Weekend: February 3 + 4

St. Ambrose Parish supports The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, urgent needs are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), diaper rash ointment. To donate other critical items, please visit stambroseva.org/pro-life or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.



Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Help + Hope + Healing
 visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources


Gabriel Project helpforpregnantwomen.org 703-841-3810 info@h4pw.org	Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities 703-841-3830 www.cdda.net	Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org 703-841-2504 info@helpafterabortion.org
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Save the Dates
 WSA MaRiH Center Baby Shower | February 4 | Parish Hall
 Virginia Right to Life March | February 21 | Richmond, VA


Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Please contact Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
 If you have not received your tax statement, please call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.

FORMED catholic content online
stambroseva.org/formed



HumbleBee Highlights
<https://stambroseva.org/humble-bee>



In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus heal Simon's (Peter's) mother-in-law, heal more sick people, drive out demons, retreat to a deserted place to pray, and go forth to continue preaching and healing. **FAMILY DISCUSSION:**

- Lent is approaching, a time to prepare and repent and grow closer to the Lord. In what ways are we hoping he will heal us?
- The Gospel says Jesus knew all the demons and did not permit them to speak. In what ways is it comforting to know that everything that causes us sorrow or torment is known by Jesus? Nothing we face can surprise or disappoint or confuse the Lord. He always knows just how to help us! Let's ask Jesus to search our hearts and help us.

See The Bee for more faith + fun!