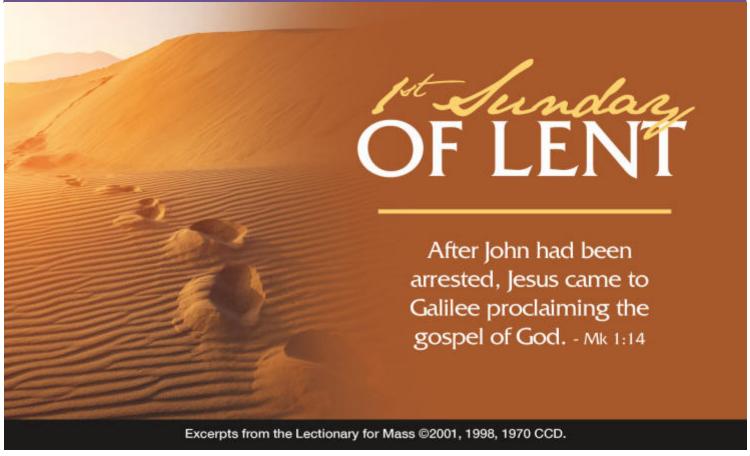
First Sunday of Lent ~ Feb 21, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE DURING COVID 19

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm St. Ambrose

Sunday

8:00 am St. Ambrose 10:00 am St. Patrick

Watch Mass on Facebook Live! The weekend Masses are live-streamed on the Parish Facebook pages

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Daily Masses

Tuesday: 5:30 pm St. Ambrose Wednesday: 7 am St. Ambrose Thursday: 5:30 pm St. Patrick Friday: 8:30 am St. Patrick

Holy Days

7:00 am St. Ambrose 6:00 pm St. Patrick

Holy Hour - Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday: 5:00—5:30 pm St. Ambrose Friday 8:00 -8:30 am St. Patrick

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5-5:25 pm St Ambrose Wednesday 7:30 am St Ambrose Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm St Ambrose Thursday 4:45-5:15 pm St Patrick Friday 8-8:25 am St Patrick

By appointment—Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at Least 6 months before the wedding.

PRO-LIFE CONTACT

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St Ambrose Parish Information

Weekly Contribution—FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Sun Collection totals for Feb 14, 2021

Needed Weekly	5,865.00
Sunday Envelopes	2,930.00
Building & Maintenance	300.00
First Offering	6.00
Aid to Eastern Europe	85.00
Grand Total	3,321.00

Please continue to support our parish financially as you are able. We truly understand the hardship families are going through and know not everyone will be able to continue their support during this trying time. Sunday envelops can be mailed to the parish office: 312 1st. St W. Milan, IL 61264



St Ambrose Kitchen Update

We made progress on the upgrade of the parish kitchen this past week. The cabinets were emptied in preparation for tear-out. Three replacement doors were ordered to replace the door in

the kitchen and the two doors in the old gym area. Since the old doors were literally falling apart and there is a five to six week lead-time on the doors, they were ordered now. We have confirmed with the city inspectors the building codes for the triple sink and hand washing sink. Next steps are obtaining bids for plumbing and electrical. That also includes a bid for the exhaust system The team appreciates your prayers to guide us as we select the contractors.

BOTH PARISHES TAKE NOTE......

ADA UPDATE: As of 1/31/21

St	Ambrose	ADA
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ADA GOAL	45,563.00
Total Pledge Amount	
Total Amount Paid	•
Total Needed towards goal	2.983.00
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St. Pat 's ADA

ADA GOAL	25,025.00
Total Pledge Amount	24,359.65
Total Amount Paid	
Total Needed towards goal	•



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a mandatory First Reconciliation Practice at 6:30 PM on Wed, Feb. 24 at St. Ambrose for all students from both parishes planning to make their First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation will be Sat. Feb. 27 at 10 AM at St. Patrick's in Andalusia for both parishes. If you haven't registered yet, please contact Kimberly Souba, DRE, by email kimberly.souba@gmail.com. Please keep our students in your prayers during this time of preparation for this most holy Sacrament.

The Stations of the Cross will be at St Pat's at 6 pm this Fri.



BOTH PARISHES TAKE NOTE.....

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points

for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPi

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

St. Dscar Romero



The Italian-American Society and the R.I. Knights of Columbus annual Italian Dinner that is typically in April, has been postponed until October due to covid.

St Patrick Parish Information

Weekly Contribution—FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

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Both Parishes Take Note

Thur. March 4th Mississippi Valley Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive at St Ambrose from 10





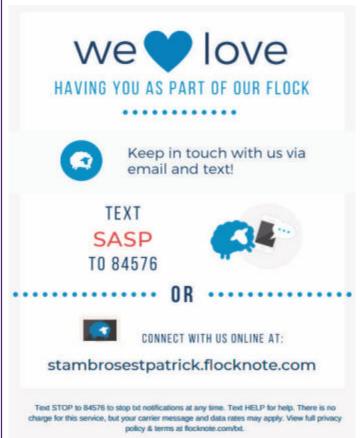
am-2 pm. in the Parish Center. Masks and appointments are required. To schedule, contact the Donor Scheduling Team at 800-747-5401 ext 1281 or online at bloodcenter.org

Additional Holy Hours During Lent

Every Fri. after The Stations there will be a Holy Hour with the exception of this Fri. Below is the schedule:

March 5 St Ambrose Stations & Holy Hour March 12 St Pat's Stations & Holy Hour March 19 St Ambrose Stations & Holy Hour March 26 St Pat's Stations & Holy Hour

If you are NOT receiving messages via Flocknote and would like to keep abreast of what's happening in our parishes, please follow the instructions below.



BOTH PARISHES TAKE NOTE



We strongly encourage support and readership of our diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**. We hope all members of our parish will use this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity in our diocese, especially during this challenging time. Follow **The Catholic Post** on Facebook to get breaking news first

and to share stories and images of faith with your friends and family.

Jordan Catholic School 2021 Truck Raffle



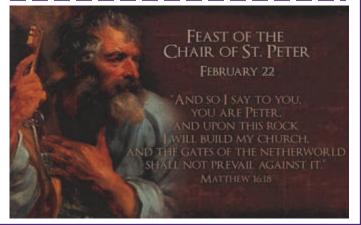
Chance To Win: A Two-Year Lease for your choice of either a 2021 Ford F-150 or 2021 Ford Bronco or at least

\$10,000 Cash. Tickets are \$50 each. Sale is going on now through Noon on May 21st. Winner will be announced at a Live Drawing on May 21st. To purchase tickets go to: jordanschool.com and click on 2021 Truck Raffle All proceeds go to educational needs for Jordan Catholic School. Good Luck in the Raffle and Thank YOU for your continued support!

St Pius Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Rock Island has been open to Catholics in the Quad Cities for over 21 years. We are so grateful for the whole community and the commitment everyone has had to spending time with our Lord in Adoration. At this time we only have 2 hours with no permanent adorer, but



we are at a point where there are many early morning hours that need to be covered by more than one person. At this time one individual is carrying the weight of 21 hours a week; 3 hours every single day! Our adoration chapel would have to be shut down if this person became ill or went on vacation. This is too much for one person to be expected to carry. Please help us fill the hours of 3AM, 4 AM and 5AM with a second adorer or sign up as an early morning substitute adorer. In 2019 we installed an Adoration Scheduling and Communication Management Program. You can make your own account at stpiusri.weadorehim.com or contact Mindy Olson at Greatandini@sbcglobal.net or 309-912-0339. The system is easy to use and finding substitutes has never been easier. I ask you to prayerfully consider spending a weekly hour with Jesus.



Mass Intentions

MON. 02/22 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

No Mass

TUES. 02/23 - Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm St Ambrose Mildred Lenaghan 100th Birthday

WED. 02/24 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 am St Ambrose +Donald & Rose Barker THU. 02/25 - Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm St Pat's +Dick Samuelson

FRI. 02/26 - Lenten Weekday 8:30 am St Pat's +Jim Schaecher

6:00 pm St Pat's - Stations of the Cross

SAT. 02/27 - Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm St Ambrose +Jim Ryckaert SUN. 02/28 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am St Ambrose People of Our Parishes

10:00 am St Pat's +George Davison; +Dave Gierlus

Guidelines for Reverent Reception of the Eucharist in Cars

Please note receiving Holy Communion in your car is a temporary allowance in the local Diocese of Peoria due to concerns regarding the Covid19 virus. As long as the pandemic persists, the faithful are permitted to receive Holy Communion in this extra-ordinary manner (outside of the normal) if they are uncomfortable or incapable of attending Mass in the church due to the prohibition against gatherings in excess of 25% of a building's capacity.

- ~ Reception of communion should be preceded by "virtual attendance" at Mass, either by listening on the radio or watching on our facebook stream. During normal times, one is not permitted to enter the church just at communion time, receive communion, and leave immediately after.
- ~ While waiting in line for communion, a sense of reverence should be maintained, just as one would aim to do during the communion rite of the Mass. If music is played on the radio, you might listen in silence, perhaps pray the Rosary or other prayers, or just reflect meditatively on what you are about to receive.
- ~ It is advised not to be talking to others before receiving, spending time on an electronic device, listening to secular music or a radio station, listening/watching athletic events, etc. As a general rule of thumb, if you wouldn't do something in the church before receiving communion, it probably shouldn't be done in your car.
- ~ We are prohibited from eating anything for one hour prior to receiving communion. The one hour fast should be maintained when receiving communion in the car, so eating in one's car during Mass should be avoided. Likewise, nothing should be in our mouths when receiving communion. This especially includes chewing gum. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus and He shouldn't have to share one's mouth with another object. Parts of the host can also get stuck in gum which might then ultimately be spit out on the ground or into a trashcan
- ~ Please come to a complete stop when receiving communion and put your car in park.
- ~ After receiving the host, please place it in your mouth and consume immediately, prior to driving away. Given the gravity of what the Eucharist is (God sharing His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity with us!!), we shouldn't have the host in our hand while also steering the car with the same hand. Simply place the host in your mouth and then drive away.
- ~ After receiving communion it is advisable to spend at least a few moments in prayerful Thanksgiving and reflection. You might consider pulling back into the parking lot and spending a few minutes in silence or driving home in silence, reflecting on the mystery of the Eucharist. Whether receiving communion in the church or in the car, it can be easy to forget the grandeur of the Blessed Sacrament. Deliberately doing things to remind ourselves of the significance of Holy Communion helps us grow in gratitude and love of Our Lord!

St Ambrose Prayer List

Prayer List Our Parishioners **Donald Anderson** Janet Bell Pat Brandt JoAnn Catlin Dee DeAngelis Cis Drish Dick & Ann Durey Rita Elliott Shirley Elliott Jerry Fowler Judy Freed Bill Humphrey Julie Jackson Deb Jasper Catherine Jochim Ruby Knight Barbara Laughlin Heather Munday Mary Myers Jerry Newberry Barb Nowack Julie Rodts Harold Ryckaert Cindy Schoeck Tim Schrader Linda Thompson

David Vasquez
David Watkins
Mike Wynn
Joe Zawada
Special Intention

Prayer List Other requests Marjory Attwood Diana Becker Dona Becker Gary Becker Brad Christopher **Russ Courter Bruce Davis** Jim Drish Addie Franks Mary Ellen Franks Bernie Gorman Linda Hemmersbach Freddie Hoftender Karen Ickes Darla Krapp Chuck Layer Marilyn Scott Lehan Brenda Levan Blaine Lofgren Ellie Lopez Dory Manning Dana McNeal

Jessica Brown Oelmann Wiley Plummer Christine Polito-Parker Helen Reed Kelley Salas Eva Salcido Rosa Santos Cora Schafman Ronald Sedam Marie Stabler Mary Sweezy Patrick Taylor Andrew Voss Margaret Wadsworth Rebecca Weihler Harold White Gina Wilson Tom Zambrano Jr. Molly Zalanskas Special Intention

Joseph Ernat Thomas Fratzke Josh Green Derrick Klamut Collin Solorzano Hunter Stineman

St. Patrick Prayer List

Amy; Brittani; Corey; Merideth; Mike; Nate; Steve; Dorothy Barber; John Bivens; Travis Brown; Jodi Chaput; Sue Charles; Maria Coronado; Ed Cox; Pat Curry; William Diez; Clark Downey; Jon Fisher; Lisa Fore; Annabelle Fulton; Luke Golden; Sheila Guse; Dan Hall; Don Hall; Tom Hamerlinck; Mary Hammen; Gary Hancq, Sr; Bill Hessman; Elwood Hill; Tom Huntley; Debra Jasper; Cathy Johnson; DeeDee Kennedy; George & Carole Korns; Bonnie Kozma; Jim Lovewell; MaryAnn McManus; Theresa Mack; Julie Martin; Fred Martinez; Scott Maynard; Veronica Modricker; Isaac Moel; Adrienne Moore; Jim Morgan; Jim Mudd; Beverly Myers; Pat Nimrick; Larry O'Melia; Jennifer O'Neil; David Preston; Frank Preston; Joel Preston; Loretta Proske; Scott Reid; Bev Samberg; Kenneth Schaecher; Betty Schmidt; Brian Schmidt; Keith Schmidt; Sharon Schultz; Ava Scott; Kash Smith; Gavin Springsteen; Hunter Stineman; Jeff Stroud; Amy Studer; Heather Tahja; Tony Thorpe; Sonia Titus; Ron Weilen; Hugh "Butch" Woeber; Brandy Leopard Young; Special Intentions; A Son In Need; All Military Personnel; People with Covid complications

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sun: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-

Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15 Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32 Thur: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26 Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48 Next Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/

Mk 9:2-10

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

- Matthew 4:4

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