

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, December 1st



## Events

### December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

### December 5

Protecting God's Children  
9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### December 6

First Reconciliation  
NO ALL SCHOOL MASS

### December 7

Feast of St. Ambrose - ALL  
SCHOOL MASS

### December 8

Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception - ALL SCHOOL  
MASS

### December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

### December 12

Papa Johns Night

### A Note from the Principal

As we focus on the virtue of Peace during the month of December, may God gently hold you and may we practice His peace and cultivate a community of peace in all we do. "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile a to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." – Henri Nouwen

Have Hope,  
Mrs. Heil

### Can Collection

WAY TO KICK OFF THE ADVENT SEASON WITH BIG GIVING, ST. AMBROSE! We were able to give over 3,500 canned goods to "Fill Santa's Semis" charity. Thanks to everyone who participated! You are a blessing!

### Thank You

A BIG Thank You to Kimara Morrissey for organizing the Little Shoppers Shoppe this

year! Thanks as well to all who volunteered to help.

### Operation Blessing

The "Operation Blessing" Drive service project will take place from December 4 – 15. We will be collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets. The items do NOT have to be new, just clean and gently used. IF YOU SEND A USED ITEM TO BE DONATED, PLEASE PUT IT IN A PLASTIC BAG. We don't want to accidentally donate one of our kiddo's items!! Thanks in advance for your generosity!

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Second Graders will be partaking of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 6th. Please be in prayer for them as they take this next step in their relationship with Christ.

### St. Nicholas Celebrations

Our school will celebrate St. Nick on Wednesday, December 6th, with class parties and our 3rd – 6th graders will also take a trip to the Alton Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert.

**Feast of St. Ambrose**

We are excited to celebrate our school and church's namesake, St. Ambrose, at a special all-school mass on Thursday, December 7th. Our 6th graders are planning a wonderful liturgy. We will then get to celebrate again together on Friday, December 8th as we join at mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary, planned by our 7th graders. We are so blessed to have such wonderful opportunities to pray together during the week and celebrate the Eucharist on these special days.

**Cold and Flu Season**

Please remember that if your child is throwing up or running a fever, they need to stay home from school. As per the handbook, children must be fever free (WITHOUT MEDICATION) and have not thrown up for 24 hours before they are able to return to school.

**Cold Weather Reminders**

As we move into colder weather, please remember to send children dressed appropriately for the temperatures. Children will be going outside for recess whenever weather permits and will need coats and hats.

**Protecting God's Children**

Deacon Jay will be having 2 training sessions on Tuesday,

December 5th. The first will be from 9 am – 12 pm and the second will be from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend a training and are interested in working with our students, please avail yourself of one of these sessions. Also, Deacon Jay is looking for some people who would like to earn a few volunteer hours by helping him with check-in during both sessions. Please contact him via FastDirect or email if you are interested.

**Parish History**

Anyone interested in preserving Parish history? Please contact John Gibbons at 466-4822 and he can get you started with archiving. Great opportunity for service/volunteer hours.

**MCHS Placement Exam**

Marquette's Placement test for incoming freshmen will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at Marquette Catholic High School. The test will be given at 8:30 am and there will be a question and answer period for parents at 10:00am in the cafeteria. The test will be over at approximately 11:30am. You can earn a \$1000 academic scholarship for your freshman year tuition if you score in the top 10% of the students on the Entrance Exam! Marquette Catholic awards more than \$300,000 annually in

scholarships and financial assistance. Every opportunity will be made to assist students and families that choose and deserve to continue their Catholic education at Marquette. Please let us know if you have any questions. Marquette really wants you!! Go to the admissions tab at [www.marquettecatholic.org](http://www.marquettecatholic.org) and follow the directions to begin your application. Please call Meg Miller at 618-463-0585 ext. 2 or email [mmiller@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:mmiller@marquettecatholic.org) for more information.

**Safety Reminder**

Safety Concern on the Parking Lot: Please remember that drivers should not be on their cell phones unless you are stopped and parked. Thank you for your attention to this! We do all that we can to keep our students safe, so it's important that everyone is focused and alert. Also, please remember that there should be no backing up on the parking lot during dismissal. We appreciate your attention and cooperation!

**School Calendar**

The school calendar is on the home page of the website @ [www.stambrosegodfrey.org](http://www.stambrosegodfrey.org) If you are uncertain about an event or club, please check there first, as it should be as up to date as possible. The athletic calendar should also be found there soon.

**Scrip**

Scrip may be purchased during regular parish office hours in the Church office. It will no longer be sold in the school office. Orders can of course still be sent to the school with children so that Scrip can be sent home with them. We will work to make your Scrip purchasing as easy as possible. Scrip is also available after most masses.