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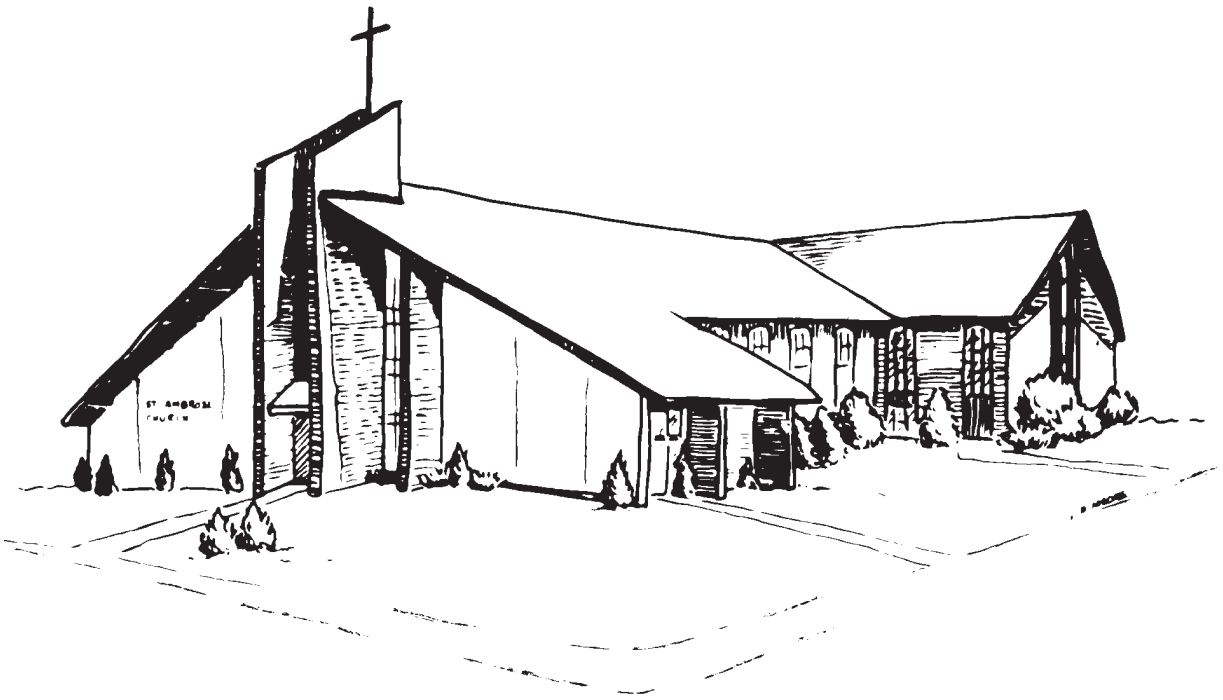

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Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.; and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on the baptism preparation program, which is required before a date is booked.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Today is the **solemnity of Pentecost**, at which the Lord imparted the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and they received the "gifts":

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

Fortitude While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called courage, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

Knowledge is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

Piety, the sixth gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love.

Fear of the Lord The seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is the Fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 30
8:00 am + SOUL OF MARIA – Thanh Nguyen
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 31
1:00 pm – *Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the Chapel side door on South Street.*
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Lucia Cekan
+ TONY SOUSA – his sisters and family
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel and family
+ HORACIO MEDEIROS – Helena, Nelson, Kevin Medeiros
+ JORGIANA MELO, SPOUSE & FAMILY – Tina
- Intentions of Estrella Pontalba
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, June 1
8:00 am – the intentions of Sharyn, Pam & families
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, June 2
8:00 am + ANTONIO NORDELO & MARIA BRAGA MEDEIROS
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, June 3 – First Saturday
8:00 am – for the intentions of Karen - Desiree

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Ilda Oliveira
+ BASIL & LUCILLE O'DACRE – Robert and Ildiko
+ ANIBAL LOURO – his family
+ WILLIE LIX – Mary Cooper

Sunday, June 4 – Most Holy Trinity
9:00 am + KATHERINE ZANETTE – Peggy & Bob
11:00 am – intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration – IMPORTANT NEWS:
Due to safety concerns the outside church door to the Adoration Chapel is locked and accessible by contacting the parish office. The inside hallway door keypad code has also been changed.
Call the office for access information.

Be A Man men's group in St. Ambrose Church Hall every Saturday morning from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

"I have called you by name" **St. Ambrose Ladies' group** on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. The next dates will be Tuesday June 6th and June20. All ladies are welcome.

Looking for employment – look at the opportunities within the Diocese of Hamilton, with various positions available:
https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php

Alliance of Life Ontario Conference 2023
"Speaking Life into our Culture"

Alliance for Life Ontario and Hamilton Right to Life, with the support of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, cordially invite you to register for our dinner and conference which will be held Friday June 16th at Michelangelo Banquet
Centre Hamilton and at the Nicholas Mancini Centre (behind the Chancery Office) on Saturday June 17th 2023. Speakers Dr. William Lile, Teresa Hartnett, Alex Schadenberg and Jakki Jeffs. Urgent life issues which require our
attention and our prayers will be discussed. We hope to see you there!
Contact aflo@mgl.ca or Text or call 519-820-3399
www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/event/2023-conference

Just a reminder… on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals almost daily asking for help with food. Donation boxes will be at the church exits **today (May 27/28**)

Dear Parishioners: If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We pray you will always embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received.

St. Ambrose Elementary Youth Group
(Grades 6-8)

Students in Grades 6 to 8 are invited to our weekly Elementary Youth Group Thursdays **6:30 pm to 8pm** in our church hall.

Road to Emmaus – Parish Youth Event

Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Group members, and young people from grades 2 to 12! Join us on Saturday, June 17th from 12pm-4pm on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for the first ever "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo region area afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration forms are available from the parish office. The deadline to register is June 2nd.
In order for a group from St. Ambrose to attend, we need to provide our own volunteers. If you are interested in accompanying the group, please contact Sarah Kwiecinski at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue will visit **Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener** on **Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 pm**. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard.
The Marian celebration includes:

- Rosary
- Mass, including the history of Our Lady of the Cape
- Candlelight Procession, and Veneration

There will be a petition box, with all intentions taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the Tour, Father Wedner will celebrate a Mass for them. A donation box and products from the Shrine will be available for sale as well.
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

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