

Prayer Chain

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 18

Irene Bergeron

February 20

Mary Ellen Masters

Patrick Ruth

Nancy Wishard

February 21

Mona Masters

February 23

Carolyn McCormack

February 24

Robert Alvarez

Janice Martin

This Week at St. Ambrose

Sunday 2/19

Monday 2/20

Tuesday 2/21

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Meals for Migrant Workers - Hall

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Religious Library - School

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Legion Of Mary – School

Wednesday 2/22

Ash Wednesday

Mass – 8 AM and 7 PM

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM - Religious Ed Classes – School

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM – RCIA - School

Thursday 2/23

Friday 2/24

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 2/25

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Rite of Sending - Church

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Lasagna Dinner - Hall

PARISH OFFERTORY

Total Offertory Needed \$235,568.00

Received Year to Date: \$110,994.70

Offertory 2/11 – 2/12/2012

Sat \$ 1,222.70

Sun 9 \$ 780.00

Sun 11 \$ 1,055.00

\$ 3,057.70

Eastern European Churches \$5.00

Catholic Relief Services \$432.00

Easter Flowers \$25.00

ST. AMBROSE RENOVATION FUND

Renovation Goal: \$200,000.00

Received: \$ 88,910.09

MASS INTENTIONS

2-25 5p Helen Kucharski +

2-24 8a Lynn Ferguson +

1st Friday Devotions

Spend an hour in prayer and contemplation with our Lord when we gather on Friday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

February 19, 2012

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away and Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

Prayer List

Mary Ballinger, Randy Bowlen, Tim Brooks, Betty Brubaker, Elizabeth Buck, Barbara and Tom Bush, Maimu Cadigan, Ms. Cain, Brenda Cantello, John Carlsen & Family, Kathleen Delzell, Judy Ferguson, Richard & Joyce Ferguson, Patricia Flight, Vincenza Gill, Jack Golden, Jerry Griffen, Roger Haggemiller, Mildred Hankemyer, Evey Kennedy, Christine Kerr, Sydney Lister, Dr. Robert McLendon, Robert Masters, Therese Masters & children, Margary Nelson, Chuck Nusbaum, Mary Petterson, Kara Reiniche, Grace Roebuck, Marianne Rogero, Noble Rogero, Charles Sagginario, Jeff Spencer, Austin and Shanna Thrashe Al & Frankie Varner, Stacie Wilson, Cheryl Woodland, John Zander. **Please notify Donna Rogero 386-325-5230, if no answer cell 386-983-0680 or donnarogero@att.net with your prayer request.**

NEWS

St. Ambrose Fair

March 25, 2012 Work days:

Thursday Feb. 23, 2012 Fry Down for Pilau- 9:00 A.M.

Thursday - March 8, 2012 Meat prep for Pilau 9:00 A.M.

Thursday March 22, 2012 Clam Chowder Prep. 9:00

Please come out and help prepare for our fundraiser.

Bring your favorite knife. Lunch will be provided. All help is appreciated

Lasagna Dinner

On Saturday, Feb 25th directly following the 5pm mass, there will be a Lasagna Dinner in the hall. For \$7 per person, enjoy lasagna, a tossed green salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will be a cash bar for beer, wine & soda.

St. Ambrose Needs Your Stuff!

We are in need of donations for the spring fair yard sale. Please clean out those closets and garages, and bring any gently used items to the church as soon as possible!!

Ashes

Fr. Tim will use the ashes from last years palm fronds on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. The last day to bring in your palms is Sunday, Feb 19th. Please place them in the box in the cry room.

Visit From Blest Art

On the weekend of *March 3-4, 2012* Blest Art will be visiting our parish after all Masses to display hand-carved olive wood religious art made by Catholics in the Holy Land. Your purchase of these beautiful items will help support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and help them to continue to earn a living in the land of Christ's birth. Visit Blest Art's Web site at www.BlestArt.org to preview the art that will be available.

Operation Rice Bowl

You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

Eucharistic Congress

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez has called for an annual Eucharistic Congress beginning Lent 2012: March 9-10. Beginning Friday at 7 p.m. and then Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 11757 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, join your fellow Catholics for a concert of sacred music ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Enjoy topics in English and Spanish: *The Fruits of Holy Communion* and *Eucharist in the Gospels*, featuring Bishop Robert J. Baker, Diocese of Birmingham, Ala. The event is free with lunch available for purchase. There will also be a children's track provided. For details, visit: www.dosafl.com.

Natural Family Planning

Diocesan Center for Family Life is sponsoring a free introductory session of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System of Natural Family Planning at St. Vincent's Medical Center on Saturday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m. To register, or for more information, please contact Kelly Trumble at (904) 505-0245 or kellymtrumble@gmail.com.

Priestly Vocations

Small Group Discernment Meeting for Priestly Vocations, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center Auditorium, 11625 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville. This meeting is for men, ages 16 and over. Call (904) 262-3200, ext. 101 or email: vocations@dosafll.com for more information.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Aren't we happy that when we arrive for Mass, the church is tidy and welcoming us to enter into a time of prayer? Not everyone is aware that St. Ambrose does not have a paid custodian to keep the church neat and clean. Special thanks to our seven volunteers, especially Emma Delarm, who carried us through months those that were not covered by others, which were numerous. Please prayerfully reflect on your calling to this ministry. Consider if an hour or two a week for a month would be a positive addition to your Lenten journey. Join this meaningful work; the sign-up sheet is in the Cry Room or call Betty Jo Brubaker @692-1153 for more information.

Praying for Life

Please join us Friday, February 24th to pray the Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 1:30pm in front of the abortion clinic, A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville, 4131 University Blvd. S.

Spiritual Adoption Month 2

I can suck my thumb! By the end of the second month, all of your baby's major body organs and body systems have begun to develop, including the brain, lungs, liver, and stomach. The first bone cells appear during this time. Eyelids form and grow. The inner ear is forming. Ankles, toes, wrists, and fingers are developing. At the end of the second month of pregnancy, your baby looks like a tiny infant.

For more information on Respect Life and Spiritual Adoption contact Anna Martin (904) 692-4927

Word of Life

The Church's position on the matter of abortion is unambiguous. The child in his or her mother's womb is a human life which must be protected. Abortion, which is the destruction of an innocent unborn child, is contrary to God's will, for the value and dignity of human life must be protected from conception to natural death. The Church ... must be committed to offering help and support to women and couples tempted to seek an abortion, while remaining close to those who have had this tragic experience and helping them to grow in respect for life. She acknowledges the courage of governments that have legislated against the culture of death – of which abortion is a dramatic expression – in favour of the culture of life.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Apostolic Exhortation Africae Munus (70)*, November 19, 2011