

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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*December - Dezember - December 2018*

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm  
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Parish Office is located at:  
St. Patrick Church  
1046 E. 34th St.  
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On **Sunday, December 2** the Hungarian Scouts will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas in the Fr. Lani Hall after Mass. Lunch will be prepared by the scouts.

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**Tuesday, December 11** is the birthday of our pastor, Monsignor Timothy Dyer. Let us all keep him in our prayers and wish him a happy birthday.

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**Sunday, December 9** will be the German Christmas Party presented by the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations. Lunch will be served by members of the German congregation at 11:00 AM followed by a program by the children of the Donauschwäbische Tanzgruppe at 1:00 PM.

Donations of traditional Christmas cookies are graciously requested.

## **Sunday, December 9 – Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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**Sunday, December 16** will be the Hungarian Christmas Party. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM in the Fr. Lani Hall by the St. Stephen Society followed by the Hungarian Christmas program at 1:00 PM.

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**Tuesday, January 1** there will be only one Mass, in English, to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request.

You may also contact her by phone at:

**(818) 846-2651**

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**monikamohos@yahoo.com**

The bulletins are sent to the printing company at least one month in advance. Mass intentions received after the printing deadline may not appear in the bulletin, but are offered all the same.

## Parish Calendar for December 2018

### **December 2, Sunday – First Sunday of Advent – violet**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Erster Adventssonntag</i> Anna Csombor (deceased)	The Weiss Family
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>Advent első vasárnapja</i> István Prihisztál (deceased) Ágnes Tamás (deceased)	The Prihisztál Family Éva Kulczycki

The Hungarian Scouts will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas in the Fr. Lani Hall after Mass. There will be lunch available.

### **December 9, Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent – violet – Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Zweiter Adventssonntag</i> Eva and Wendel Mayer (both deceased) and Lorenz Schwarz (deceased) Michael Kolostori (deceased)	Katl Mayer Maria Kolostori-Buehbe
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>Advent második vasárnapja</i> For the living and deceased members of the Samay Family Teréz Iván (deceased)	The Mohos Family The Mohos Family
11:00 AM - Lunch served by members of the German congregation.	
1:00 PM - German Christmas Party of the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations with a program by the children of the Donauschwäbische Tanzgruppe.	

### **December 16, Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – violet or rose**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Dritter Adventssonntag</i> Theresia Trutzl (deceased)	Frank and Gerda Trutzl
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>Advent harmadik vasárnapja</i> Imre Téglás (deceased) Erzsébet Munteán (deceased)	The Téglás Family The Mohos Family
11:00 AM - Lunch served by the St. Stephen Society	
1:00 PM - Hungarian Christmas Program	

### **December 23, Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent – violet**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Vierter Adventssonntag</i> Theresia and Anna Seitz (deceased)	The Seitz Family
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>Advent negyedik vasárnapja</i> Rezső Lantos (deceased)	His Faithful Friends

### **December 25, Tuesday – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – white**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Hochfest der Geburt des Herrn (Weihnachten)</i> Pro populo – For the Faithful	
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>Az Úr születése (Karácsony)</i> Pro populo – For the Faithful	

### **December 30, Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – white**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe – <i>Fest der Heiligen Familie von Jesus, Maria und Josef</i> Heidi Marie Schüessler (deceased)	Her Friends
10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise – <i>A Szent Család, Jézus Mária és József</i> Jozsef Fürjes (deceased) János Béres (deceased)	The Mohos Family The Mohos Family

Saint Ambrose



## Saint Ambrose - December 7

One of Ambrose's biographers observed that at the Last Judgment, people would still be divided between those who admired Ambrose and those who heartily disliked him. He emerges as the man of action who cut a furrow through the lives of his contemporaries. Even royal personages were numbered among those who were to suffer crushing divine punishments for standing in Ambrose's way.

When the Empress Justina attempted to wrest two basilicas from Ambrose's Catholics and give them to the Arians, he dared the eunuchs of the court to execute him. His own people rallied behind him in the face of imperial troops. In the midst of riots, he both spurred and calmed his people with bewitching new hymns set to exciting Eastern melodies.

In his disputes with the Emperor Auxentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. The emperor did public penance for his crime. This was Ambrose, the fighter sent to Milan as Roman governor, and chosen while yet a catechumen to be the people's bishop.

There is yet another side of Ambrose—one which influenced Augustine of Hippo, whom Ambrose converted. Ambrose was a passionate little man with a high forehead, a long melancholy face, and great eyes. We can picture him as a frail figure clasping the codex of sacred Scripture. This was the Ambrose of aristocratic heritage and learning.

Augustine found the oratory of Ambrose less soothing and entertaining but far more learned than that of other contemporaries. Ambrose's sermons were often modeled on Cicero, and his ideas betrayed the influence of contemporary thinkers and philosophers. He had no scruples in borrowing at length from pagan authors. He gloried in the pulpit in his ability to parade his spoils—"gold of the Egyptians"—taken over from the pagan philosophers.

His sermons, his writings, and his personal life reveal him as an otherworldly man involved in the great issues of his day. Humanity for Ambrose was, above all, spirit. In order to think rightly of God and the human soul, the closest thing to God, no material reality at all was to be dwelt upon. He was an enthusiastic champion of consecrated virginity.

The influence of Ambrose on Augustine will always be open for discussion. The Confessions reveal some manly, brusque encounters between Ambrose and Augustine, but there can be no doubt of Augustine's profound esteem for the learned bishop.

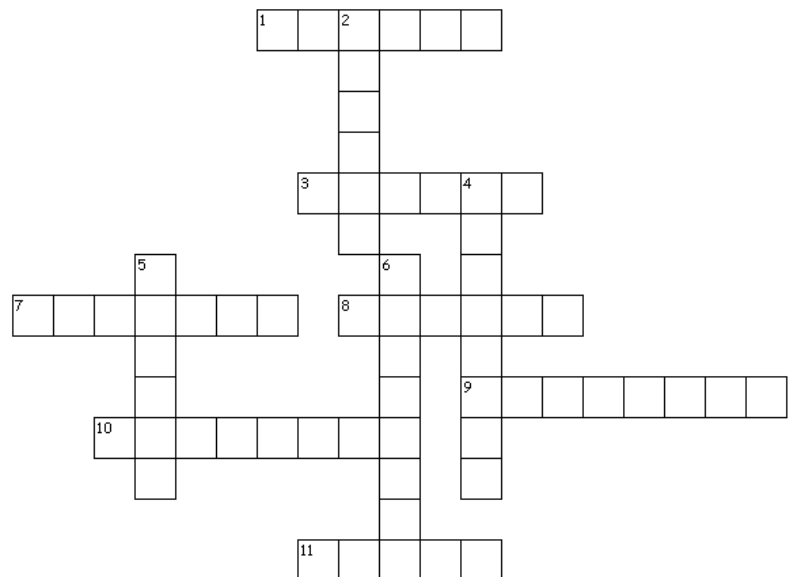
Neither is there any doubt that Saint Monica loved Ambrose as an angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions about Christ. It was Ambrose, after all, who placed his hands on the shoulders of the naked Augustine as he descended into the baptismal fountain to put on Christ.

### Find this month's vocabulary words.

A R I L A Y O R X M A Q W P X  
M G N Y T I N A M U H O B Z Z  
X U N I X D X U B D R Y C G S  
Q D O G A A I I O R O R S I Q  
T Z C J A T S F U Z R M W J K  
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V F R F L S D U I P P P D L O  
X N Z K X E F N C R H P O R N  
E M S A B F G K Q N K O G N B  
Z F M X F G L B Z U K O P M W

BISHOP	EMPEROR	FOUNTAIN
FURROW	HUMANITY	INNOCENT
LEARNING	PEOPLE	ROYAL
SERMON	SUFFER	

### Fill in the vocabulary words using the German and Hungarian translations as clues.



#### Across

1. BISSCHOF-PÜSPÖK
3. MENSCHEN-EMBEREK
7. KAISER-CSÁSZÁR
8. FURCHE-BARÁZDA
9. UNSCHULDIG-ÁRTATLAN
10. BRUNNEN-SZÖKŐKÚT

#### Down

2. LEIDEN-SZENVEDNI
4. LERNEN-TANULÁS
5. PREDIGT-SZENTBESZÉD
6. MENSCHHEIT-EMBERISÉG

