

The past...the present...and the yet to come!

As a people of faith, we remember our past...live faithfully in the present
...with our eyes fixed on a hopeful future in the Lord.

Back in June, we kicked off our 60th Anniversary year. These past months are filled with wonderful moments of remembering our past, and the great people who have set such a solid foundation for our parish community. **We've welcomed back Father Fred Pausche and Father Jack Carlin, and celebrated the 100th birthday of Father Hilkert.** We have a blessed past and this year gives us a chance to remember and rejoice.

These past weeks - as you will see in this newsletter - our pastoral year is starting.

There are many opportunities presented for each of us to grow closer to the Lord, deepen our faith, serve those in need, and strengthen the bonds of our community. We are so blessed. Our parish is alive and full of God's Spirit!

And...our future is bright! Among all the good things going on in our parish community, the Vision 2020 Committee has started the process of outlining a vision and plans to update, upgrade and renovate our Church. Watch for details in the next few weeks so we can share the ideas with you and our entire community. Our hope is to host a number of Town Hall meetings so every member can come and learn more, and share feedback with the Planning Committee.

Jesus Christ is everything for us – past, present, and our future – now and always and forever! **God bless you. Thank you for all you do for our parish community.**

Father Bob Stec




CENTERED ON JESUS CHRIST
WHO IS EVERYTHING FOR US

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary as a community of faith, we give thanks to God to all who have set a solid foundation for us. They have been living stone in the Body of Christ – the Church. We renew our commitment to create a community strong in faith, centered on Christ, filled with the care and compassion of the Lord for all. **Let us pray...**

My Church is composed of people like me.
I can help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, **if I am friendly.**

It will be holy, **if I am holy.**

Its pews will be filled, **if I help fill them.**
It will do great work, **if I work.**

It will be prayerful, **if I pray.**

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others to worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a Church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity, and mercy, **if I,**
who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things I want my Church to be.

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Parish Fall Events

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Ministry Fair

This is just a portion of all the great things happening at Saint Ambrose over the next few months. For a complete list, visit www.StAmbrose.us.

Welcome to our Parish Community!

A warm welcome goes out to the many families and individuals who have recently joined our parish community. May you find Saint Ambrose to be a place where you are always welcome!

Deborah Accardi
Matthew & Lauren Beck & Family
Tim & Shannon Boyle & Family
Linda Delozier
Renee Dudash
Tatyana & Javier Fitzgerald & Family
Gregory & Amanda Friery & Family
Leonard & Samantha Genders & Family
Matthew & Stephanie Hornsey & Family
Donovan & Victoria Hupcej & Family
Michael Iacobacci & Family
Richard & Donna Koch

Mike & Janna Kren & Family
Edward & Summer Leichliter
Nick & Sharon Puin
Samantha Ralston
Naudia Schumann & Family
Jason & Dawn Stema & Family
Harry & Michele Valentino
Mary Ellen Wilson
Ryan & Shannon Wilson
Michael & Jessica Zebrowski & Family

New members as of 7/10/17-8/29/17

RCIA

The difference it can make in one person's life.

The other day, someone came to a funeral at Saint Ambrose. Afterward, they came over to the office and said, "I never felt so much peace in my heart. I want to learn more about the Church and about the Lord?" A few weeks ago, a young family registered in the parish. As we discussed ways to grow as a family of faith, the dad decided he wanted to be able to come to the Table of the Lord with his children at their First Communion. "It will be a great way for all of us to be together."

These are two examples of people who are coming to the RCIA this fall. They want to learn more about Christ and the community of the Church. If you, too, would like to learn more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Caitlin for all the details (330.460.7387 or COneill@StAmbrose.us).

"My experience with RCIA was having this overwhelming feeling of being wanted and needed with no expectations of me in return but only to open my heart to the abundance of love that was about to enter as I myself entered into my new family of God! I felt like I was finally home." – Damir Ljubanovic



"Coming to the Catholic church at age 30, I didn't know what to expect. When I got to RCIA, it wasn't long before I was accepted with open arms by other students and the instructors. It was a very positive experience from the day I started to the day I received my baptism, communion, and confirmation at the Easter Vigil. I would recommend the Saint Ambrose RCIA program to any adult looking to become Catholic, as well as any current Catholics looking to brush up on their knowledge of the religion." – Joe Incorvaia



Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 9

Come join us as we welcome Deacon Keith Walcutt newly ordained Deacon as of May 6. He is assigned to St. Joseph Church, Strongsville. Deacon Keith is married and a father of five children. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Baldwin Wallace University and is a certified public accountant with Thornhill Financial.

The Knights of Columbus and Men's Fellowship will provide breakfast starting at 9:00 am in the Hilkert Hall rooms 1 and 2. **Please join us! Contact Deacon Tom with questions at 330.460.7322 or TSheridan@StAmbrose.us.**

GOT QUESTIONS.

#TryAlpha this fall at Saint Ambrose and search for more.

Tuesday Mornings: 9:00-10:30 am (Starts September 5)
Tuesday Evenings: 6:30-8:30 pm (Starts September 5)
Wednesday Lunch: 11:30 am-1:00 pm (Starts September 6)

REGISTER

Email Jane at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7381



www.StAmbrose.us/Alpha



Marriage Checkup

On Tuesday, September 12, we'll kick off this year's 6-week "Marriage Checkup" from 7:00-8:45 pm in the Mother Teresa Room.

Marriage is a journey and not always an easy one, it's important that you know that you are not alone and we are here to help. If you find yourself answering yes to any of the following questions, then your yearly checkup is due: Do you find yourself competing with your spouse's iphone? Does the love of your life act like, well, a jerk? Have you lost that "lovin' feeling"? Is there a coldness in your relationship? Are you finding your marriage going stale? Does your spouse do and say things you don't understand?

Our marriage course is completely free, and will provide you with privacy, humorous talks and much needed time away from work and home. We've even got free babysitting for children 2 and up.

RSVP by September 5 to Helen at HSheridan@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7322.

When you sing...you pray twice!

Have you thought about joining a faith and fun filled group that uses their instruments and voices in praise to God? Our talented and growing music ministry could very well be the right fit for you. If you have thought about joining our music ministry, please consider joining us this September! We have many exciting things planned for our year and hope you will want to join...there is always room for more!

Saturday Mass Choir

We are working hard to form a choir for the Saturday 4:30pm mass...If you sing, or play an instrument, let us know! There would be a rehearsal an hour prior to mass in the chapel. Contact Max at MMenkhaus@StAmbrose.us to learn more and say YES!

Praise and Worship Band

We are looking for musicians and vocalists from the teens in our parish for some of our retreats, programs and some Sunday 5pm Masses. What a great opportunity to share your talents for the 'good' - for the Lord. Rehearsals are usually before Mass from 3:45-4:45pm in the Church. Willing to learn more, contact Matt at MFodor@StAmbrose.us.

The BIG Music Ministry Kick-Off

Join us for dinner and dessert this Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30pm in Hilbert Hall. This great event is for all our music ministers: Adult Choir, Cantors, Instrumentalists, Bell Choir, Angels Choir, New Life Choir, FIAT Music, and ANYONE who is interested in becoming part of something AMAZING-SPIRIT FILLED- and FUN! Contact Helen at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us to let her know you will be there.

Life-Chain

Sponsored by St. Ambrose Pro Life Ministry, Sunday, October 1, 2:00 - 3:00

In honor of God's precious little ones, join us as thousands across America will stand together for LIFE. Together as a parish and community, in front of St. Ambrose, we will stand quietly and peacefully as a prayerful and public witness in honor of the millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Join us for this very powerful and visual statement of solidarity for the dignity of LIFE and for our support of the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Join us as we become a LIGHT in a very darkened world.



All are welcome- all family members young and old. Please meet in the front parking lot by 1:45. Peaceful and prayer signs are welcome and encouraged (Abortion Kills Children; Life- The First Inalienable Right; Pray to end Abortion; Adoption - the Loving Option; or any Pro-Life message). Please join us as we pray together for legalized abortion to end and for the unborn child's protection.

Any questions, contact Trish Shaw at tals437@gmail.com or Lisa at Lhomady@StAmbrose.us.

"Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3)

Divorce Care for Kids

New Series starting Thursday, September 21, 6:00-8:00 pm

Is your child struggling from your divorce or separation? Are you looking to help your child heal? Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) is a scripture-based program designed to help children (aged 6-13) of families experiencing divorce and separation. Each session is full of games, fun activities, arts and crafts, stories, exercise, videos and music that is centered around a weekly theme.



Throughout Divorce Care for Kids, your children realize that they are not the only ones going through this. They develop friendships with others who understand how they feel. They will learn how to sort through their feelings and will learn how to have healthy relationships with you, your family, and with God. Best of all, children will learn how God's love can strengthen them and help them turn tears to hope and joy.

Our new series will be starting on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the School, Lower Level Pre-School Room. We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings for 13-weeks.

If you think your child(ren) would benefit from Divorce Care for Kids and would like more information, or would like to register your child, contact Lisa at 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us

Women's Guild Salad Luncheon

Monday, September 25

One of our favorite activities for the year is back! That's right, as hard as it is to believe, it's that time again for the annual Women's Guild Salad Luncheon. Join us at 11:30 am in Hilbert Hall on Monday, September 25 for a delicious lunch, plus door prizes, raffles, a performance by 732 The Electric Duo.

The cost is only \$15, and tickets may be purchased by contacting Jackie at 216.410.2684 or Rosemary at 330.225.7214. All are welcome.



Join us for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 noon

After last season, who isn't excited for October baseball this year? The Indians have some unfinished business to take care of and what better time to get to a Tribe game. Come cheer your Cleveland Indians at the last game of the regular season at Progressive Field on Sunday, October 1, just in time to watch them before the playoffs.



It all starts at 12:00 Noon Mass inside Progressive Field, hosted by Fr. Bob. Afterwards, stay for the game against the Chicago White Sox at 3:10 you're not going to want to miss this, as our own Music Ministry will be singing the National Anthem.



Purchase discount tickets by visiting our special site at www.StAmbrose.us/Catholic-Family-Day-Progressive-Field.

Questions? Contact Jackie Plys at 216.420.4162 or JPlys@Indians.com.

This game has a good chance of being a sellout, so grab your seats today. Go Tribe!

12 Days of Christmas

While it seems like it's a long way away, we know Advent season will be here before we know it!

Our 12 Days of Christmas has more than tripled in size, and we need YOU to help! Are you looking to do something meaningful throughout the Advent Season? Our 12 Days of Christmas Ministry will have close to 50 families that are in need of a little extra of God's love, care and kindness this upcoming season. During the 12 Days leading up to Christmas, we need volunteers to "adopt a family" and help deliver these random acts of kindness. It's simple... it's fun... and most importantly, it's significant in the life of someone in need!

We provide the gifts, the address, everything you need- you just deliver them to the families.

Contact Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us if you are interesting in helping or would like more information. What a wonderful opportunity to give back and be reminded of the TRUE reason for this Christmas season.



RAMSERFEST Polka Party

Saturday, September 9

6:00-9:00PM

Delicious homemade Polish food, Babcia made, including kielbasa and sauerkraut, cabbage & noodles, pierogis, stuffed cabbage and homemade dessert!
A variety of Ethnic Beers available.

Raffle for Sokolowski Gift Certificate

Live Music by TOM MROZKA & THE MUSIC BOX Band

PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY!

\$20 Adult • \$12 Children Under 12

Available at the Parish Office in the PLC.

Call 330-460-7300 for more information or questions.

Join us before the party for an
all-Parish Polka Mass at 4:30pm



Adoration Every Monday

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Christ's presence in the Eucharist is at the center of our Catholic faith. With this in mind, we encourage you to join us for Adoration every Monday (except holidays) in our chapel, from 9:00 am-9:00 pm. This is a sacred time when we can be one with our Lord.

We do not want to leave the Eucharist alone at any time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Did you know that you can sign up for a timeslot, per half hour, on our website ([www. StAmbrose.us/Adoration](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Adoration))? Doing so helps ensure that we have it covered. Of course, if you are unable to schedule a time and want to come by when you can, don't hesitate.

"The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us."—Pope Francis

Fall Parish Mission

Speaker Jon Leonetti joins us October 22-24

Jon Leonetti has dedicated his life to helping Catholics fall in love and stay in love with the living God. Jon invites you to take part in the Surge of the Heart Parish Mission for a three evening Catholic mission you will never forget. **Engaging presentations. Life changing stories. Lots of laughter. A call to conversion.**

Join us each night from 6:45 - 8:00 pm followed by a reception. Complimentary child care available. Please contact Jane with questions or babysitting needs at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381.



IN MEMORIAM

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

- Amen.

Lisa Mann
Martin E. Hannigan
John Bukovsky
Barbara Watt
Kenneth Politowicz
Mary Lesniak
John Gungl
Michelle Cika
Donald J. Abel
John W. Chalfa
Patricia Koshar
Stella Trush
Jewel Thompson
Alex Bihari
Thomas Folan Jr.

Neon BINGO

Saturday, October 28

Join us for our annual Halloween extravaganza. This is not your traditional bingo. Come and enjoy a "scary" night of great music, dancing, and great food, and a chance to win thousands of dollars in prizes. We'll also have our popular minute-to-win-it games, including one for the best costume.

Tickets are just \$25 and will be available at our Parish Life Center in advance. Tickets are limited, so hurry in, and bring a few friends for a fun-filled night of tricks and treats.

If you experience the loss of a loved one, know that we are here for you. Please call the Parish Office at 330.460.7300 and let us know how we can support you and remember your loved one.

Let Your Light Shine!

The beginning of the 2017-2018 school year arrived in spectacular style.

Summer months were spent cleaning and preparing for is already a year of joyful excellence. In addition to preparing teachers and upgraded curriculum, cleaning, repairs, painting, installation of new water bottle filling/drinking fountains and updating/improving restrooms kept many people very busy. I am beyond grateful to our Maintenance and Building & Grounds crews for all of their hard work and efforts to make our school shine! Also, we are very grateful to American Legion Post 234 and Bob Prevost, Commander, for providing our new American flags in each classroom!

The school year officially opened on Spirit Sunday, our back-to-school welcome celebration Mass and pizza party for school families. On Tuesday, August 22, First-Eighth Grade students arrived to cheers and fun from our Student Council officers, teachers and staff. We enjoyed celebrating Mass together as a faith community - the BEST way to open a school year – learned more about each other's talents as well as our own. The fantastic week ended with our annual PTU-sponsored Back to School Picnic and blessing over our bus drivers.

Just a few of the top-notch work happening here already:

- Student-led prayer and letter-writing efforts to benefit those affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- Cross-curricular learning such as learning about proportion and ratios in Math and Art.
- College Credit Plus classes in Geospatial Technology.
- Learning to speak not only Spanish but also some Chinese and the nuance/wonder of languages.
- STREAM challenges each day to promote critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication.
- Enhanced and increased intervention and gifted education support.

As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Saint Ambrose Parish, we are reminded that with Jesus the Master Teacher as our model and guide, we have a legacy of great faith and excellence to continue, and a critical job to complete. We do all this for Him who is Everything for us!

Peace and Blessings,

Lisa Cinadr, Principal

VBS was an incredible week!

We are so grateful to the 180 volunteers who made the week special for 340+ participants. Maker Fun Factory VBS was filled with making new friends, amazing crafts, creative games, incredible music and growing closer to Jesus. Save the date for next year July 9-13 2018.

RCIA for Children

We had a BLAST at this year's Vacation Bible School.

Our RCIA team has been working all summer to plan the upcoming year for our RCIA for Children program. If you have a child or grandchild who needs to grow closer to the Lord and is in need to celebrate the Sacraments I am happy to answer any questions and help get your family moving in the right direction.

Edge Programming

An amazing program for our Junior High Youth beginning October 30th.

After multiple planning sessions, shared meals and prayers we are eager to start this New Year. One new facet of PSR programming is the introduction of Junior High Youth Ministry Nights. 7 nights will feature Edge programming. Launched in 1985, Edge is centered on the Eucharist and focused on leading teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and HIS Church. These 7 special Edge Nights will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and are already scheduled for October 30th, November 20th, December 18th, January 29th, February 26th, March 19th and April 30th.

A separate component to the Edge program is for parents. FREE to all parents of Junior High PSR students and parents of Junior High students at St. Ambrose Day School! Information will be sent out in the next few weeks, but if you are too excited to wait, please do not hesitate to call Jenna LaGuardia at 330-460-7323.



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SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL



First Reconciliation Info Sessions Parents of second graders!

It is time to start your child's Sacramental preparation for his or her first Reconciliation. We will be having parent/guardian information meetings and have given you four options to choose from.

You only need attend one of these meetings.
Thursday, September 21 at 1pm or 7pm
Saturday, September 23- 9am
Tuesday, September 26 -7pm

Contact Janet Majka at
JMajka@StAmbrose.us for more information.



FIAT Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, September 10 from 5:00-8:00pm

After a busy summer of volleyball, bonfires, service projects & more, school is back in session and we're ready to dive into the fall. Everything starts back up with our annual Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th. **Grab your friends and join us for 5pm Mass followed by dinner, fun & games until 8pm. We hope to see you there!**

FALL KICKOFF:

September 10

Mass at 5:00 pm

FIAT at 6:00 pm



FIAT Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Sunday, September 23 from 12:30-4:00pm

Are you looking for something exciting for you and your comrades to do this fall? Make a team of six to eight people to compete for the ultimate frisbee championship title and prize. For \$20 per team, you and your friends can enjoy an afternoon of competing against other teams in your age bracket (6th-8th grade; 9th grade-20 years). You can find all the details at myfiat.us or contact Michelle at michelle.koerper@yahoo.com.

In order to host this event, we are in need of some parent volunteers to referee games and help with team bag distribution. Individually wrapped snacks are greatly appreciated to have a successful event. Each team will be put into a bracket to compete against other teams in your age group. There will be a losers bracket to compete in if you get knocked out. Once you are signed up and all your team members have completed a medical form and permission slip, your team contact will receive a confirmation email containing the rules and an extensive breakdown of details. Every team that signs up will get a team bag of snacks, drink cups, their team band and free frisbees!

This event is an amazing way to spend a day with your friends, competing for the championship, and getting your mind away from school in a good environment! **All forms must be turned in by Wednesday September 13, 2017 to the youth ministry office or Caitlin.**

Fall Harvest Olympics

October 8 from 5:00-8:00pm

We know you'll have a great time at the parish's Harvest Festival on October 7th...but make sure to come back for our own Fall Harvest Olympics on the 8th! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for 5pm Mass and then an evening of great food and fall-themed competitions. Bring your friends and your competitive spirit – it's always a fun night!

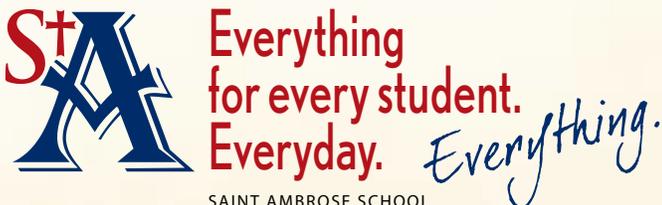


Saint Ambrose School Pumpkin Sale

GET YOUR FALL PUMPKINS!

Our Saint Ambrose School students will be selling pumpkins this year starting at our annual Fall Harvest Festival on October 7, 2017.

Please come and support our school by buying a pumpkin after Mass the weekends of October 7/8 and October 14/15.





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WELCOME THE FALL WITH OUR ANNUAL Autumn Harvest Festival

October 7, 2017 5:00-8:00 pm

Outdoor Mass at 5 pm on the football field
(bring a blanket or chair)

Dinner after Mass

We supply the burgers, hot dogs & hot apple cider.

Bring a dessert to share!

Sports teams – wear your jersey

Chili cook-off - \$1.00/bowl to benefit the Mission

Activities include:

- Pumpkin painting
- Kids craft
- Corn Maze
- Face painting
- Sack Races
- Pumpkin bowling
- Bonfire
- Hayrides



Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.
We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air
that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude
for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth,
transform us by your Spirit.
Amen

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