



Saint Ambrose
CATHOLIC PARISH



*Harvest
of Blessings*

ANNUAL REPORT & PARISH EVENTS
AUTUMN 2015



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS *in Christ*

A picture speaks a thousand words. The picture of this apple tree spoke volumes to me this summer. It was the only thing that did not get cut down, or removed, to make room for the Parish Life Center. Why cut down a good tree?? A year ago, it was scrawny and only produced a few apples. Nevertheless, we didn't cut it down. **And...a year later...it has grown exponentially and produced an amazing amount of fruit.** Day in, and out, I observed the transformation of this tree to the point that I concluded – this tree – this simple apple tree – is really a perfect metaphor for our parish community over the past year. **We have grown – grown exponentially in the Lord – and are producing abundant fruit and new life for the work of the Lord in our community.**



This Annual Report offers some 'glimpses' of the life, goodness, vitality and strong faith of our parish community. There is not a day that goes by that I am not humbled by your goodness and your commitment to the Lord and to the work of our parish community. **You can see it – hear it – feel it – witness it – all over.** Take some time to look through this Annual Report. It reveals both the depth of your goodness, and the growth that is taking place at Saint Ambrose.

- **The Parish Life Center**, which was completed back in October/November of 2014, is one shining example. It has greatly helped us connect with each other, as we connect our Church, Chapel, offices, meeting space, halls and kitchens all together.
- Over the course of 2014-2015, our parish has worked hard to strengthen our **Care and Compassion Ministries**. We are helping bring comfort and healing to our members – children and adults – who are working through the pain of divorce. It's one of several programs we've implemented to bring the compassion of Christ to our sisters and brothers in their time of need.
- **Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels PreSchool have their highest enrollment ever.** It's a blessing to be able to engage the minds and form the hearts of our young people.
- Our **Community Outreach Program** has grown exponentially as we help people in our region who need some basic assistance and support. We've installed handicap ramps, fixed and repaired homes for our seniors on fixed incomes, and much more. This is complemented by our **Community Meal Program** that provides approximately 330 meals each third Sunday of the month, along with thousands of other meals throughout the year through our Food Bank and Holiday Meals Program.
- These efforts all support and complement a strong life of prayer and worship. You can feel the love of God when we gather each weekend together at the Table of the Lord. Our **Music Ministry and Liturgical Ministers** are so dedicated to helping us lift our hearts to the Lord.
- Thanks to the new entry way, our Chapel is open much longer every day. **Among all the examples of the spiritual growth of our parish, to witness the number of our members stopping by to spend some time with the Lord is simply inspiring.** The same is true at the Grotto. There are so many people who take time to **pray at the Grotto** to center their lives and their families on Christ.

These are just a few of hundreds of examples of the goodness and Spirit that are Saint Ambrose Parish. Our parish family is strong and strongly committed to supporting family life and strengthening the bonds of our community. **This Annual Report is a glimpse of your goodness.** Thank you so much for all your support which allows us to continue the compassion of Christ to the family of God. If there's anything I/we can do for you and your family, please let me know (FrBob@StAmbrose.us).

The apple tree is a great metaphor for this past year at Saint Ambrose – we are alive, growing and producing abundant fruit for the Harvest of the Lord.

Father Bob Stec, on behalf of a very grateful parish community.

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SAINT AMBROSE Pastoral Council

Brothers and Sisters...united in love...we are the Family of God.

During the past year, the Pastoral Council has worked hard to promote and strengthen family life in our parish community. Your parish directory, sent to your home in late September, outlines the many efforts we have put in place to help you and your family grow more in love with God and each other. Our hope and prayer is that our efforts are helping you and your loved ones.

In the new pastoral year, we will continue our efforts to support family life and especially work a little harder to strengthen our Youth Ministry Programs. While many of our high school students are involved in the life of our community, we know that we need to continue to do more to help our teens strengthen their family and make wise, holy and loving choices for their lives. We want to support parents and grandparents in centering their families and their homes on the Lord.

This coming year our parish community is going to embrace Pope Francis' call for the Year of Mercy. You will see, in December, a concerted effort to reach out to all our members and our entire community with the mercy and compassion that God has for each and every one of us. We are hopeful that these efforts will help strengthen our parish family and our entire community.

The Pastoral Council meets monthly to discuss and discern the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish community. We are always open to hearing your ideas and discussing ways you think our parish can continue to grow in holiness and in service to the Lord.

Thank you for all you do for our parish. The response to the recent Stewardship/Sign up effort is one more example of your goodness and your commitment to the work of the Lord at Saint Ambrose.

We are blessed to serve you and our parish community on the Pastoral Council. We pray for you at each meeting and ask you to pray for us. May God bless our efforts to help the family of God at Saint Ambrose.

PARISH Pastoral Council 2015-2016

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We need to hear from you!

If you have suggestions, questions or comments please let us know!

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DROP A NOTE in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office

Your input and suggestions are important so that we can continue to respond to the needs of our community and create a parish and school that help all 15,000 members of our parish to center their lives on Christ.

PARISH Statistics

As of October 5:	2013	2014	2015
Number of Households	4904	5294	5351
Number of Parishioners	14340	14827	15152
Parish Stats*	2013	2014	2015
Baptism	139	122	135
First Eucharist	179	178	188
Confirmation	129	119	138
Marriage	22	19	35
Students (PSR)**	1013	1083	1080
Students (Day School)**	500	509	513
Littlest Angels Preschool**	102	126	130
Number of people using Automatic Giving:	412	448	545

*FY 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

**Enrollment for PSR/Day School is for current year.

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.

Pedro Aponte	Joseph Knight
Gary Barna	Richard Koenig
Nicholas Berger	George Korman
Leonora Bernardina	Stewart Kramer Jr.
Neil Carlson	Joseph Legger
Marie Cikunczuk	Mary Macsay
Angela Dell'Anno	Patricia Movens
James Geiss	Mary Muzzin
Larry Jacobs	John Newell
Marko Jelovic	James O'Malley
Leonard Kacic	Richard Plavecski

Please join us on the Feast of All Souls as we remember all of our faithful departed. Our Mass of Remembrance begins at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 17

CYO Night at the Races

OCTOBER 17-18

Confirmation Retreat

OCTOBER 18

Donut Sunday/Community Meal

OCTOBER 22

Adult Children & Aging Parents Seminar

OCTOBER 24

Cosmic Bingo 5:30pm

NOVEMBER 7

Understanding Your Medication (SAS)

NOVEMBER 8-11

Parish Mission 6:45-8:00pm

NOVEMBER 14 & 15

Women's Guild Craft Fair

NOVEMBER 15

School Open House

NOVEMBER 20-22

Metanoia III Retreat (FIAT)

NOVEMBER 21 & 22

Come Back Sunday

NOVEMBER 22

Donut Sunday

NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Community Meal

NOVEMBER 27

Turkey Bowl (FIAT)

DECEMBER 5

Tree Lighting & Sing-a-long 5:30pm

DECEMBER 6

St. Nick Breakfast 8:00am-1:00pm

DECEMBER 19

Living Nativity 5:30pm

DECEMBER 20

Donut Sunday/Community Meal

DECEMBER 31

KofC NYE Party

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! For more information about joining Saint Ambrose, contact the Parish Office at 330.460.7300.

Preston Baker & Lacey Anderson

Brandon & Tiffany Boza

Michael & Rebecca Buc

Joseph & Christine Carpenter

William & Lauren Cloyes

Dan & Jodi Cora

Greg & Jan Gut

Eric Hinkle

Nicholas & Tawnia Jones

Richard Klusmann & Helen Hartman

Christopher & Theresa Kross

Jamie Kruse

James & Sandra McAleer

Dominic & Ashley Mercadante

Christopher & Yatra Moscarino

Antoinette Noble

Kelly & Lori Schlueter

David & Elle Smith

Eileen Woods

Thank you for the meals!

Another wonderful example of your goodness.

One of our senior members who had surgery received 'dinner' from our Angels on Wheels ministry. Here are a few sentences from her thank you note:

"Oh my goodness.....I love our parish! I never expected to receive a meal during my recovery from surgery. The food was wonderful. What meant even more were the thoughtful flowers and the kindness, warmth and friendship that this 'angel' from our parish delivered on a difficult and painful day. The thoughtfulness and care was over the top. Our parish is really a family! I am forever thankful!"



Mass the Medina County Jail

I was in prison, and you visited Me...

On September 29, Fr. Bob visited the Medina County Jail to celebrate three consecutive Masses for the inmates. Saint Ambrose parishioners were also on hand to offer prayer and support for those imprisoned.

In the past, Mass has only been held in the jail on Christmas day, so the evening was a special occasion for all involved. **Being the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Fr. Bob gave an uplifting homily about the fact that angels are all around us.** He offered those attending Mass strength to see Christ around them, and encouraged the inmates to bring love to one another. As a community, those at the Mass prayed for the inmates' loved ones, that God may bring them peace and comfort.

Going forward, Saint Ambrose will be hosting Mass at the Medina County jail on the 5th Tuesday of the month. The next evening will be December 29. Please keep those who are jailed in your prayers, that Christ may touch their lives and heal their hearts.



Call the Parish office at 330.460.7300 for more details on any of these events.

Ministry Spotlight: Community Outreach

As summer drew to a close, our team of dedicated parishioners spent a Saturday out into the community, tackling three home projects for seniors and those in most need.

In just a few hours of service, the faithful stewards worked together to paint a front door, porch/deck, garage door, outdoor shed and

trim around a house.

Some of the team members were blessed to meet an

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elderly man who has served us in our community for many years by building handmade wooden toys in his home workshop. He has given away thousands of toys each year to children during the Christmas Season. (Many people may not

be aware that they have they're very own Santa living in his workshop right here in Brunswick!) The generous man lost his wife. The beautiful garden that she kept at home was worn and weathered. He told one of the team members that he thought he would pass before he ever got to see her garden blossom again. The team worked hard by digging out all that was lost and planted over twelve new plants and flowers. The gentleman was very grateful and he is now able to enjoy the new view from his workshop where he still works daily, making toys.

The Community Outreach program provides help with carpentry, electrical, painting, plumbing, yard work and anything else that provides help to those in need. If you are interested in providing your time and talents to the community please contact Mike Adams at [mma99@aol.com](mailto:mmma99@aol.com).



Music Ministry CD

In Every Age: Songs of Inspiration and Hope

As our Music Ministry has grown over the past few years, we have been blessed to be able to record another CD of music to share with you, our parish family. Our third CD, In Every Age: Songs of Inspiration and Hope, is a collection of songs that reflect God's presence throughout all time, offering the Family of God faith and trust in His enduring love and mercy. The twenty-one track CD features our entire Music Ministry: members of the Angels, New Life, Adult, FIAT and

Handbell choirs, as well as our Cantors and Instrumentalists singing your favorite parish songs like All in All, Prayer of Saint Francis and On Eagle's Wings, as well as several new songs sure to become favorites of yours. The album will be released on November 1, just in time to purchase for holiday gifts – don't miss your chance to purchase one for your family and friends! Look for more information in the coming weeks or contact Tom Bonezzi or Helen Lanzarotta.

Parish Mission: November 8-11

Beginning on Sunday evening, Fr. Leo will provide 4 evenings sessions that educate and inspire people of all ages. Hear Fr. Leo's unique and refreshing take on the traditions of the faith. Above all, come closer to the Lord and his Church.

Join us after each session for a light reception!

Finding God Through the Saints

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 // 6:45-8pm

Getting to know saints is not that easy in a world that doubts, misunderstands or misinterprets "holiness." This evening is geared to the entire family of all ages. Parents and grandparents are always so surprised to hear how their **children and especially teenagers seem to get so much out of this presentation.**

Finding God Through His Mother

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 // 6:45-8pm

Understand Mary in the most authentic, orthodox and dynamic way. Open to all ages. Young people, especially those who face challenges in the areas of modesty, have come to a deep appreciation of Marian virtues.

Finding God at the Lord's Table

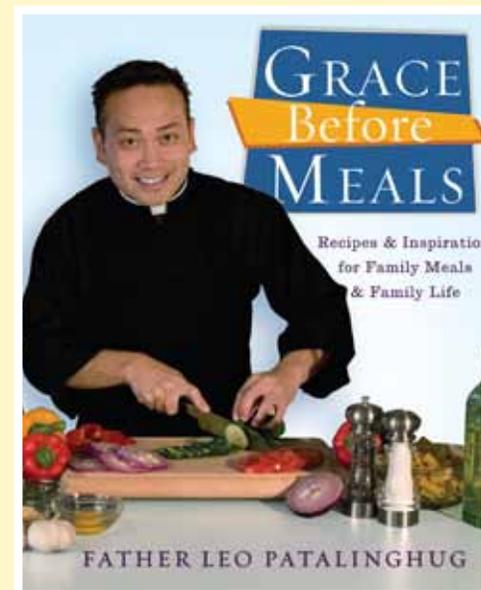
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 // 6:45-8pm

Find the true presence of God in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. The grace before meals movement message helps to show how Christ uses food to feed our deepest hunger, to the point of even becoming our food. See the scriptural, theological and even anthropological significance of the Eucharist.

Grace Before Meals Celebration with Cooking Demo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 // 6:45-8pm

Fr. Leo gives a presentation about family meals and inspiration. He will include a cooking demonstration with the opportunity for parishioners/attendees to bring their own dishes and share a meal.



Youth Ministry Program

Working harder than ever!

We are working harder than ever to make sure our Youth Ministry Program and efforts are strong and responsive to the needs of our high school members. Listed below are a few upcoming programs. Our teens need our support and help during these critical years in their life. If you would like to learn more about our efforts, and/or would like to get involved as an adult, please contact AFraleigh@StAmbrose.us or COneill@StAmbrose.us. It takes a whole village to raise a child....it takes a whole community to create a place where all of our teens can find the guidance, support and encouragement to make wise, loving and holy choices for their lives.



FIAT Kick Off

FIAT (Faith in Action Teens) is off to a great start! Every gathering brings at least 80 of our high school students together for friendship, meaningful conversation, prayer and reflection. Our parish family is working hard to support our high school students in living the life of faith. There's a place in FIAT for all our high school students. Together, we're #FIATStrong

FIAT Nights – Sunday nights, the place to be is right here at Saint Ambrose. Gather with your friends for 5:00pm Mass and then continue your evening with dinner and time to grow closer to Christ. Grow in your faith and develop lasting friendships with other teens from our parish. All are welcome and challenged to come and invite their friends. Every Sunday, we are here for you!

FIAT Pumpkin Sale

FIAT is a wonderful opportunity for teens to engage in their faith and form healthy friendships with other teens from the community. It is open to all teens, so there is no price to participate. Our FIAT Pumpkin Sale fundraiser proceeds allow us to keep FIAT open and free for all, so we ask that you purchase a pumpkin, hay bale, or cornstalk.

Metanoia III Retreat - November 20-22

Attention High School students! Join us for our third annual Metanoia Retreat November 20-22 at Camp Cheerful! This popular weekend retreat is open to all high school students and is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, grow in faith, and have fun! This is one retreat you do not want to miss – for more information or to get your form, visit www.myFIAT.us or call Caitlin at 330.460.7387!

Turkey Bowl - November 27

Mark your calendars for Friday November 27th for the annual Saint Ambrose FIAT Turkey Bowl! Bring your friends and join us starting at 9:00 am for the annual flag football tournament. Teens must have a signed permission form and emergency medical form to participate. Stay tuned to www.myFIAT.us for more details, or call 330.460.7387!

Ablaze

Over 200 students are registered in our 6, 7th and 8th grade PSR classes this year and they are being guided in faith by 18 adult and 5 high school teen volunteers!

Praise God for these volunteers and the difference they are making in the lives of our Junior High teens!

ABLAZE
set our hearts on fire!

Ablaze also offers faith formative events for PSR and day school students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Students can live out their faith through various opportunities of service and fellowship.

There are many social and service opportunities available to help our young teens grow closer to Christ. Each activity will offer teens chances to pray together, get to know one another or serve others. Please see the list below and encourage your young teen to join us!

Ablaze Activities

Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students!

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| November 21 | Junior High PSR Retreat 10am-5:30pm in Hilkert Hall |
| December 9 & 12 | Christmas caroling trip to local nursing homes |
| December 14 | Christmas Party 6:30-8pm in Hilkert Hall |
| January 18 | Martin Luther King Day of Service 11am-2pm in Hilkert Hall |
| February 6-7 | Souper Bowl of Caring during all weekend Masses |

Please feel free to contact Ann Marie Frattare, Jr. High Coordinator at 330.460.7325 or AFrattare@StAmbrose.us for more information on any of these events or if you are able to help!



VISION 20/20 UPDATE

Back in 2009, our parish set a course and a vision for our Parish Campus called Vision 20/20.

It was a ten year view of how we would systematically work to repair, improve, and create a parish home that could support our active parish community. The planning process involved the entire parish community. To support both the need for capital funds and vision for our parish campus, our parish embarked on the 2011 Together for the Glory of God Capital Campaign. Thanks to our wonderful members, it was well-received and supported. There's still about one more year left on pledge payments that, hopefully, will bring us close to the pledged total of \$3,900,000. Over the past four years, much has been done. This past fiscal year (2014-2015) was a pivotal year in seeing the vision for our parish community come to life.

Here's a summary of what WE... together... accomplished.

- The Parish Life Center was completed in October of 2014. **This quickly has become the hub of activity for our parish life.** It is home for our Parish Offices, along with great meeting space, inter-connectivity between the Church and Halls, and a new kitchen and patio area. It also created a clear entry point for the Chapel, Offices and parish facilities.
- **The HVAC** was replaced in the Chapel.
- **We purchased the land in front of the water towers** and added on to the parking lot, finally addressing the need for adequate parking on our campus.
- Major sections of the parking lot have been repaired/replaced. While there's still more to do, we really took a **major step forward to create safe and adequate parking.**
- Thanks to the amazing work of **our Fish Fry Team, and your support of the Lent Fish Fry**, we were able to repair and recover the **movable wall in Hilkert Hall**, thereby creating better space by addressing sound issues and improving the appearance of the rooms.
- Thanks to the Boosters and a few of our members, we were able to **replace the floor in the gym**, creating a much better playing surface for our student athletes.
- All of these efforts were complimented by a few of our members who helped with some special gifts to our community. **We received beautiful patio furniture** for outside the Mother Teresa Room. We also received the **beautiful Altar for the Grotto.**
- Thanks to the **PTU and the Spring Auction**, we have begun the process of improving air flow and quality in the school building by replacing the univents that provide airflow for each classroom.

Needless to say, it has been an amazing year of blessing for our parish community. Thank you for your support for our parish community through the Capital Campaign, Building Fund envelopes in your monthly packet, and your regular support for Saint Ambrose. All this not only supports the vitality of our parish life, but also helps makes it possible for us to continue to repair and improve our parish campus.

What's next?

- Our hope and prayer is that those who have made a **pledge to the Capital Campaign** will use this final year or so to complete their pledge commitment. This will allow our parish to 'recoup' from the money we borrowed from our savings/ investments to complete the Parish Life Center. If all things continue to hold true, we should be 'back to whole' in June of 2016.
- Thanks to those who make use of the **Building Fund envelopes**, we hope to start saving those funds to address two last parking lot projects and addressing needs in the Church.
- **In January 2016, the Vision 20/20 Planning Team** will outline a process for us to come together to discuss and plan for upgrades and improvements to our Church. **Everyone will be welcome and needed to participate in this planning process.**

In the meantime...

Thank you...thank you...thank you....for your support for our parish community. Much was accomplished this year thanks to all of us working, giving and sharing together for the glory of God and the good of our parish community.



A message from the Finance Council

Our Parish Finance Council thanks you for your support to our parish community. This Annual Report includes a complete overview of our parish operations and accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Annual Report was submitted and approved by the Diocesan Finance Office in September.

In addition to supporting our thriving parish programs and ministries, this past fiscal year saw us complete the beautiful Parish Life Center, accomplish the renovation of our rectory, repair a large portion of our parking area and complete numerous other capital repair projects. We chose to borrow from our savings to complete the Parish Life Center rather than secure a bank loan. It is our hope that, as our members continue to fulfill their pledge payment during the current fiscal year, we will return the money back to our savings. While we operated in a deficit for this fiscal year because of this large construction project, it is our confident hope that, with your continued support, we will operate the parish 'in the black' for the current fiscal year and beyond.

Last October the Parish Finance Council, along with Father Bob, facilitated an increased offertory appeal. We asked our parishioners to consider an increase in their offertory contribution – our support for the work of the Lord at Saint Ambrose. **We were overjoyed by the generous response from so many of our members to that request.** It is giving our parish the necessary resources to support the ministries

and programs that make our parish such a special place for all of us and for all who come to us in their time of need. **Thank you so much!** God bless you for your goodness.

As we look to the future:

- If you found yourself unable to respond to that request last year, but feel that you are in a better position today, **please consider making an increase now.** Just as with your own home, the expenses to run our parish and its many programs continue to increase.
- For those of you participating in our **capital campaign**, thank you for your support of our parish building efforts. Keeping current with your pledge payments will allow us to pay off the Parish Life Center and start saving for the renovation of the church.
- We are asking all of our members to consider our **Automatic Giving Program.** It is safe, easy and a very discerning way to give to the Lord and our parish. It also saves the parish the cost of printing and mailing offertory envelopes. Please call the Parish Business Office to sign-up (330.460.7335).

Again, THANK YOU for your support for our parish. We are blessed by your goodness. We pray at each monthly meeting that God will guide us as a Council and bless you for your support.

Saint Ambrose Parish Finance Council

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Martin Shaw
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Patricia Strazar
Steve VanDette
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Henry Wroblewski



PARISH & SCHOOL Assets & Liabilities



June 30, 2014 and 2015	PRIOR YEAR 2013-2014	ACTUAL 2014-2015
Assets		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$1,420,961.10	\$1,666,772.96
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	\$2,485,505.16	\$1,362,491.85
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$32,287.63	\$74,856.81
Total Assets	\$3,938,753.89	\$3,104,121.62
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$598,377.98	\$500,002.35
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$34,711.25	\$39,815.03
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$308,189.81	\$391,136.94
Stipends Payable	\$7,145.48	\$7,592.26
Deferred Restricted Support (3)	\$297,895.16	\$352,422.09
Total Liabilities	\$1,246,319.68	\$1,290,968.67
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	2,557,707.01	2,692,434.21
Parish	345,006.58	(575,884.38)
School	(335,868.93)	(336,227.43)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year	9,137.65	(912,111.81)
Investment Fund Adjustment	125,589.55	32,830.55
Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year	\$2,692,434.21	\$1,813,152.95
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$3,938,753.89	\$3,104,121.62

NOTES:

1. Represents accruals for health benefits, pension, unemployment, workers compensation and misc.
2. School Tuition and PSR fees for next year received in this fiscal year.

Our Parish finance council is committed to day to day operating in the black. Thus the investment income is not reflected in the net operating surplus (deficit).

QUESTIONS? Want to learn more?

The Parish Finance Council is always open to answering your questions. Please contact the Parish Office 330.460.7300'



Summary Financial Report

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 and 2015

PARISH RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2013-2014	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
Offertory Collections	\$1,637,449.06	\$1,736,982.23	\$1,754,500
Other Collections	\$1,137.50	\$1,540.98	\$1,000
Donations & Bequests	\$39,846.66	\$139,605.72	\$20,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$105,938.24	\$57,612.16	\$60,000
Net Fund Raising Income (1)	\$118,246.58	\$124,947.58	\$116,250
Income from Parish Programs	\$68,341.00	\$65,370.81	\$69,800
Unrealized Gain from Investments	\$125,589.55	\$32,830.55	
Net Rental Income	\$1,025.00	\$885.00	\$1,000
Misc Receipts	\$39,313.50	\$117,692.67	\$45,350
Designated Collections (2)	\$18,318.20	\$11,556.03	
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS	\$2,155,205.29	\$2,289,023.73	\$2,067,900

PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:

Clergy	\$113,343.85	\$113,833.00	\$111,000
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$409,906.37	\$455,717.57	\$465,000
Maintenance Staff	\$56,571.18	\$61,218.83	\$62,000
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$117,973.87	\$123,863.38	\$139,955
Rectory & Household	\$25,348.86	\$21,916.17	\$22,000
General Administrative Expenses	\$150,135.29	\$147,390.14	\$146,925
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$70,587.24	\$79,610.98	\$73,400
Community Outreach	\$68,580.84	\$75,113.21	\$70,000
Religious Education & Evangelization	\$70,993.06	\$73,683.76	\$73,000
PSR Instructional	\$25,069.60	\$26,670.72	\$29,900
Other Teaching Programs	\$25,145.25	\$31,116.76	\$29,400
Youth Ministry (FIAT)	\$32,162.64	\$32,772.69	\$25,950
Utilities	\$65,338.35	\$68,914.82	\$72,000
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$13,943.12	\$15,183.80	\$16,000
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$67,030.39	\$77,247.84	\$71,275
Diocesan Assessments	\$186,870.00	\$187,926.00	\$200,000
Designated Collections (2)	\$18,318.20	\$11,556.03	
Building Fundraising	\$1,357.48	\$4,696.61	\$1,250
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$125,589.55	\$32,830.55	
Other Extraordinary Disbursements (3)	\$235,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$235,000
Total Parish Disbursements	\$1,879,265.14	\$1,876,262.86	\$1,844,055
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$275,940.15	\$412,760.87	\$223,845
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(335,868.93)	\$(336,227.43)	\$(349,293)
Miscellaneous Receipts (4)	\$812,314.66	\$547,049.02	\$235,000
Capital Disbursements (5)	\$(743,248.56)	\$(1,535,694.27)	\$(106,500)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$9,137.32	\$(912,111.81)	\$3,052

NOTES:

1. See Event detail for support on back cover.
2. Receipts and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.)
3. This represents our fourth of five annual diocesan capital campaign payments of \$235,000.
4. Campaign income to offset expense and miscellaneous.
5. See Capital Expenditures section for further detail on back cover.

CAPITAL Expenditures



Actual for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015
 Needed Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

	2014	2015	Needed For 2016
Land Improvement (1)	6,642.69	17,810.00	
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep (2)	6,696.71	55,817.75	3,000
Parking Lot	15,606.95	156,599.47	45,000
Parish Veh, Eqt, Furniture (3)	4,734.07	16,905.27	5,000
Lehner Center	1,611.00	-	8,500
Parish Life Center (4)	620,794.40	1,158,096.54	-
Memorial Fund	35,839.16	-	-
Rectory	38,052.77	55,296.72	5,000
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen		5,344.40	10,000
Parish Office Furn/Equip		27,068.99	
Computers & Equipment (5)	7,603.81	11,828.66	10,000
Other (6)	5,667.00	30,926.47	20,000
Parish	743,248.56	1,535,694.27	106,500
Land Improvement			
Parking Lot	27,288.45	21,290.00	15,000
Building and Additions (7)		22,615.00	
Building Renovation (8)	46,263.25	21,387.86	20,000
Computers and Related (9)	23,797.99	27,834.39	31,308
Other Furniture & Equipment (10)	38,246.79	20,600.04	15,000
Other			
School	135,596.48	113,727.29	81,308
TOTAL	878,845.04	1,649,421.56	187,808

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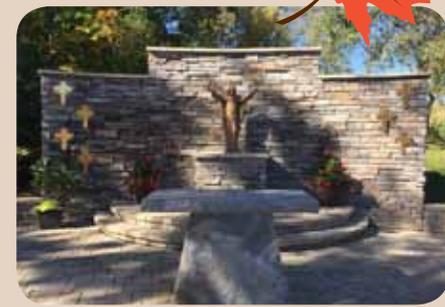
1. Property by Water Tower, drain work
2. Campus electrical repairs, pole barn improvements, surveying, engineering and misc.
3. Chairs for Hilkert Hall, tables for Mother Theresa Room, PSR laptops
4. Parish Life Center construction, offset by donations to cover expenses
5. Computers, printers, TV's and misc
6. Partitions, Chapel HVAC, cross for PLC offset by donation
7. Partitions, School Stairs
8. Tuck point, walk off mat's, school window repair, Hilkert Hall floor
9. Chromebooks, blackbox, cart, TV
10. Desks, chairs, shelving, HVAC, Intercom, workstations

PARISH Events

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Summer Festival	\$ 90,604.70
Bingo	\$ 57,612.16
Fish Fry	\$ 31,105.03
TOTAL	\$179,321.89

Many thanks to those who lead, work and participate in our parish events. They contribute greatly to the support of our parish community. The totals listed are 'after expenses'. Thanks again for all you do in support of our parish community. God bless you.



Breathe Deeply In the presence of the Lord

Thanks to the new narthex (entry for the PLC and Chapel/Church), we can now keep our Chapel open every day and longer. **Please stop by and spend some quiet, peaceful time where you can breathe deeply** and find great peace in the presence of the Lord.

Our parish has had a long standing tradition of having Eucharistic Adoration on Monday from 8:45 am until 5:30 pm. **We are blessed to now be able to continue Eucharistic Adoration on Monday until 9 pm.** We gather for Benediction at 8:45 pm.

Please come...ALL are welcome.

Covering our world with the warmth of God's love.

Many thanks to all who made Blanket Sunday donations. In addition to the \$2200 received in cash donations, we collected many blankets and miscellaneous items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Many people will be warm this winter because of you.

Endowment Fund

A gift to God!

Jane Bast retired as a research nurse at the Cleveland Clinic back in June at the age of 81. About twenty years ago, she gave her heart and her life to Christ. As she tells the story, "since that time....God has been so good to me." **Over the past seven years, since moving to Brunswick, Saint Ambrose has become 'my family.'** You can see her helping in the garden and down at the Grotto. As she thought about her life, her retirement, the blessings of God, Jane wanted to do something special for the Lord and for her "family". Our parish is now blessed to have a beautiful altar down at the Grotto. Many mornings, before heading to work, she would spend some time in prayer at the Grotto. **For her – and for us – it's a perfect gift of love to God that will enrich the life of our parish community forever.**

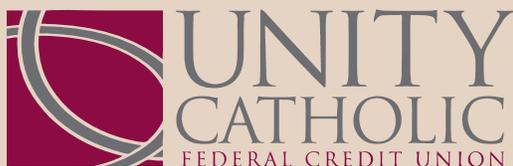
Father Rob on Vestments!

Father Rob has been a blessing beyond words to our parish community. He has a heart filled with God's love and great care. **He also has a great love for the liturgy. You can see it in the way he prays at Mass.** Father Rob loves God...loves being at Saint Ambrose...and loves gathering us in prayer for Mass each week. As a newly ordained, he's 'jumped in' to help improve our Parish Prayer Life. As he cleaned out the sacristy this summer, he noticed that our parish does not have a set of vestments for concelebration. **Meaning – when we gather for 'big Masses' - all the priests/deacons do not match.** So he's asking for some help. We need to purchase four priest vestments (chasuble) and four deacon vestments (dalmatic). Each vestment costs about \$500. **If you would like to help him – help our parish – and offer a gift in memory of a loved one, please let him know (RRamser@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7311).** Father Rob has a picture of the vestment set that he would like to help us get for the holidays.

Saint Ambrose to Receive \$1300 from Giving Back Auto Loan

Thanks to You and Unity Catholic

Last year Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union started the Giving Back Auto Loan program. Because of 26 parishioners who financed their car with Unity Catholic, Saint Ambrose will receive \$1300. Starting again from September 2015-May 2016, for each car that is financed with Unity Catholic, the organization will ask you which church or school you would like to donate \$50 to. Call 440.886.2558 or visit unitycatholiccu.org to learn more!



Our parish community stands with you and your family at some of the most significant moments in your life. Help us have a strong future!

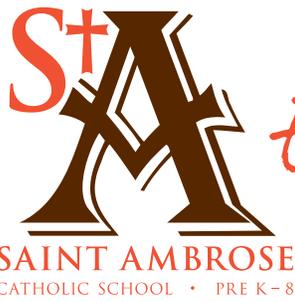
Contribute to the Saint Ambrose Endowment Fund so that future families can celebrate their faith.

Saint Ambrose Endowment Fund

Kathy Plavecski, Chair

For more information about contributing to the Endowment Fund, contact Father Bob Stec at 330.460.7300.





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Visit Us!

Open House

November 15, 2015	10:00 am-1:00 pm
January 31, 2016	10:00 am-1:00 pm
February 2, 2016	6:00 pm-8:00 pm
March 3, 2016	6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Our school is not only a Wonderful place, where our students receive a complete education focused on values, faith formation, academic fundamentals and self-confidence from preschool through grade 8, but it is a community where Jesus Christ is everything to us and our students are challenged to reach their potential. Everything, for every student, everyday. For more information about school programs or to schedule a tour, please call Nancy Monnin at 330-460-7318 or visit our website at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

SCHOOL ADVISORY
Core Board Members

Frank Gati, co-chair
Alan Yarcusko, co-chair

Nathan Baxendale	Day School Principal	330.460.7350
Catherine Mitchell	PreSchool Director	330.460.7361
Nancy Monnin	Institutional Advancement	330.460.7318
Maryellen Newrones	School Office	330.460.7353

Bob Gillingham	Carrie Ruggiero
Jennifer Kirkpatrick	Scott Scheutzow
Stacy Metheney	Dan Charnigo
Rich Nowak	

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT: SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 and 2015



SCHOOL RECEIPTS	PRIOR YEAR 2013-2014	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
Tuition & Fees	\$1,325,983.36	\$1,378,983.25	\$1,391,500
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$161,898.25	\$150,000.00	\$170,000
Donations & Bequests	\$185.99	\$9,285.00	
Net Fund Raising	\$26,212.65	\$7,048.76	\$6,000
Pre-School & Latchkey	\$245,796.29	\$244,504.05	\$245,000
Other Student Receipts	\$5,227.00	\$29,934.50	\$28,350
Interest & Endowment Income	\$605.57	\$531.78	
Other School Income	\$29,506.67	\$27,000.00	\$27,000
TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS	\$1,795,415.78	\$1,847,287.34	\$1,867,850
SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,358,746.45	\$1,427,758.52	\$1,543,656
Instructional	\$125,008.05	\$98,885.47	\$52,020
Pre-School Latchkey (1)	\$150,101.81	\$155,161.29	\$177,285
Library	\$5,398.54	\$4,083.22	\$2,000
Utilities	\$55,339.60	\$57,467.16	\$58,500
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$111,025.35	\$110,814.74	\$115,625
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$13,938.10	\$15,183.78	\$16,000
Student Services	\$45,544.59	\$73,390.86	\$64,100
Administration	\$130,585.74	\$127,042.44	\$106,650
Capital Improvements (2)	\$135,596.48	\$113,727.29	\$81,308
Total School Disbursements	\$2,131,284.71	\$2,183,514.77	\$2,217,143
TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(335,868.93)	\$(336,227.43)	\$(349,293)



NOTES:
1. See back cover for detail of Capital Improvements

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News from Saint Ambrose School

Great news...currently our **enrollment is at 514 students** and our family retention rate is at an all-time high. This shows that our Pastor, faculty and staff, Institutional Advancement, School Advisory Board (SAB) & PTU are dedicated to understanding and meeting the needs of our families in the community. You might have received a recent request to participate in survey. This is an additional way to gather your needs as a community. Thank you to those families who took that time to respond. Please feel free anytime if you have ideas, needs, concerns and suggestions to contact myself or Mr. Baxendale. We want our school community to continue to be strong.



A BIG thank you to our parents and grandparents for making the sacrifice and investment in sending your child(ren) to Saint Ambrose School. We do our best to make sure your child(ren) receive a complete education focused on values, faith formation, academic fundamentals and self-confidence from preschool through grade 8. Proverbs 22:6 says, *“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”* We are committed to being a community where Jesus Christ is everything to us and our students are challenged to reach their potential. Everything, for every student, everyday.

The first Open House for the 2015-2016 school year is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.** Please share this date with friends, neighbors and extended families. Our students, parents and grandparents are the best ambassadors for our school! **If you would like to volunteer as a Parent/Grandparent Ambassador** during our Open Houses this year in November, January and March, please contact Nancy at nmonnin@stambrose.us for more information.

Saint Ambrose School is an exciting and WONDERFUL place for children to learn and grow in the ways of the Lord. For more information about school programs or to schedule a tour, please call Nancy Monnin at 330.460.7318 or visit our website at

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Littlest ANGELS

We are truly centered at Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool: centered on faith, centered on family, and centered on service. Our children are learning from a young age what is truly important in life.

Our Catholic identity is rooted in everything we do at Littlest Angels Preschool. **Three, four and five year olds discover the love of God through Scripture sharing stories and activities.** We also make sure to tie our lessons into the Letter of the Week, reminding the kids that Jesus Christ is everything for us. Indeed, by expressing these values so early on, we are helping these little ones prepare for a lifetime of joy.

We are also extremely family-focused, sponsoring monthly activities that celebrate the bond you have with your children. The Angels Dash and Daddy's Day Out events were great successes this year, and we look forward to keeping the momentum going throughout these coming months. One of our favorite activities is coming up: the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in December. Come celebrate together as one big Family of God!

Our activities at Littlest Angels Preschool are uniquely service-oriented. **We teach our students the importance of being kind to one another.** Whether it be church cleaning, working with the homebound ministry, or practicing "God Bless America" (which will be sung to our veterans in a few weeks), the kids are introduced to the belief that we are called to be Christ to each other.

Our biggest blessing at Littlest Angels Preschool is the children who come through our doors. Thank you for supporting our endeavors in shaping these little ones' futures!

Catherine Mitchell, Director
For information: 330-460-7361

2014-2015 *A Year at a Glance*

The 2014-2015 pastoral year was one of spiritual enrichment and growth for Saint Ambrose Parish and Saint Ambrose School. The year was centered on the theme: Eucharistic People. It allowed us to focus our efforts on teaching and calling our community to come to the Table of the Lord and deepen the understanding of the gift of the Eucharist.

Saint Ambrose is active and alive with over 150+ ministries and programs. Some of the highlights for the Pastoral Year include:

- We have been blessed with **Father Rob Ramser**, who joined our parish family after having been ordained in May.
- Weekend assistant **Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB**, had his beautiful installation Mass here at Saint Ambrose, presided by Bishop Richard Lennon.
- Our **Deacon Frank Weglicki** celebrated 30 years of religious life.
- **18 new members of the Catholic faith** were initiated at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations!
- **Vacation Bible School**—held during the summer for 349 young children—was larger than ever! 172 volunteers made this great event possible.
- Saint Ambrose School started the year with its **highest enrollment of 514** students. Our promise of everything for our students has been carried out with our new Distance Learning Lab and Coding Classes
- We have continued to host a strong **Community Outreach Team** that helps members in our local community address basic needs (basic home repair, yard clean up, handicap ramps for elderly).
- **The top graduates** from Padua, Brunswick and Walsh Jesuit were ALL Saint Ambrose School graduates! We are so proud of our alumni.
- Saint Ambrose **Mission Possible welcomed 78 team members** to serve the poorest of the poor over two, one week mission trips to the Dominican Republic.
- **The Music Ministry** proudly sang the National Anthem at Progressive Field, on the Cleveland Indians last day of the season.
- Our **Jail Ministry** has established Tuesday night Masses at the Medina County Jail, to be held the 5th Tuesday of every month. This is a significant step for the jail, as Mass has traditionally only been held there on Christmas Day.
- The **Knights of Columbus** held their Silver Rose Ceremony at Saint Ambrose, which was an incredible honor. This is the 55th year of the Silver Rose program, which began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The event is part of a relay in which each of six silver roses travels from Canada, through the United States to Mexico.
- To mark Pope Francis' visit to the United States, **Saint Ambrose hosted two Papal Watch Parties**. Members of our parish community joined school children in watching the Canonization of Junipero Serra and the Pope's historic address to Congress. To cap off the week, Father Bob was able to attend the Papal Mass at New York's Madison Square Garden, bringing the intentions of the parish with him.
- The parish hosted our **annual Summer Festival**, with over 1000 volunteers helping to run the event. Indeed, we are blessed with a generous parish family.
- Thanks to a generous gift, our patio outside of the Parish Life Center now has **beautiful furniture** to be enjoyed by all in our community.
- A brand **new altar** was installed in our Grotto, just in time for the Outdoor Mass at our Annual Autumn Harvest Festival.
- **Come Back Sunday** was a huge success, welcoming back Catholics and reminding them that they are loved by God and by their parish family.
- To commemorate the **Assumption of Mary**, Father Rob led parishioners to the Grotto to pray the Rosary after Mass.
- Father Bob and Tom Bonezzi led a fantastic **3 day Parish Mission**, focusing on the importance of family life.
- Saint Ambrose School held an amazing (and fun) **coding camp** for over 60 kids.
- A **brand new gym floor** was installed at Hilkert Hall, financed by our Athletic Boosters.
- **Susan Vogt** provided incredible inspiration during our Parish Mission.
- Over 600 volunteers helped **feed 6,000 people** at our Thanksgiving Meal.
- Saint Ambrose welcomed **Dr. Allen Hunt** and over 70 couples from around the region for "Passion and Purpose for Marriage."
- Our new **Meals with Meaning** program successfully launched, with proceeds supporting our service outreach each month.
- Our **parish unveiled a revamped website**, making it easier than ever for our family to connect with each other.



Adult Faith Formation

Ladies First

All Ladies of Saint Ambrose, friends, and neighbors please come join us. Ladies First is a wonderful ministry for women of all ages. Here you will find refreshment and renewal. Come to relax, enjoy and grow spiritually. There will be coffee, refreshments, and many wonderful treats to eat. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month in Lehner Center John (upstairs) from 6:45 - 8:15pm. Contact Lisa Hicks at 330.635.1761 or seskobenz@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship

Join us for fun and friendship as we learn from one another how to be a better husband, father, son, employee, and Catholic parishioner. All men are invited to join faith-filled conversations about life, daily challenges, and how to keep family and God at the center of our lives. For more information, contact Deacon Tom Sheridan at 330.460.7322 or T Sheridan@StAmbrose.us

Spiritual Life Commission

The Spiritual Life Commission builds up the body of Christ around the Eucharist, fostering a sense of active participation and inclusion in spiritual growth at Saint Ambrose Parish. The Spiritual Life Commission supports all ministries through the acquisition of resources and programs, empowering the Parish community to live out their faith. We need members to help us consider and develop programs. Meetings are held 6 - 8 times per year. For more information, contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381 or JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us

10 Minute Teaching

To dive deeper into our parish theme of "Family of God," Saint Ambrose will offer Ten Minute Teachings once a month on various family-related themes. Teachings will take place once each month on Donut Sunday weekends beginning in October after the 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am Masses. Get your donut and coffee, then meet us in the PLC John Paul II room.

Community Meals

Our monthly community meal provides a free hot home cooked meal on the 3rd Sunday of every month. All are welcome for the meal and fellowship. Deliveries are available for the homebound. Call the rectory to sign up for meals or deliveries. Volunteers are always welcome; we have a diverse list of jobs that need to be done for each meal. The only requirement is a desire to help our brothers and sisters. Contact Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

Health and Wellness

The Health and Wellness Committee brings community health resources to assist parishioners to living healthier and holier life to their fullest God-given potential. The Committee serves parishioners by publishing monthly health and wellness topics and healthy recipes in the bulletin, organizing informational health talks, and other events, including the Health & Wellness Fair and Family Fitness Day in September. Committee meetings are held when necessary to prepare for events. Most communications are done via email. If living a healthy life is a priority for you and your family, then we would love to have you! For more information, contact Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

Mark Your Calendars

ALL SOULS *Mass*

Sunday, November 2, 6:30 pm

Please join us as we remember all of our loved ones who have been called home to the Lord this past year.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Christmas Boutique

November 15, 9am to 6pm

November 16, 10am to 3pm

Looking for that perfect Christmas craft for your home? Come and see a showcase of crafters in Hilkert Hall.

COMMUNITY *Meal*

Thanksgiving Day, November 26

11:30 – 1:00 pm

Saint Ambrose Parish opens its doors to the community for the eighth annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal.

For the past eight years, members of Saint Ambrose Parish have come together on Thanksgiving Day to serve meals to members of the community. Saint Ambrose will serve over 6,000 people this Thanksgiving with over 550 volunteers from the parish. Meals will be served at Saint Ambrose in the Mother Teresa Room, as well as at Guidestone Children's Home in Berea, Saint Bernard Parish in Akron and Saint Rocco's Parish in Cleveland.

All are welcome to come to Saint Ambrose for the delicious meal.

THANKSGIVING *Day*

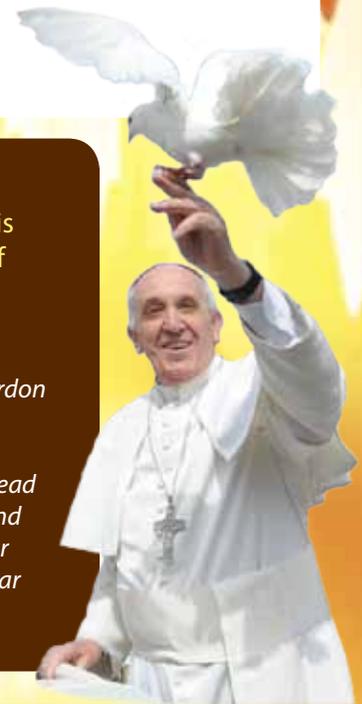
Thursday, November 26

Mass at 9:00 am

As we celebrate this day of giving thanks, there is no better way to begin than by joining together in prayer and giving thanks to God – the giver of all good gifts. Each family is invited to bring canned food item(s) that can be shared with the hungry in our region. Join us in Hilkert Hall for coffee and

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We soon enter what Pope Francis has called the Year of Mercy.

At Saint Ambrose, our work will reflect this theme throughout the coming year. As October is the month to honor Mary, our Mother of Mercy, let us pray that she intercedes on our behalf before her beloved Son.

Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother of Mercy, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Thank you to our 2015 Community Partners!



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