



SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC PARISH

“If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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Annual Report and Parish Events
AUTUMN 2016

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS *in Christ*

Ray is one of our catechists. He spends his Monday nights teaching our faith to our junior high students. The other night, I eagerly watched and listened as he taught. He's a young dad with a great spirit. He's funny and clever. His message and witness about the power of strong faith in God was compelling. He was teaching about the parable of the mustard seed – a faith the size of a mustard seed can move a mountain. Then he said, "Raise your hand if you believe that with a mustard seed of faith in God, you can move the mountain." In amazement, without any further prompting, I watched and witnessed one junior high student after another raise their hand. It was a powerful response to a sincere and engaging teaching. Ray was calling them to a deeper trust in the Lord and to say 'yes' to God.



Ray and his ministry are one of a thousand examples that take place each day and week at Saint Ambrose. So many of our members pass on and strengthen the faith to young and senior members alike. This Annual Report is a small glimpse of the good we do - together - for the glory of God and in service to our community. I cannot thank you enough for the support you give to our parish - time, talent and treasure - that allows us to teach our young, support our sick and suffering and bring comfort and hope to all who are in need.

They say that 'adversity does not build character but reveals it.' This past spring, we all witnessed the depth and the breadth of the goodness of our community in response to all whose lives were devastated by the apartment fires. Our parish, thanks to you, was able to be a well-spring of mercy and hope to all who were in need. While the 'fire' experience is the clearest of these examples, again, it was really only a reflection of the goodness you share and the work we do together each day at Saint Ambrose.

Mother Teresa (now Saint Teresa of Calcutta) said we can all do "small things with great love." Her statue stands in the patio outside the PLC as a reminder of what is best about our community - so many doing 'small things for the Lord and each other with great love and care.' God bless the Knights of Columbus for this statue which will stand as a strong reminder of the lesson Ray was teaching the junior high students. As we make our 'yes' and our sacrifice and commitment to the Lord, with the faith the size of a mustard seed, God can do great things for us, through us and in us.

This Annual Report is much like all those junior high students raising their hands. It was inspiring to see them - and to see all that we do together at Saint Ambrose. Thank you. Thank you for saying 'yes'. Thank you for trusting the Lord. Thank you for passing on the faith. Thank you for all you give and share with our community so that we can continue the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

God bless you.

Father Bob Stec



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SAINT AMBROSE Pastoral Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As hard as it is to believe, it is again time for our annual report. Although this year has seemingly flown by, much has happened at our parish over these past twelve months.

Last December, the Church began the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This year has been a special time in which we, as the Family of God, have been called to spread God's love and generosity to people everywhere. Because of people like you, Saint Ambrose is a place where all can find hope, comfort and peace in Christ. This annual report contains just a few of the hundreds of ways that we, as a parish family, have been able to celebrate this Year of Mercy.

Take some time to prayerfully reflect and reminisce over the stories and anecdotes you'll find in these pages. They are a testament to your goodness. May the Lord continue to bless you for your compassion and generosity. We look forward to another wonderful year ahead. Thank you for all you do.

- Saint Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council

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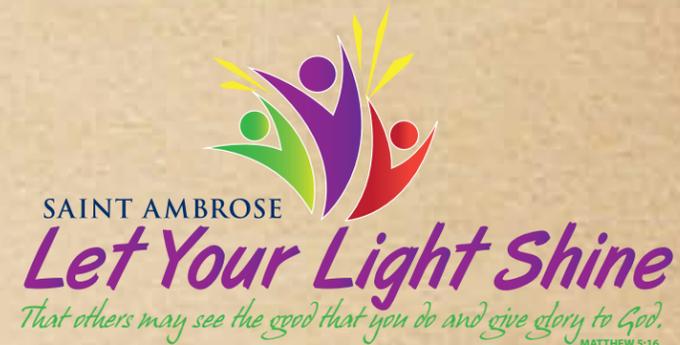
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PARISH Statistics

As of October 5:	2015	2016
Number of Households	5351	5423
Number of Parishioners	15152	15452
Parish Stats*	2015	2016
Baptism	135	114
First Eucharist	188	199
Confirmation	138	141
Marriage	35	33
Students (PSR)**	1080	988
Students (Day School)**	513	488
Littlest Angels Preschool**	130	128
Number of people using Automatic Giving:	545	562

*FY 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

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



As the Family of God, we prepare to close this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on November 20.

What an incredible year it has been, both at Saint Ambrose and in our Church. The Lord has blessed us not only with His goodness, but He has given us the opportunity time and time again to share His love with one another.

Although this Church year is coming to a close, the blessings of the Lord's mercy will continue to shine brightly. This is a good time for all of us to reflect: how can we keep the spirit of this past year alive?

One of the foundations of our faith is that God has blessed each of us with unique talents and abilities that no one else has. As Jesus told us, "You are the light of world" (Matthew 5:14).

We invite you to ask yourself this coming year: what is YOUR light? What are YOUR gifts and talents? What can YOU do that no one else can?

Christ calls us to be faithful stewards; put another way, He calls us to let our gifts shine brightly. This year, keep that spirit of the Year of Mercy burning bright.

Let your light shine.



Upcoming Events

- OCTOBER 14-15**
Parish Mission with David Haas
- OCTOBER 22**
Halloween Neon Bingo
- OCTOBER 23**
Ramserfest
- OCTOBER 30**
Knights of Columbus Halloween Party
- NOVEMBER 2**
All Souls' Mass
- NOVEMBER 5**
CYO Night at the Races
- NOVEMBER 13-14**
Women's Guild Craft Fair
- NOVEMBER 18-20**
FIAT Metanoia IV
- NOVEMBER 19**
Advent Tea
- NOVEMBER 19-20**
Come Back Sunday
- NOVEMBER 24**
Thanksgiving Community Meal
- NOVEMBER 25**
FIAT Turkey Bowl
- NOVEMBER 27**
25th Anniversary Celebration for Abbot Gary
- DECEMBER 3**
Singing Angels
- DECEMBER 4**
Saint Nick's Breakfast
- DECEMBER 8**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- DECEMBER 14**
Living Nativity
- DECEMBER 18**
Community Meal

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



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.

Elizabeth Allard
Robert & Kathleen Bailey & Family
Andrea Barksdale & Family
Donna Burns & Family
Shane & Rosie Daddario & Family
Raul Davila
Ellen Dunlay
Justin & Stephanie Garcia & Family
David & Maria Hinchliffe & Family

John & Kathleen Kwiatkowski & Family
Julie Lynch & Family
Edward & Barbara Merrill
Kevin & Stacy O'Barsky & Family
Sarah Price
Ashley Treaster
Ted & Barbara Warholic

List from August 27 - September 21



Member Spotlight: Rachel Russo

Another wonderful example of your goodness.

What were you doing when you were a sophomore in high school? Better yet, what were you doing as a kindergartner? We can almost guarantee not as much as Rachel Russo.



Rachel is now a sophomore at Brunswick High School. She is very active at school, in the community and at Saint Ambrose Parish. She is well known at 7:30 am Mass as a favorite usher, lector and server. She attended Saint Ambrose Elementary School. Her mother, Julie, and her father, Patrick, just celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary and are very proud of their daughter.

This summer, Rachel was invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Law & CSI Honors program with Envision Experience. While there she participated in mock trials and simulations and toured the Capitol building, Supreme Court and many college campuses. This just cemented Rachel's future aspiration to become a politician who keeps her faith close at hand in her professional life. It's too bad she isn't of running age now.

While in Washington D.C., Rachel had no idea that her former gifted teacher from kindergarten through second grade saw on social media Rachel's visit to the capitol city. At this time, Jane Baldwin, the Spiritual Life Coordinator, reached out to Rachel offering her a leadership role with Saint Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council as a high school representative. The Russo family jumped at this chance, realizing that this would be a wonderful opportunity for her to not only gain leadership experience, but to help her home parish.

At the first meeting, Rachel was as vocal and involved as the council members who have been involved for a few years. Even Father Bob remarked about her unique perspective that could really help the council. So, if you see Rachel in Church or out in the community, thank her for stepping up to being so involved with our parish and the community.

Ministry Spotlight: The Pro-Life Group

The Saint Ambrose Pro Life Ministry has been around for many years. Our purpose is to increase the awareness of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We do this through education about alternatives to abortion but we also witness (40 Days for Life/Life Chain) and pray (Spiritual Adoption/Holy Hours/Mass). There are other

You never know the impact that you will have on others even if you don't speak to them.

Trafficking, Natural Family Planning, Physician Assisted Suicide and Respect for those with disabilities.

Our public witness demonstrates that life is worth protecting. During one event a woman spoke to us. She had a beautiful child with her who was conceived in rape. When she was pregnant with this child, she considered abortion. Because she saw people praying

outside the clinic, she changed her mind. She expressed her gratitude for us being there and wanted to get involved. Another time, a man wanted to talk to us about his concern for his daughter and how to prevent a pregnancy. We discussed chastity and gave him information. You never know the impact that you will have on others, even if you don't speak to them. For those who have had an abortion, we lead them to the help that they need to heal.

We also help those who have chosen life by supporting local life affirming organizations. Saint Ambrose is a very generous parish. Our Fill the Crib event, over the past 5 years, has collected over \$11,000 in donations for families in need.

If you would like to get involved or learn more about any of our pro-life issues, please visit www.stambrose.us/prolife, or call Trish Shaw at 440.590.0083.

Music Ministry

Parish Mission: October 14 and 15

Saint Ambrose is blessed to have a vibrant music ministry that shares many wonderful songs of our faith.

Talk about letting your light shine! Each of us has our own 'favorites' and if yours include songs like *You Are Mine* or *We Have Been Told* or even the new song we began singing recently, *When We Gather in this Place*, then come share in an energizing, faith experience through song and prayer with liturgical composers David Haas and Lori True! Together, David and Lori will perform their well-known and latest compositions in concert for our Fall Parish Mission on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm. Their recordings, books, and music collections will also be available for purchase after the event. David and Lori will then present a workshop on liturgy and music the next morning, Saturday, October 15, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am.

For more information, contact Tom Bonezzi (TBonezzi@StAmbrose.us) or Jane Baldwin (JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us).

Share Your Gifts with Us

Our Music Ministry has begun another year with many exciting things planned for the many members of our parish community who serve in one or more of the various choirs and ensembles. We welcome over 20 new members to the Angels, Adult, FIAT, Handbell and New Life Choirs as well as those continuing their service as cantors and instrumentalists. Among the many hours spent in rehearsals, members sang the National Anthem at Progressive Field for the third year in a row, hosted the fourth annual Clam Bake and continue to celebrate through prayer and song as our parish nears its sixtieth anniversary next June. If you ever would like to "take the music of Saint Ambrose" home with you or as gift for someone you love, we have many copies available of our third CD, *In Every Age* and our Marian CD, *Be with Us, Mary*.

If you would like to join the music ministry, please contact Tom Bonezzi, Helen Lanzarotta or a current member for information – joining us is as easy as saying yes! We are called to "go out and tell the good news" and with as many voices and instruments, we hope to do just that!

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.

Stefan Feitl
George Frederick
Michael Andrew Hunter
Danny Jones
Linda Sue Kamantz
Thomas Malinoski
Aloysius Mullen
Richard Niskala
Dr. Aurora Quesea
Dolores Roll
Karl H. Stechele

List from August 31 - September 24

Please join us on the Feast of All Souls on November 2 as we remember all of our faithful departed. Our Mass of Remembrance begins at 7 pm.



“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit.” –John 15:5

During this Year of Mercy, our parish has reached countless members in our community, bringing Christ into the lives of those in need. Two of our ministries, Catholic Works of Mercy and Community Outreach, took root in our faith and made a special difference. Their reach was, and remains, wide.

Christmas in July

Benefits children who may not have had school supplies without the generous donations of our parishioners. We were able to distribute school supplies and backpacks to over two hundred and thirty-five (235) students in Brunswick and St. Rocco's, our sister parish in Cleveland.



Fresh Produce Thursday

Catholic Works of Mercy kicked off the fourth year of “Fresh Produce Thursday”. This program has grown to include several local farmers who donate their extra fresh produce to benefit the less fortunate of our community. We have been able to supply thirty-five (35) families with fresh vegetables and fruit for over twelve (12) weeks. These farmers’ generosity is truly a blessing to our community.

Feeding our Friends in Need

Because of your goodness, Catholic Works of Mercy was able to continue to feed those in need during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food distributions.



Food Pantry

Catholic Works of Mercy continues to operate a year round food pantry in the Lehner Center. This pantry services the need of our Brunswick community. CWM has grown to over fifty-two (52) members and we are looking to expand our services to new areas of need. Thank you for your generous donations that allow us to do the work of our Lord.



Community Outreach

Tending to more than 35+ homes, our Community Outreach team has remodeled bathrooms, replaced the flooring in a kitchen, repaired and replaced faucets and garbage disposals, repaired and replaced light switches and fixtures, repaired and replaced storm doors and has done lots of painting and landscaping.



Annual Community Day

In addition, our Community Outreach team was integral in making our Annual Community Day a huge success. With their leadership and skills, along with others in the Parish, over 500 volunteers came together to work on an additional 45 projects. These projects included partnering with numerous area agencies to help those in need, including Medina County Creative Living, Pearlview, Plum Creek, and the Brunswick Historical Society, along with many parishioners in need.

This coming year, is God calling you to let your light shine in these two ministries?

If so, they'd love to hear from you. To learn more, contact Catholic Works of Mercy at 330.460.7303; or Lisa Homady at LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

Hello from the Youth Ministry Office!

From Josh and Caitlin

It's hard to believe it's already fall, but we're excited to be in the midst of another great school year with a lot of opportunities coming up for all our junior high and high school students. Our theme for the year is "Do Something," and we're really focusing on living out our faith on a daily basis and working alongside our teens to "Do Something" throughout the year to make a difference in our world. In addition to our Sunday night FIAT gatherings, we also have retreats, social outings and a variety of service projects scheduled for the year.

We also have new opportunities this year for all of our junior high students to come together to share and deepen their faith through social events and service opportunities. It's been great to get everything started for the year and feel the energy the teens bring to each event – we hope you'll join us as we continue through the year and "Do Something" great! Working with the teens is an extraordinary opportunity for us, and we are always looking for adults to help us make sure our teens have great opportunities to grow in faith, spend time with friends, and more. If you're interested and able to help out in any way, please be sure to stop by the Youth Ministry Office, or give us a call at 330.460.7387! **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!**



PSR

After a wonderful—but hot—summer, PSR is back in full swing. What a blessing these past few weeks have been, seeing all of the smiling faces coming back to campus. We have an incredible year planned for all of our students. Make sure to join your child on his or her faith journey with our PSR events. You and your family are always most welcome.

Do you feel a calling to assist our young people as they grow closer to Christ? We always welcome Catechists. Contact me today at 330.460.7321 to learn more about how you can let your light shine.

Many blessings,
Janet Majka

PSR Schedule Family Teaching Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 19 4:30-6:00 pm
Monday Oct. 24 6:30-8:00 pm

Advent Prayer Services

Wednesday, Nov. 30 5:30-6:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 5 7:30-8:00 pm

4th Grade Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 7 5:00 pm
Monday, December 12 7:00 pm

3rd & 4th Grade Retreat

Saturday, January 21 2:00-6:00 pm

5th Grade Retreat Disciples of Service Retreat

Saturday, January 21 1:00-6:00 pm

Special Person Day

Sunday, Nov. 20 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Alpha Village

Looking for a one-of-a-kind service opportunity this fall? Dust off those service shirts and join us for the Alpha Village Community Work Day on Saturday, October 22. Alpha Village is a collaborative project of various churches and organizations in Northeast Ohio to build up the city of Cleveland one neighborhood at a time. All teens are invited to join us for this great day of service and community. Transportation will be provided to and from Saint Ambrose, and lunch is also provided. Check out www.myFIAT.us for more details!



Junior High Kick-Off

Calling all junior high students! Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 27, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your friends for a great evening of food and fun. We'll have a bonfire, games and more. For questions call Josh at 330.460.7388.

Metanoia IV

Attention high school students! Join us for our fourth annual Metanoia Retreat November 18-20 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 us at 330.460.7387!

Turkey Bowl - November 25

Join us on Friday November 25 for our annual Turkey Bowl flag football tournament. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than playing some football with all your friends? All teens and young adults are welcome to play – permission forms and emergency medical forms are required and will be available at www.myFIAT.us. Get your team ready and plan to join us from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!

Ablaze

Over 200 students are registered in our 6th, 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 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!

- October 27 Junior High Youth Ministry Kick Off 6:00-8:00 pm
- November 19 Junior High Retreat 10:00 am-5:30 pm
- November 27 Thanksgiving Event
- December 7 & 10 Christmas Caroling trip to local nursing homes
- January 16 Martin Luther King Day of Service 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- February 4 & 5 Souper Bowl of Caring during all weekend Masses

Please feel free to contact Janet Majka at 330.460.7321 or JMajka@StAmbrose.us for more information on any of these events or if you are able to help!

Technology

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, made news a few months ago when he visited the Vatican and Pope Francis.

Indeed, Pope Francis has remarked that the internet is a "gift from God," and the Church has embraced the new forms of communication that technology offers. Here at Saint Ambrose, we've had quite a busy year making sure that we use these gifts to the best of our abilities. We've updated our website, grown our social media accounts into the largest in the Diocese, started uploading weekly homilies as podcasts and much, much more. Do you have a gift with words or an eye for art? Are you tech savvy or a social media guru? We'd love your help as we continue to grow our technology in the coming year. Email David Hoover at DHoover@StAmbrose.us today with how you'd like to lend a hand. We can definitely use your gifts.

Let Your Light Shine!

Sam and Joelle LoFaso are active members of our community.

They have worked hard to raise their family in the ways of the Lord and Saint Ambrose is an important part of their lives and their formation.

Megan, now a college freshmen, is a cantor. Sammy, a sophomore at Padua, is a Mass server. J.J., their youngest, is in Saint Ambrose School and full of life and energy. They pray at Saint Ambrose. They learn at Saint Ambrose. They serve at Saint Ambrose. Their family and friends are very much our parish family.

When Sam started his own realty firm a few years ago, he wanted to do something that would help support his parish – his family – his community. He decided to become a Community Partner to our parish. A portion of all Saint Ambrose 'sales' come back to support our parish. The funds over the past two years now created a wonderful playhouse and slides for all the kids in our community.

Thank you Sam and Joelle. This is one more example of the ways our members "let their light shine" and do great good for the Lord and our community at Saint Ambrose.





Visit Us!

Open House

November 6, 2016 10:00 am-1:00 pm
January 27, 2017 10:00 am-1:00 pm

SCHOOL ADVISORY Core Board Members

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

Bob Gillingham
Jennifer Kirkpatrick
Stacy Metheny
Rich Nowak

Carrie Ruggiero
Scott Scheutzow
Dan Charnigo

A Note from Mrs. Cinadr

This is a new beginning and what promises to be a fantastic year of learning and growth for our students.

Since I moved to Brunswick, I have been touched by our Saint Ambrose Family's faith and warmth, welcoming spirit and graciousness. I believe God brought me here and I hope to be a blessing to our students and our school and parish family.

I'm very excited about the school year as are the teachers and staff! Please keep us in your prayers as we work together to provide all that God's children deserve.

We have a critical job to do. As we're told in Joshua 1:9, God has promised His faithfulness and strength for all of us. Our work together, our promise back to God, is to live in joyful, faithful discipleship, to develop and use our gifts and talents in service to Him and to others.

I have a few goals for us this year:

1. Develop character focused on God's promises through the Fruits of the Spirit.
2. Increase rigor in curriculum.
3. Keep the lines of communication open. I have an open-door policy and welcome conversation.
4. Obtain STEM certification for our school as we move forward and upward quickly, using researched best practices in teaching and learning.

We will be striving for joyful excellence in all that we do. I take this ministry and the care of our students and staff personally. Our pledge, our promise is that we will provide the best in faith formation and academic excellence for our students. I ask that you partner with us as we form young people equipped and eager to make a difference in building God's kingdom.

Saint Ambrose School and Parish are greatly blessed. May all that we do glorify God!

In Christ Who is Everything,
Lisa Cinadr, Principal

A Note from Mrs. Mitchell

"But because of His great love for us; God is rich in mercy." -Ephesians 2:4

God's love and compassion are alive at Littlest Angels Preschool!

As we begin a new school year the children are full of wonder and excitement about meeting new teachers and friends, learning new things, playing with new toys and hearing about God's love. Throughout our school year we deliberately and actively teach our young ones "soft skills" such as forgiveness, patience, tolerance, kindness, cooperation and respect. All of these attributes help develop a young child's character and prepare them for a life of service and faith.

We are all children of God! Amazing! God calls us by name and in doing so helps us to continue to grow in his love and mercy. In turn, we do our best to show our love and mercy towards others. Littlest Angels Preschool is supported by so many in our community who show us love. Buildings and Grounds Team, Maintenance Staff, the Parish Life Center Staff, School Staff and Day School Principal Mrs. Lisa Cinadr (to name a few) all offer their continued love and support. It really does take a whole "village" parish to raise a child! Thank you to our wonderful parishioners for being a shining example of God's mercy!

"May I never lose the wonder, oh the wonder of your mercy. May I sing your hallelujah. Hallelujah, Amen."
—Mercy by Matt Redman

Catherine Mitchell, Director
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SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT: SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 and 2016



	PRIOR YEAR 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
SCHOOL RECEIPTS			
Tuition & Fees	\$1,378,983	\$1,477,161	\$1,397,450
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$150,000	\$185,178	\$180,000
Donations & Bequests	\$9,285	\$22,000	--
Net Fund Raising	\$7,049	\$12,547	\$21,000
Pre-School & Latchkey	\$244,504	\$278,289	\$290,500
Other Student Receipts	\$29,935	\$49,208	\$44,300
Interest & Endowment Income	\$532	\$645	--
Other School Income	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS	\$1,847,287	\$2,052,027	\$1,960,250
SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,427,759	\$1,546,254	\$1,559,790
Instructional	\$98,885	\$60,991	\$46,225
Pre-School Latchkey	\$155,161	\$184,880	\$177,150
Library	\$4,083	\$3,078	\$2,000
Utilities	\$57,467	\$55,357	\$54,500
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$110,815	\$118,508	\$111,625
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$15,184	\$18,267	\$18,000
Student Services	\$73,391	\$87,367	\$78,100
Administration	\$127,042	\$141,240	\$118,500
Capital Improvements (1)	\$113,727	\$189,292	\$144,500
Total School Disbursements	\$2,183,515	\$2,405,233	\$2,310,390
TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(336,227)	\$(353,206)	\$(350,140)

NOTES:
1. See Page 14 for detail of Capital Improvements

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SCRIP

At Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool, we pride ourselves on offering a first class education on a middle-class budget. We understand that sending your kids to Catholic school is a choice that yields incredible results, but that sometimes comes with financial sacrifices. Thanks to the funds raised through the Auction and Gala, the Golf Outing, Bingo and so much more, our parishioners use their gifts to help offset the cost of tuition for our school families.

To help even further, we are rolling out a new program called SCRIP for our school families. The premise is simple: when you purchase gift cards through our Saint Ambrose account, a percentage of the sales goes to our school through a rebate program. At the end of the year, whatever Saint Ambrose receives on your behalf, you can deduct from your tuition payment the following year.

Participating is fast and easy. Simply:

- Log on to www.ShopwithScrip.com
- Register as a new participant
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Questions? Contact Michelle Brousek at MBrousek@StASchool.us today.

Please note, due to rounding to the nearest dollar, some totals may be off by one dollar.

A message from the Finance Council

Our Parish Finance Council wants to thank you for your continued support of our parish community. Our offertory contributions increased slightly during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Perhaps the greatest example of the care and compassion of our members was the response shown to the needs of the several families that lost so much in the apartment fires this past year. We can be so proud of the aid that we offered to the many families devastated by the fires.

Our annual report was submitted and approved by the Diocesan Finance Office in September. In the 2014-2015 fiscal year we borrowed money from our savings in order to complete the Parish Life Center. This past year we had no major construction expenses which enabled us to finish the 2015-2016 fiscal year with a surplus of just over \$50,000.

This summer we were able to replace all the windows in the Day School and added a state of the art computer lab. The maintenance of our parking lot resulted in an expenditure of over \$50,000 this year and was part of total capital expenditures of \$290,000.

We are pleased to report that we operated in the black this fiscal year. This is only because of the generous support of our parishioners. THANK YOU for that support. The parish is so blessed by your goodness. We pray each month at our Finance Council meeting that God will guide us so that we may make the best of financial decisions for our Saint Ambrose community.

Bob Downs and Bryce Rasusch,
Finance Council Co-Chairs

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Summary Financial Report

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 and 2016

PARISH RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
Offertory Collections	\$1,736,982	\$1,750,709	\$1,724,500
Other Collections	\$1,541	\$1,691	\$1,000
Donations & Bequests	\$139,606	\$13,436	\$10,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$57,612	\$36,014	\$40,000
Net Fund Raising Income (1)	\$124,948	\$141,464	\$120,750
Income from Parish Programs	\$65,371	\$75,990	\$71,000
Unrealized Gain from Investments	\$32,831	\$14,874	--
Net Rental Income	\$885	\$1,975	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Receipts (2)	\$664,742	\$300,750	\$45,350
Designated Collections (3)	\$11,556	\$10,014	--
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS	\$2,836,073	\$2,346,916	\$2,013,600

PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:

Clergy	\$113,833	\$107,689	\$111,000
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$455,718	\$488,946	\$439,500
Maintenance Staff	\$61,219	\$73,161	\$67,000
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$123,863	\$143,174	\$139,795
Rectory & Household	\$21,916	\$17,274	\$20,500
General Administrative Expenses	\$147,390	\$123,248	\$133,800
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$79,611	\$64,899	\$68,700
Community Outreach	\$75,113	\$60,006	\$69,800
Religious Education & Evangelization	\$73,684	\$60,213	\$71,000
PSR Instructional	\$26,671	\$17,482	\$27,500
Other Teaching Programs	\$31,117	\$37,770	\$32,400
Youth Ministry (FIAT)	\$32,773	\$39,777	\$28,950
Utilities	\$68,915	\$65,228	\$69,700
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$15,184	\$18,262	\$18,000
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$77,248	\$70,128	\$75,275
Diocesan Assessments	\$187,926	\$194,028	\$195,000
Designated Collections (3)	\$11,556	\$10,014	--
Capital Disbursements (4)	\$1,535,694	\$100,470	\$71,200
Building Fundraising	\$4,697	\$1,205	\$1,250
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$32,831	\$14,874	--
Other Extraordinary Disbursements (5)	\$235,000	\$235,000	--
Total Parish Disbursements	\$3,411,957	\$1,942,849	\$1,640,370
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(575,884)	\$404,068	\$373,230
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(336,227)	\$(353,206)	\$(350,140)
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$(912,112)	\$50,862	\$23,090

NOTES:

1. See Event detail for support on page 14.
2. Capital Campaign income to offset capital expenses
3. Income and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.)
4. See Capital Expenditures section for further detail on page 14.
5. This represents our final annual diocesan capital campaign payment of \$235,000.

PARISH & SCHOOL Assets & Liabilities

June 30, 2015 and 2016	PRIOR YEAR 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2015-2016
Assets		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$1,666,773	\$1,636,210
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	\$1,362,492	\$1,544,142
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$74,857	\$131,763
Total Assets	\$3,104,122	\$3,312,115
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$500,002	\$458,263
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$39,815	\$42,628
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$391,137	\$289,651
Stipends Payable	\$7,592	\$10,490
Deferred Restricted Support	\$352,422	\$632,195
Total Liabilities	\$1,290,969	\$1,433,227
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$2,692,434	\$1,813,153
Parish	\$(575,884)	\$404,068
School	\$(336,227)	\$(353,206)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year	\$(912,112)	\$50,862
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$32,831	\$14,874
Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year	\$1,813,153	\$1,878,888
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$3,104,122	\$3,312,115

NOTES:

1. Represents accruals for health benefits, pension, unemployment, workers compensation and misc.
2. School Tuition, PSR fees and miscellaneous 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).



CAPITAL Expenditures



Actual for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016
 Needed Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	2015	2016	Needed For 2017
Land Improvement (1)	17,810	11,800	
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep (2)	55,818	21,723	6,000
Parking Lot	156,599	26,577	25,000
Phone System Replacements		915	1,200
Parish Veh, Eq, Furniture (3)	16,905	4,197	5,000
Lehner Center	-		8,500
Parish Life Center (4)	1,158,097	4,274	
Rectory	55,297	9,670	3,000
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen (5)	5,344	12,357	10,000
Parish Office Furn/Equip	27,069	1,599	
Computers & Equipment	11,829	5,132	7,500
Other	30,926	2,226	5,000
Parish	1,535,694	100,470	71,200
Parking Lot	21,290	14,517	15,000
Building and Additions (6)	22,615	10,989	
Building Renovation (7)	21,388	84,667	74,500
Computers and Related (8)	27,834	61,163	30,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (9)	20,600	17,956	20,000
Other/Vehicle			5,000
School	113,727	189,292	144,500
TOTAL	1,649,422	289,762	215,700

- NOTES:
1. Parking Lot sealing/stripping in south lot and gravel for road to grotto
 2. Barn siding and Church skylights
 3. Parking lot repairs
 3. Air Handlers
 4. Zone Dampers
 5. Hilkert Hall Floor
 6. School Stairs
 7. Window repair, window deposit, rubber treads on steps, misc.
 8. Chromebooks, laptops
 9. Distance Learning Lab, Air Handlers, HVAC Teachers Lounge

PARISH Events

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

	2015	2016
Summer Festival	90,605	88,097
Bingo	57,612	36,014
Fish Fry	31,105	26,484
Golf Outing (2 years)	-	25,231
TOTAL	179,322	175,826



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.

Mark Your Calendars

ALL SOULS Mass

Sunday, November 2, 7:00 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 13, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
November 14, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Looking for that perfect Christmas craft for your home? Come and see a showcase of crafters in Hilkert Hall.

COMMUNITY Meal

Thanksgiving Day,
November 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Saint Ambrose Parish opens its doors to the community for the ninth 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 24
 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 donuts following Mass.

Catholic Works of Mercy

As many of you will remember we also had tragedy strike our Brunswick community, not once, but twice with terrible fires. Saint Ambrose Parish headed up the disaster recovery team to aid the victims of this terrible tragedy.

Many donations came into the parish and needed to be sorted and categorized. Catholic Works of Mercy needed a place to warehouse and distribute clothing, toys, shoes, blankets, mattresses, houseware items, pet food and baby needs. With Father Bob's help we were able to secure a store front and warehouse space one block from Saint Ambrose. The store initially served those affected by the fire. The number of goods donated was so abundant that we were able to invite many others in the Brunswick community in need of clothing and housewares.

We were able to extend an invitation to other area churches and met families from Medina who were struggling and were so grateful for items received from the store. Catholic Charities also benefitted from your generosity by receiving items that were left after we closed the store. CWM learned many valuable lessons from this tragedy and made many viable contacts throughout Medina County to collaborate with while serving those in need.

At a Glance:

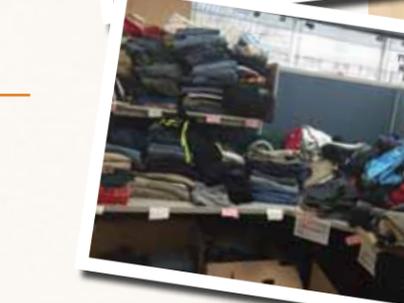
How YOU Helped the Fire Victims through Catholic Works of Mercy

- Over three thousand man hours donated to assist the fire victims.
- Forty fire victim family units were assisted throughout the process with clothing, food, housewares, diapers, pet food and blankets.
- Twelve hundred and fifty (1250) boxes of clothing were received, sorted and distributed over an eight (8) week period.
- Four hundred and eighty (480) bags of groceries we distributed to the victims.
- Clothing and houseware store was open for the fire victims, then expanded to include the Brunswick and Medina county people in need.
- Provided temporary housing and medical needs to fire victims.
- Twenty-eight (28) sets of mattresses were distributed.
- All families that were assisted received gift cards ranging from food to gas to clothing
- Easter Baskets were distributed to the children affected by the fire.

Endowment Committee

This Annual Report is filled with the good work we do together as the Family of God. Whether it's assisting a family in need after a tragedy or helping our teens grow in faith during their high school years, we are always there. And always will be. The Saint Ambrose Endowment Fund is one of the ways we can ensure our parish can continue to do good work. The Fund receives and administers gifts and contributions for charitable, religious, educational and social service purposes here at the Parish. By contributing to the fund, our members ensure a strong future for our church and our good work. Direct gifts, memorial or honorary gifts, retirement funds and bequests are just some of the ways in which contributors have helped Saint Ambrose.

If you are considering making a gift to our parish in honor of a loved one or on behalf of yourself, we invite you to prayerfully consider the Endowment Fund. To learn more, visit StAmbrose.us/Endowment or contact Fr. Bob (330.460.7300 or FrBob@StAmbrose.us) or Kathy Plavecski (330.483.3085 or kathyplavecski@yahoo.com) today.



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Saint Teresa of Calcutta Statue

Let's do something beautiful for God. –Saint Teresa of Calcutta

As we reflect on our own gifts and how we can praise God through our talents and actions, we need reflection. We need guidance. Who better to turn to than Saint Teresa of Calcutta?

A true saint of modern times, Saint Teresa lived God's call through service to the poor and vulnerable. We can all look to her example as we discern what God wants of us. To help keep us grounded and focused, the Knights of Columbus have donated a gorgeous statue of Saint Teresa, adorning the patio outside her aptly-named room. Dedicated on Saturday, Saturday 3 (the night before her canonization), hundreds of parishioners gathered to witness the event before enjoying the Annual Steak Roast. Proceeds from that event helped to defray some of the costs of this amazing gift.

"It was a fun time working on the preparation of the base for the Saint Teresa Statue," says Roland Bator, one of the Knights. "This statue has special meaning to me, as my wife and I saw Saint Teresa in-person at a K of C convention in New York City."

"The statue looks awesome," Sonny Scarpino tells us. "It completes the patio and sitting area. What an awesome view and peaceful place to pray or just sit and be grateful for all we have. The Knights of Columbus did it again with lot of help and support for our community. Thank you everyone!"

Indeed, thanks to all involved! How will this statue inspire you to "let your light shine?"



Thank you to our Community Partners!



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