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OUR CHURCH - PRESENT DAY



OUR CHURCH...APRIL 2019!



SAINT AMBROSE  
CATHOLIC PARISH

*"That the next generation  
may come to know!"*

- Psalm 78:5



GENERATIONS  
*of Faith & Family*  
SAINT AMBROSE

ANNUAL REPORT 2018  
AND PARISH EVENTS



## Saint Ambrose Family.

A few weeks ago I was with my family for a cookout. In the midst of the BBQ, we began recounting and telling wonderful stories of all sorts about growing up together. We talked about the things we did, the trouble we caused and the wisdom of our parents. **What was most entertaining was to watch the faces of the next generation (the children of my siblings).** They listened...and piped in...and could even relate to our stories and experiences. It was a blessed family conversation. It also was a powerful picture of passing on the stories, values and teachings from one generation to the next.

**Our theme for this pastoral year is Generations of Faith.** It's a moment for us to celebrate the goodness of our community of faith. For so many, over the generations, Saint Ambrose is home. A special place for us to come together as the family of God. We pray together, share meals together and pass on the wisdom and teachings of God. We remember and celebrate that, in every age and generation, our faithful God walks with us, guides us, leads us, and unites us together as one.

**Our prayer is that our parish community will be a special place for all the generations to come together – to grow in holiness and lead lives of service to the Lord.**



**Please take some time to read through this annual report.** It is one expression of the good we do together in service to the Lord. It is also filled with some upcoming opportunities for every generation.

Thank you so much for all you do for the Lord and our parish community. I pray every day that God will bless you for the ways you share your time, talent and treasure with the Lord and our parish community. **Because of you, we are continuing the mission of Jesus Christ.**

**This year is also a very special time for our parish community as we repair and renovate our church.** We thank God for all who have built God's House and pray that our efforts will make sure God's House is a prayerful and peaceful place for the generations to come.

Again, many thanks for your support for our parish community. I pray that we are a special place for you and your loved ones. **Each week we come together as God's family around the Table of the Lord to proclaim the wisdom and faithfulness of God.**

As always, please let me know how we can help you and your loved ones.

*Bob Stec*

Father Bob Stec



Our parish is blessed with wonderful people who work and serve the Lord and our community at Saint Ambrose. Their efforts and tireless work help us educate our young, care for the sick, strengthen the bonds of family, and give uplifting worship and prayer to the Lord. We are so blessed. Please pray for our parish and school staff. Special thanks to all who help us follow the example of Christ to witness servant leadership in our community.

### PARISH STAFF

Father Bob Stec, *Pastor*  
 Father Rob Ramser, *Parochial Vicar*  
 Father Adam Zajac, *Parochial Vicar*  
 Deacon Clem Belter  
 Deacon Gary Tomazic  
 Deacon Thomas Sheridan  
 Deacon Frank Weglicki  
 Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB, *Weekend Assistant*  
 Jane Baldwin, *Spiritual Life Coordinator*  
 Matthew Fodor, *Music Ministry*  
 Lisa Homady, *Care and Compassion Coordinator*  
 Helen Lanzarotta, *Music Ministry & Parish Life*  
 Mike Mascio, *Business Operations Manager*  
 Max Menkhaus, *Music Ministry*  
 Caitlin O'Neill, *FIAT Youth Ministry*  
 Helen Sheridan, *Family Life Ministry*

### PSR STAFF

Deb Houdek, *PSR Secretary*  
 Janet Majka, *PSR Coordinator*

### SCHOOL STAFF

Lisa Cinadr, *Day School Principal*  
 Chris Dziedzicki, *Day School Assistant Principal*  
 Catherine Mitchell, *Preschool Director*  
 Breanne Logue, *Institutional Advancement*

### SUPPORT STAFF

Natalie English, *Marketing & Bulletin*  
 Kathy Sarazin, *Front Office Coordinator*  
 Nick Castro, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
 Chris Gibson, *Maintenance*



## SAINT AMBROSE PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As we start a new Pastoral Year, we give thanks to the many blessings as we move forward as a parish community. During the past year we carried forth the compassion of Christ to all, had a meaningful celebration of our 60th year, all while assisting the Vision 20/20 committee with plans for the Church Renovation. This annual report includes only a small portion of all the good deeds our parish community does.

As we look forward in hope, we plan to utilize the Church Renovation as a moment of Liturgical Renewal and Education in the way our community prays and worships. Our plan is to assist parishioners to come to a deeper understanding of Mass so they can have a lasting experience through a plan of Liturgical Renewal. Another highlight is the Stephen Ministry that will be implemented to equip and empower our own lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

*"Our PPC is made up of a cross section of the parish allowing for varied input to help the parish grow." - Stan Socha*

*"I am sincerely humbled and grateful to our fellow parishioners and all that they do! Their dedication, loyalty and love demonstrate God's work on earth... Not just in our community but everywhere." - Barb Ortiz*

Thank you for all that you do to make Saint Ambrose be the wonderful, inviting, and welcoming parish not only for our parishioners, but our visitors as well.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

*PastoralCouncil@StAmbrose.us*

Terri Bartchak	John Koliha	Mollie Stracensky
Jane Bast	Jeff McCrary	Christine Styka
Linda Cebula	Mary Ann Riess	Lyla Wooten
Linda Chesnik	Janice Romanin	
Lisa Cinadr	Mario Romanin	Barb Ortiz, <i>Secretary</i>
David Eichman	Rachel Russo	Father Bob Stec, <i>Pastor</i>
Kathy Jake	Stanley Socha	

## PARISH STATISTICS

As of October 5:	2017	2018
Number of Households	5463	5503
Number of Parishioners	15647	15812
Parish Stats*	2017	2018
Baptism	138	169
First Eucharist	110	168
Confirmation	118	148
Marriage	21	28
Students (PSR)**	1031	1082
Students (Day School)**	493	477
Littlest Angels Preschool**	134	135
Number of people using Automatic Giving:	580	612

\*FY 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018

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





Upcoming Events

- OCTOBER 14-16  
Fall Mission & Reception
- OCTOBER 20  
Ramserfest & Polka Mass
- OCTOBER 21  
Healing Service Concert
- OCTOBER 25  
Outdoor Living Rosary
- OCTOBER 27  
Halloween Neon Bingo
- OCTOBER 28  
Knights of Columbus  
Halloween Party &  
Trunk or Treat Ministry Fair
- OCTOBER 29  
PSR Saint Ministry Fair
- NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints Mass
- Day School Saint Ministry Fair
- NOVEMBER 2  
All Souls' Mass
- NOVEMBER 3  
CYO Night at the Races
- NOVEMBER 11  
School Open House
- NOVEMBER 12  
Veteran's Day
- NOVEMBER 11 & 12  
Women's Guild  
Christmas Boutique
- NOVEMBER 18  
Welcome Back Sunday
- NOVEMBER 22  
Thanksgiving Community Meal
- NOVEMBER 23  
Turkey Bowl Flag Football  
Tournament
- NOVEMBER 24/25  
Anointing of the Sick

This is just a partial list of all the great things happening at Saint Ambrose over these next few months. For a complete list, visit [www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us).

OUR TRADITIONS

by Fr. Rob Ramser

Throughout all the transitions of Life the one thing that holds us together, that really grounds us, is tradition. As a Church we are blessed with many traditions that remind us how loved we are by our God and that we are never alone on our Earthly Journey. The tradition of gathering with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, the tradition of passing on ethnic customs at Christmas or Easter from grandparents to parents to grandchildren. Over my own lifetime I've been blessed to acquire many beautiful traditions from my own family that I have been graced to share with you here at Saint Ambrose. **But the tradition which trumps all others is where we gather week in and week out around that banquet table to receive the bread of life and cup of salvation.** The reality of Christ's presence among us gives us the courage to endure any transition of life knowing that we walk by faith not by sight.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

In Matthew 18, Jesus promises to be with us.

That's one of the great miracles of Stephen Ministry. When a Stephen Minister meets one-to-one with his or her care receiver, Jesus is present too. He brings the power of His transforming love, and the peace, healing, and comfort that only God can give. If you would like more information contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381 [JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us) or Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315 [LHomady@StAmbrose.us](mailto:LHomady@StAmbrose.us).



MEET THE TEAM! [www.StAmbrose.us/StephenMinistry](http://www.StAmbrose.us/StephenMinistry)

END OF LIFE LIVING WILL WORKSHOP

October 14 at 1:00 PM

"Don't wait until it is too late."

End of Life - Living Will Workshop with Dr. Anthony Iezzi – In order to help you understand Advance Directives, Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney at 1:00PM. Dr. Iezzi is an expert in explaining why these documents are so important, and he can help outline the moral and ethical considerations to help make good, wise, faith-based, loving decisions for yourself and your life.

You will also have the opportunity to prepare your own directives free of cost. We will have a notary on hand to assist you, if you so choose to complete these essential documents and directives at that time. RSVP Helen Sheridan 330-460-7322/[hsheridan@stambrose.us](mailto:hsheridan@stambrose.us) no later than October 7th.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

...Saint Ambrose was blessed to have **Josh Cochrac** spend the year with our community as part of his formation and field education experience of Saint Mary Seminary. Josh was a great addition to our community. He hopes to be ordained as a priest after two more years of seminary formation.

...**Women's Renewal returned to Saint Ambrose this past Lent.** It was well received and will continue to help the women of our community grow closer to the Lord.

...We welcomed **34 new members** in the Church at the Easter Vigil... **23 were baptized.**

...Over 500 people participated in the spring community service day.

...**812 bags of food were distributed to those in need for Easter.** It's one more expression of the goodness of our community.

...**Our parish exceeded its Catholic Charities goal for the year.** It allows the work of Christ to continue to those in need across our entire region.

...We also started hosting a **Catholic Charities counselor on campus every Wednesday.** It's been a huge help to our members.

NEW MEMBERS

Thank you for joining our Parish Community!

A warm welcome goes out to the many families and individuals who have joined our Parish Community over the past year. May you find Saint Ambrose to be a place where you are always welcome!

Deborah Accardi  
Richard & Judith Adamkiewicz  
Lisa Akins & Family  
Julio & Gillian Alarcon & Family  
Emilie Andersen & Family  
Adam & Jamie Anderson & Family  
Paul Balderston  
Larry Barty & Keri Krysiak & Family  
Melvyn & Carolyn Beck  
Matthew & Lauren Beck & Family  
Theodore & Tina Beltavski & Family  
James & Gwen Beres & Family  
Robert & Kamila Betkowski & Family  
Johan & Diane Blokstra & Family  
Steven & Angela Boie & Family  
Roger & Beth Bott  
Tim & Shannon Boyle & Family  
Joyce Brady  
Ron & Linda Brady  
Aaron & Heather Brockler & Family  
Margie Brown  
Brian Bugos  
Walter Bukszar  
Zachary & Lindsey Buzzelli-Andes & Family  
Chris & Nichole Caleris & Family  
Matthew & Kelly Cioletti & Family  
Frank & Holly Ciryak & Family  
Timothy Clausing  
Josh Cochrac  
Daniel Coffey  
Sarah Coleman & Family  
Nicholas & Amanda Colton  
Maureen Conley  
Bear & Gigi Dang & Family  
Mark & Rosanna Darby & Family  
Mary Dehil  
Linda Delozier  
Frank DiSiena & Liane DiGiandomenico & Family  
Kevin Domann  
Casey & Shannon Doyle  
Renee Dudash & Family  
Jon & Megan Duniec & Family  
Theodore & Laura Dunlay & Family  
Bill & Mary Jane Elam  
Michael & Valerie Erdelyi & Family  
David Eslaquit  
Maria Eslaquit  
Shelby Espenschied & Family  
Anthony & Danielle Esposito & Family  
Douglas & Katelyn Evans & Family  
Shawn Feistamel  
Kristina Folan & Family  
Sean & Alexandra Fox & Family  
Melissa Fox-Terrill & Family  
Gregory & Amanda Friery & Family  
Amanda Frimel & Family  
Timothy Fueglein  
Roberta Gareau-Park & Family  
Gary & Martha Garewal  
Adam & Stephanie Garvin  
Rafael & Cheryl Gaud & Family  
Steven & Sara Gavin & Family  
Gary Gaydemski & Nichol Pacifico & Family  
Leonard & Samantha Genders & Family

Nicholas & Courtney Gilleland & Family  
Nickolas & Kerilyn Gillombardo  
Richard Gorski & Nicole Tacchite  
Kevin & Megan Graziani & Family  
Lorenzo & Stephanie Grillo & Family  
Gregory & Jaime Grzybowski & Family  
Robert Guddy  
Richard & Susan Hamm & Family  
Daniel & Ciara Hayes & Family  
Jacob & Allison Held & Family  
Dennis & Joan Heydorn  
Cindy Heydorn & Family  
Gerhart & Eileen Hilt  
Jerry & Cheryl Hornack  
Matthew & Stephanie Hornsey & Family  
Stephen & Nicole Howe & Family  
Kristen Hrutkai  
Steve & Mary Ann Hrutkai  
Donovan & Victoria Hupcej & Family  
Michael Iacobacci & Family  
Robert & Ashley Ihasz & Family  
Robert & Jennifer Jarowski & Family  
Kevin Johns  
Jim & Kathleen Katakos  
Mark & Nancy Kesselem  
Dominic & Nicole King & Family  
Patrick & Karen Kirchner & Family  
Fred & Elma Kirven  
Deborah Klich & Family  
Joan Kmiecik  
Andrew Knapp  
David & Krista Knapp & Family  
Richard & Donna Koch  
Michael & Jayna Koler & Family  
Rob & Mady Kopasek & Family  
John Kovacs & Candice Bradley  
Mike & Janna Kren & Family  
David & Alishia Kupiec & Family  
Anthony & Rachel LaGuardia  
Trent & Michelle Lane & Family  
Ed & Summer Leichliter & Family  
Shaun Lipp & Family  
Edward & Samantha Luther  
Matthew & Lesley Margosian & Family  
Michelle Marks  
Tamarah Mathena  
Joan McGinty  
Gregory & Christol McKernan & Family  
William & Tina McLaughlin & Family  
Steven & Katie McManus & Family  
Christopher & Jamie McVey & Family  
Matthew Meadows & Maria Margida  
David & Sandra Mihalik  
Roger & Joyce Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Jesse & Katelynn Mitchell & Family  
Edward Laurence Morin  
Garrett & Nicole Mosback  
Nick & Angela Moulagianis & Family  
Charlene Murphy  
Christopher Nickerson & Sarah Labus & Family  
Brian-Keith & Destiny Olmstead & Family  
Peter & Stephanie Onderko & Family  
Robert Pantaleo & Family

Mary Papay  
Charles & Jean Pennington  
Bradley & Katherine Pierce & Family  
Ana Plumlee  
Jason & Michele Poelking & Family  
Christopher Popp & Ann Giancomoni  
Robert & Barbara Proowski  
Nick & Sharon Puin  
Frank & Kathleen Racco  
Richard & Christine Reece & Family  
Shirley Reisner & Family  
Abraham & Lisa Reshad & Family  
David & Meghan Rieth & Family  
Mario & Janice Romanin  
John Roth  
James & Tracy Ruth & Family  
David & Kathy Saffron  
Joseph & Mary Ann Salem  
Zack & Katherine Saylor & Family  
Kristen Schrantz & Family  
Naudia Schumann & Family  
Andrew & Melissa Sebok & Family  
David & Kim Seeley  
Jeff & Christine Shepherd & Family  
Cassie Sherman  
Michael & Heather Shultz & Family  
Zachary & Jessica Siegel & Family  
Ryan & Megan Slack  
Denise Smith  
Eric & Jackie Solderitsch & Family  
Jason & Dawn Stema & Family  
Corey & Lisa Stone & Family  
Robert & Constance Surella & Family  
Marissa Sutter  
Bob & Jackie Symons  
Bogdan & Anamaria Tamas  
Jonny & Veronica Thomas & Family  
Mark & Barbara Timko  
Sean & Maria Twining  
Harry & Michele Valentino  
Wanda Vogel  
Joe & Judy Vicente & Family  
Kenneth & Darlene Voigt  
George Walbolt  
Karen Walcher  
Mary Ann Welsh  
Daniel & Emily Whelan & Family  
Mary Ellen Wilson  
Ryan & Shannon Wilson  
James & Joan Winkelman  
Charles & Rachel Wyatt  
Steve & Lindsey Zamiska  
Michael & Jessica Zebrowski & Family

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018



*"Give something, however small, to the one in need.  
For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is  
it small to God, if we have given what we could."*

- ST. GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

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 350 students in Brunswick and St. Rocco's, our sister parish in Cleveland.



### FRESH PRODUCE PROGRAM

Assisting families with fresh produce grown by our own Saint Ambrose garden.



### COMMUNITY MEALS

Our Community Meals ministry has served and delivered 4,300 meals throughout the year to our community friends.

**Thanksgiving Community Meal** distributed over 7,200 meals at 22 different locations.

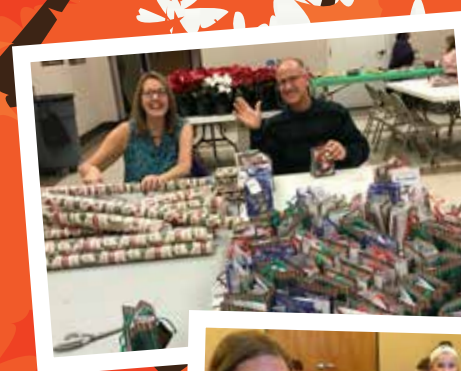


During the **Christmas holiday**, over 115 families received groceries and a turkey. **Easter food distribution** received ham and groceries to 90 families, along with 85 Easter baskets to the children of these families.

### CATHOLIC WORKS OF MERCY

CWM is beyond thankful to our generous parishioners for their help, support and donations in making CWM so successful in serving the community.

CWM has implemented **quarterly prayer services** along with food distribution. CWM is now a member of the **Akron Food Bank** which allows them to pass out assorted meals at a reduced price.



### ALPHA VILLAGE

ALPHA Village cleaned houses and streets for our sisters and brothers in the City of Cleveland. We distributed food and over 3,000 gently used coats (along with hats and gloves). **The next ALPHA Village cleanup day is Saturday, October 13. We could use your help.**

We are collecting new and gently used (and clean) coats again this year. We especially need childrens winter jackets (all sizes) along with adults. You can bring them to the Narthex or Parish Office starting in early October through November 15. Please help us care for sisters and brothers this winter by taking a minute to clean out your closet. **For details or to sign up to help, please contact: [info@ALPHAVillage.com](mailto:info@ALPHAVillage.com).**

### COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

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 **55 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.

### 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We all know the classic song for the 12 Days of Christmas. At Saint Ambrose, the 12 Days of Christmas is a special project to do acts of kindness and care for some of our members during the Christmas season. Over 60 people/families found friendship, hope and comfort through the 12 Days of Christmas. Through great kindness, they knew they were not alone. They were blanketed (literally) by the love of God and our community.

If you know someone who would find more joy this Christmas as a 'receptient' of the 12 Days of Christmas project OR if you would like to be one of the 'elves' that help make/deliver small packages of care and kindness, please contact [JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us) or [LHomady@StAmbrose.us](mailto:LHomady@StAmbrose.us).

### BLANKET SUNDAY & KINDNESS PINES

Catholic Works of Mercy passed out 175 blankets on **Blanket Sunday** thanks to all the donations of blankets by our parishioners. Through the **Kindness Pine Program**, WE set a record of 120 families served.

**Is God calling you to let your light shine in these 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](mailto:LHomady@StAmbrose.us).

**Keep in mind! We are collecting coats beginning the weekend of October 6-7 and will be collecting turkeys in November. Watch for details!**



FINANCE COUNCIL

**by Bob Downs** This past year it became abundantly clear to members of Finance Council that we are fortunate to be members of the Saint Ambrose community. With the support of Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Vision 20/20, the parish moved forward with its campaign to raise over \$4 million for the renovation of our church. There was some skepticism that this goal could be met, but the generosity of our parishioners once again amazed us. Finance Council wants to thank all of you for your commitment to this project.

In addition to supporting the the capital campaign our parishioners showed their generosity in so many ways. We fed over 7,000 people again this Thanksgiving. Our community meal serves about

350 less advantaged people each month. Catholic Works of Mercy continues to help the needy with food, clothing and other assistance. Over 1,500 people who might not have had anything else at Christmas received gifts from those of you who pulled names from the giving tree.

The good that we do as a parish goes on and on. And your help and generosity makes it all possible. We hope that you continue to give of your time, talent and treasures to the parish community. To paraphrase Fr. Stec, we would like to leave you with three comments: 1. Thank you! 2. Thank you! 3. Thank you!

**by Bob Cebula** 2018 was another very exciting year at Saint Ambrose. There were countless activities, events and opportunities for spiritual enrichment all made possible by the incredible generosity of our parishioners. We also had our first look at what the repaired and renovated Church will look like in a few short months. In an email of support for the repair and renovation project a highly placed Diocesan official said "...I marvel at the funds you have available in the parish and the support you receive from the parishioners." As you can see, the audited 2018 financial results reflect positive cash flow of \$77,386. Thank you very much for making this all possible by the sharing of your time, talents and treasure. Linda and I are very proud to be members of Saint Ambrose.

FINANCE MEMBERS

FinanceCouncil@StAmbrose.us  
Brian Antonius  
Bob Cebula  
Tracy Conn  
Bob Downs, *Chair*  
Robert Erickson  
Al Karla  
Mike Lanzoratta  
Patrick Meidenbauer  
Bryce Rausch, *Co-Chair*  
Patricia Strazar  
Fr. Bob Stec  
Collin Vickers  
Heather Welsh  
Tom Welsh

BUSINESS OFFICE STAFF

Al Becka  
Carol Maline  
Mike Mascio  
Lynn Rogers  
Lyla Wooten



**QUESTIONS? Want to learn more?** The Parish Finance Council is always open to answering your questions. Please contact Carol Maline 330.460.7336.



PARISH & SCHOOL ASSETS & LIABILITIES

June 30, 2017 and 2018	PRIOR YEAR 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018
Assets		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$1,768,519	\$2,138,000
Savings & Investments - Parish	\$1,901,345	\$2,469,326
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$190,511	\$83,644
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,860,375</b>	<b>\$4,690,971</b>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$479,129	\$493,286
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$39,583	\$37,134
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$365,681	\$390,776
Stipends Payable	\$13,732	\$15,099
Deferred Restricted Support	\$925,663	\$1,569,090
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,823,787</b>	<b>\$2,505,385</b>
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$1,879,648	\$2,036,588
Parish	\$423,560	\$449,426
School	\$(363,824)	\$(377,814)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year	\$59,736	\$71,612
Investment Fund Adjustment (3)	\$97,204	\$77,386
<b>Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$2,036,588</b>	<b>\$2,185,586</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,860,375</b>	<b>\$4,690,971</b>

- 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.
  3. 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).

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH  
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 and 2018  
PARISH RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
Offertory Collections	\$1,753,655	\$1,759,457	\$1,766,000
Other Collections	\$4,507	\$2,935	\$3,000
Donations & Bequests	\$4,058	\$75,585	\$5,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$53,575	\$115,133	\$97,500
Net Fund Raising Income (1)	\$138,187	\$103,885	\$109,800
Income from Parish Programs	\$73,801	\$76,391	\$77,500
Unrealized Gain from Investments	\$97,204	\$77,386	
Net Rental Income	\$900	\$1,430	\$1,000
Contributions from Parish Organizations	\$5,000		
Miscellaneous Receipts (2)	\$52,883	\$49,159	\$47,850
Capital Campaign Income (3)		\$159,750	
Designated Collections (4)	\$12,250	\$30,130	
<b>Total Parish Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,196,020</b>	<b>\$2,451,241</b>	<b>\$2,107,650</b>

PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:

Clergy	\$102,245	\$110,510	\$125,300
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$446,461	\$451,506	\$429,275
Maintenance Staff	\$80,531	\$76,504	\$83,000
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$127,979	\$145,547	\$151,255
Rectory & Household	\$16,643	\$17,139	\$18,500
General Administrative Expenses	\$138,898	\$153,129	\$136,050
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$69,708	\$65,670	\$68,775
Community Outreach	\$78,773	\$84,815	\$72,250
Religious Education & Evangelization	\$58,614	\$58,209	\$63,250
PSR Instructional	\$19,251	\$22,133	\$21,100
Other Teaching Programs	\$37,811	\$22,786	\$31,250
Youth Ministry (FIAT)	\$31,015	\$27,686	\$25,700
Utilities	\$74,179	\$71,920	\$76,350
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$14,212	\$16,903	\$18,200
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$80,100	\$92,377	\$82,950
Diocesan Assessments	\$200,544	\$201,504	\$202,000
Designated Collections (4)	\$12,250	\$30,130	
Capital Disbursements (5)	\$80,087	\$213,411	\$35,417
Building Fundraising & Support	\$5,956	\$62,551	\$20,000
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$97,204	\$77,386	
<b>Total Parish Disbursements</b>	<b>\$1,772,460</b>	<b>\$2,001,815</b>	<b>\$1,660,622</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$423,560</b>	<b>\$449,426</b>	<b>\$447,028</b>
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(363,824)	\$(377,814)	\$(359,238)
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$59,736	\$71,612	\$87,790

- NOTES:**
1. See Event detail for support on page 17.
  2. Easter/Christmas Flowers, Votive Lights, Bulletin, Book/Pamphlet Rack, etc
  3. Represents income taken to offset the Church renovation expense. The balance of the monies received for Campaign is included in Deferred Restricted Support in Assets.
  4. Income and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.) Thank you.
  5. See Parish Capital Expenditures section for further detail on page 17.

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





OUR BAPTISMS

Aleah Adamini	Alaina Gwirtz	Isaiah Paes
Chelsea Allen	Penelope Hanudel	Joshua Palcisco
Kinzley Almasie	Benjamin Heilman	Landon Palcisco
Maylee Almasie	Lincoln Bay	Ava Petersen
Noah Angbrandt	Herman	Isla Pettry
Brycen Anielski	Emma Holmes	Jerry Pettry
Eleanor Ashley	Vincent Howard	Luke Pulling
Adaline Bailey	Aarron Hulswitt	Ariana Reiter
Olivia Bailey	Oliver Hunter	Alana Robinson
Malayna Bajc	Isabel Husser	Colena Robinson
Lydia Barty	Wesley Jeloveck	Ellynn Robinson
Arik Beifus	Liam Jones	Gianna Rojek
Cody Beljin	Genevieve Kakavas	Carmen Ross
Andrew Benjamin	Michael Keller	Ayla Rundle
Caden Benjamin	Blake	Theresa Runyon
Olivia Betkowski	Trzebuckowski	Vincent Salvo
Jacob Blokstra	Connor King	Zachary Saylor
Tanner Boyle	Adam Knowles	Brandon Saylor
Calen Brueckner	Kenneth Kokitka	Gretta Schemmel
Owen Buher	Everly Kopasek	Xavier Seitz
Evan Buskirk	Karson Kormos	Caleb Sepesy
Gianna Cancilla	Cole Kosh	Brooklyn Shaft
Regan Cary	Annabelle Kren	Addison Shreve
Dominic Cereskho	Owen Kren	Riley Siegel
Luke Charek	Isabella Kresty	Emma Skomski
Evan Checovich	Fischer Krueger	Kennedy Speidel
Mason Checovich	Giovanni Lambert	Emma Stone
Jameson Childress	Jacob Lancaster	Liam Stone
Nicolas Cintron	Vincent Lanum	Carson Stricklett
Everley Collins	Beau LeHue	Mark Stuver
Claire Comroe	Edward Lechlitter	Connor Sullivan
Yara Cook	Ethan Logue	Juliana Svoboda
Bryson Cowell	Austin Lucas	Raven Takieddine
Ayden Culver	Cameron Lucas	Brody Terhart
Reilly Day	Nolan Lucas	Kaedence Throener
Tyson DeBolt	Makenna Mack	Dominick Tocco
Debrason Debrason	Katherine Mackey	Isabella Turner
Hailey Debrason	Zoe Makiling	Bailey Turnick
Ryder Debrason	Anna Mansour	Harper Turnick
Kenneth Dimos	Jowell Mansour	Riley Turnick
Emersyn Dotson	Cole McManus	Hunter Vance
Jeremy Drnak	Laney McNulty	Lincoln Vento
Claire Dudash	Maria Meadows	Kendra Verlinden
Grace English	Antonio Midea	Natalie Verlinden
Olivia Evans	Jackson Miller	Harper Vinez
Hailey Fifer	Alexander Molchan	Cooper Wainscott
Bradley Fodor	Paxton Molina	Brooklyn Walker
Josie Fuduric	Adley Neff	Vincent Webber
Brayden Fundzak	Lily Nicewander	Maximus Weigle
Jacob Gaydewski	Molly Novak	Benjamin West
James Gehrke	Nolan O'Donnell	Anders Wolfe
Gabriella Grillo	Luna Okress	Anthony Yacobozzi
Collin	Jeff Oros	Cesalie Yahnert
Grossenbaugh	Jace Pacek	Austin Zebrowski

Visit [StAmbrose.us/Baptism](https://StAmbrose.us/Baptism) for Online Baptism Planner, Online Baptism Certificate Form and Godparent Guidelines.  
Contact Kim Nemet at 330-460-7316 for more information on the Sacrament of Baptism.

OUR WEDDINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Allison Duniec  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis and Stephanie Orume  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis and Torey Downey, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Beverly Bailey  
Mr. & Mrs. Casey and Shannon Doyle  
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander and Robin Urban  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Jessica Muller  
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle and Stephanie Hilfiker  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Victoria Koteles  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry and Quinn Johnston  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick and Kelly Harmon  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy and Jessica Palmer  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan and Kelly Lynch  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Samantha Luther  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Nicole Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy and Mary Beth Garrity  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Sheri Maskow  
Mr. & Mrs. David and Allison Su  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas and Emily Levitsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel and Erin Nowak  
Mr. & Mrs. Philip and Cara Patzkowsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin and Emily Weir

**Congratulations to our newly wedded couples of our parish community!**  
*"For the love God has implanted in their hearts, may it always inspire them to be kind in their words, considerate of feeling, and concerned for each other's needs. May God's love be the bond that holds their marriage together."*

Please visit our Wedding Preparations page at [StAmbrose.us/Wedding](https://StAmbrose.us/Wedding) for Wedding Guidelines Booklet, Liturgy Planning Form, Engaged Couples Online Form and Marriage Validation Online Form.



All lists as of July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

IN MEMORIAM

Donald J. Abel	Larry Dunlap	Douglas Henry	Thomas Mangan	Michael Scheiman
Joseph Adams	Joseph W. Dusek, Jr.	Julius Hevitan	Lisa Mann	Loretta Schiavoni
William T. Albaugh	Susan Egan	Richard Hibler	Dolores Marzola	Bonnie Seman
Betty Gene Andolsek	Mackenzie English	Richard Himmel	James P. McGinnis	Joseph Shepelak
Linda Barski	Merle Erbs	Christine Hughes	Brian Moran	Mary Ann Smith
Diane Basel	Deborah Feeks	James Iorfida, Sr.	Michael Murray	Helen Solonyna
Elaine Bernaciak	John Ference	Carol Jenks	James Nutter	Janet Spellacy
Alex Bihari	Martha Finn	Robert Jones	Vincent Pastva	Eugene Stanchina, Jr.
Helen Bodnar	Peter Fischer	Stefan Kellner	Carol Peskar	David Stasicki
Mary Jane Bontempo	Thomas Folan, Jr.	Brian Kelly	Robert Petrucz	Mark Stuver
Mary Bouman	William Forister	Mary Ketchum	Corrine Pinchbeck	Dolores Swink
Jean Brown	Timothy Fortuna	Jacob Klaehn	Kenneth Politowicz	Jewel Thompson
Debra Bugos	Angel Frost	Brian Klein	Patricia Polz	Stella Trush
John Bukovsky	Alan Gall	Betty L. Kmiecik	Gabriel Pozsonyi	Leonard Urback
Paul G. Busch	William Gallon	Elaine Kobak	Ruth Ratka	Richard Varnish
Helen Caramella	Dorothy Gavlak	Marie Kocevar	Pearl Reising	Luz Viera-Viera
John W. Chalfa	Ed Gedeon	Patricia Koshar	Dolores Rockidge	John Vitti
Sandra Ciara	Michael Genaro, Sr.	Stephen Kovelan	Joseph Rodriguez	Al Walcher
Michelle Cika	Edmund Glinka	Richard Lakatos	Diane Roslan	Barbara Watt
Anna Cika	Thomas Gorman	Mary Lapsevich	Anthony Rumler	Katherine Whitney
Richard Coleman	Donald J. Graybill	Mary Lesniak	Joseph Sabo	June Wilbert
Charles Comella	John Gungl	Edward Liebenguth	Susan Sadowsky	Jennifer Ann Wirkus
Richard Coplan, Sr.	Henry Guzel	Stanley Lukas	James Salvino	Elsie Yeck
Robert Cyrulik	Eleanor Haboustak	Louis Madar	Lawrence Sauer	Josephine Young
Robert David	Allison Hale	Arthur Main	William Saunders	James Yurick
Patrick Davitt	Martin E. Hannigan	Andrew Malek	Gary Saunders	
Anthony DiFranco	Lillian Hannigan	Helen Malleske	Emaunela Scebbi	

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 7pm.

*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.*

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Some of the exciting things happening in our PSR program. It was a year filled with many opportunities to help our students grow closer to the Lord.

**Be a Saint for the Day**  
Our 4th grade PSR students took on the role of teachers in the classroom. They put together lessons centered on important Saints in their own lives and taught the 2nd and 3rd grade students through skits, power point presentations and activities.

**Sharing Scripture**  
Our 5th grade students focused on the Scriptures by reading and leading classroom discussions with our 4th graders. They chose the Scriptures based on some of their favorite Gospel stories. It was a great way for our older students to show case their leadership qualities and share their faith.

**Advent Family Workshop**  
Families joined together for our workshop centered on the Advent wreath. Joshua Cochrac our seminarian led the morning teaching about what the Advent wreath symbolizes. Families then worked to put together their own wreath to take home and use during the season.

**Junior High PSR**  
New and exciting to our junior high students this year as we introduced Edge programming to our Jr. High curriculum. The whole year students learned about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit through a Super Hero theme. Nights were filled with prayer, games and small group discussions.

**Jr. High Christmas Service Project**  
Our Junior High students did a service project for Christmas and provided hats, gloves and scarves to the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. They were able to provide these needs for over 50 children.

There's a faith formation program for the children of God of every age. If you have questions or need additional information about how we can help pass on our faith in Jesus Christ to your child(ren) or grandchild(ren), please contact Janet Majka@StAmbrose.us.





Visit Us!  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2018**  
10:00 am-1:00 pm  
**JANUARY 13, 2019**  
10:00 am-1:00 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 for us and our students are challenged to reach their potential. Everything, for every student, every day.

**Saint Ambrose School is an exciting 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 Breanne Logue at 330.460.7318 or visit our website at:**

**www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us**

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

**SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 and 2018

	PRIOR YEAR 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
<b>SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>			
Tuition & Fees	\$1,414,635	\$1,490,229	\$1,507,100
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$205,259	\$196,647	\$200,000
Donations & Bequests	\$151,709	\$69,017	
Net Fund Raising	\$969	\$790	
Pre-School & Latchkey	\$286,703	\$291,000	\$288,000
Other Student Receipts	\$53,434	\$52,346	\$38,000
Other School Income	\$29,065	\$34,266	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,141,774</b>	<b>\$2,134,294</b>	<b>\$2,068,100</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,584,300	\$1,667,547	\$1,752,880
Instructional	\$111,737	\$99,616	\$55,700
Pre-School & Latchkey	\$189,740	\$197,556	\$202,575
Library	\$2,561	\$1,997	\$2,000
Utilities	\$61,786	\$61,751	\$61,200
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$138,492	\$151,694	\$112,250
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$14,212	\$16,903	\$18,500
Student Services	\$94,924	\$87,237	\$75,750
Administration	\$133,156	\$124,642	\$107,400
Capital Improvements (1)	\$174,689	\$103,165	\$39,083
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,505,597</b>	<b>\$2,512,109</b>	<b>\$2,427,338</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$(363,824)</b>	<b>\$(377,814)</b>	<b>\$(359,238)</b>

**NOTES:**  
1. See Page 17 for detail of School Capital Expenditures

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

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD & COMMITTEE

### CORE BOARD

Jennifer Buczak  
Annie Burrell  
Dan Charnigo  
Sandie Flowers  
Frank Gati, *Chair*  
Bob Gillingham  
Carrie Ruggiero  
Scott Scheutzw  
Tim Uhlik

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lisa Cinadr  
Jenni Collins  
Barb McTigue  
Dan Jucikas  
Erin Luckay  
Amy Gaal  
Joe Neff



**RISE UP, TAKE COURAGE AND DO IT!**  
-EZRA 10:4  
This year's theme challenges and empowers our students and staff to be the leaders and change agents in our time in history. We follow great people of faith who laid the groundwork for us to do something amazing, important, holy.



## WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE OUR FINE ARTS PROGRAM!

Last year we joined **Padua Franciscan High School's Elementary Instrumental Music Program** in which SAS is 1 of 6 diocesan schools where students receive instrumental instruction at school then perform with over 250 students in concerts throughout the school year.

- **SAS band and orchestra** membership has 22 students in 4th-8th grades.
- Our **school choir** grew to 50 students including cantors in 7th and 8th grades.
- 80 students participate in **theater** (our annual spring musical).
- **Visual Art students** show, compete and win awards at local, high school and national art festivals and competitions.
- **Graphic design and 3D printing** are included in our curriculum.



## STEAM DESIGNATION!

**SAS was the first to be named and 1 of only 2 STEAM schools in the State of Ohio!** This is a step up from our previous STEM designation. Our students learn and use Growth Mindset as they work to REACH. Saint Ambrose School students are: Resilient, Empowered, Accurate, Creative and Harmonious!



## WE ARE DATA DRIVEN!

Standardized assessments (MAP) proved continuous growth in all grade levels in Reading and Math. Scores are rising each year!



### 2017 State of Ohio AIR Test Results (SAS Algebra I students)

- 33/33 students (100%) were proficient or higher.
- Our average scaled score of 735 is at the accelerated level!
- All students were above the ODE average score of 703.
- 17/32 students tested at the advanced level.
- 6/32 students tested at the accelerated level.

### 2017 State of Ohio AIR Test Results (SAS Geometry students)

- 8/10 students (80%) were proficient or higher.
- Our average scaled score of 752 is at the accelerated level!
- All students were above the ODE average score of 692
- 6/10 students scored at the advanced level (the highest level there is!!!)



## EVERYTHING FOR EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY!

**We are a school of choice that began accepting State of Ohio scholarships.** This allowed us to open our doors to all families who desire a premier SAS education: **Jon Peterson Scholarship** for students with special needs and the **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship** for families with limited finances.

**We are a Better Together Pilot School!** This initiative of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland kicked off in October of 2017 with the purpose of assisting Catholic schools in welcoming students with special needs. SAS was one of a handful of schools to lead the way!

Saint Ambrose School was named the **Best Private School in Medina County** through the Medina County Lifestyle Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards.



Our theme of **"Let Your Light Shine"** enriched our school culture and had students **"Throwing Kindness Like Confetti"** when the **Be Kind Stick**



**Together** anti-bullying program was implemented. Students pledged to practice kindness and stick together against negative and anti-social behavior.





MORE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS!

Working with **Stark State College**, **College Credit Plus** classes in **Geospatial Technology** and **Biometrics** were added for our stronger students to gain high school and college credit at the same time!



Our student team worked on a **coding project to enhance White House security** and using a fingerprint scanner to learn about biometrics. This resulted in an invention they took to the **2018 BEST Medicine Engineering Fair** at the University of Akron in the spring. **They won: MedTrack Award, Technical Equipment Award and Third Place in the Medical Devices category.** Mollie Stracensky, Class of 2018, won the Ohio STEM Learning Network's middle school essay contest (top in the State of Ohio) for her work on this project.



Our **Littlest Angels Preschool** program celebrates its 10th Anniversary of providing a Catholic and creative learning environment for the young child to encourage spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth.

Our teachers are creating **21st Century classrooms** equipped for inquisitive students who deserve individualized instruction and resources. Gone are yesteryear's rows of desks facing forward. **21st Century students choose their "Smart Spots"** and best places for them to learn and be challenged.

**Promethean ActivPanel boards** have been installed in all classrooms with great thanks to our school families and supporters! This state of the art technology allows students and teachers to interact with curriculum in a whole new way. Travel to the Vatican or a sea turtle habitat? Absolutely via virtual field trips! Students' critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity rise to a whole new level.



We are one of a few elite public and even fewer Catholic schools in the state of Ohio that offers **Project Lead the Way to our Seventh Grade students.** This national curriculum gives our students "access to real-world, applied learning experiences that empower them to gain the skills they need to thrive in college, career and beyond" ([www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org)). We are working with Medina County Career Center as our sponsor and partner.

We added a **counselor to provide additional emotional support for our students.** We know our students as individual children of God. This is a first for SAS in response to our students' needs.

We upgraded our **Advanced English/Language Arts** program for identified Gifted/Talented students in Grades 3 through 8.

LITTLEST ANGELS

by Catherine Mitchell, Preschool Director

Welcome to a new school year at Littlest Angels Preschool! A new year full of faith, fun and learning! Our theme this year is **"Rise up, take courage and do it!"** We are introducing a new character development program this year called "Bucket Filling". **This is an easy to understand concept:** Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad. Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring and respectful. During this school year we are encouraging, reminding and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucket fillers at home, at school, and everywhere they go!

**Littlest Angels Preschool is supported by so many in our community and parish.** Buildings and Grounds Team, Maintenance Staff, the Parish Life Center Staff, Pastoral and Catechist Staff, School Staff and Administration (to name a few) all offer their continued love and support. It really does take a "parish family" to raise a child! Thank you to our wonderful parishioners!

*We can't wait to serve our families and our children and fill lots of buckets!*



FIRST COMMUNION

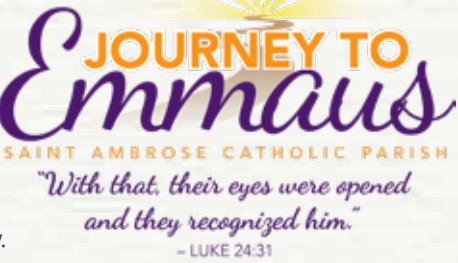
Sofia Adrovat	Logan DiMarino	Kaine Kalal	Kailey Osysko	Lucy Till
Maylee Almasie	Dylan Docherty	Kali Kavulic	Alex Oudeman	Dylan Tischler
Blake Andrasak	Matthew Duffala	Lola Kern	Chase Papp	Brielle Tobias
Braden Anzelone	Gabriella Duritza	Isabella Koenig	Alece Paroda	Noah Trimbach
Annabelle Bailey	Abigail Dziedzicki	Harper Koennecke	Ella Pawlowski	Xander Vavro
Gavin Ballok	Molly Egan	Kiley Koval	Cara Pecorelli	Nicholas Venere
Luka Bammerlin	Dylan Evert	Lyla Lanzer	Jacob Perchinske	Kendra Verlinden
Aiden Becker	Nolan Farley	Andrew Lazar	Kaila Peterson	Natalie Verlinden
Kacie Belz	Vincent Fodor	Lucas LeHue	Ryan Peterson	Evelyn Viton
Landon Bettis	Logan Fridley	Madyson Likovic	Allison Piatak	Nora Ward
Owen Blanc	Olivia Frimel	Ethan Logue	Vincent Pierce	Brody Wilson
Sophia Bloesinger	Mia Gaal	Nolan Lucas	Lucas Pop	Trevor Winkelman
Cameron	Cole Goebel	Valerie Markowski	Brennan Porec	Claire Wisniewski
Brocksieker	Noah Grassia	Evan Mason	Giada Poulos	Mason Woodring
Mariana Bryan	Elaina Graves	William Mayer	Bryson Purcel	Camryn Yarmesch
Adam Buskirk	Collin	Ethan McCartin	Andrew Rebish	Andrew Zambo
Campbell Butler	Grossenbaugh	Alyssa Mendise	Gabrielle Reck	Madison Zeszotek
Evan Carroll	Alysia Guciardo	Anthony Mendise	Avery Richards	Logan Zwiener
Mason Checovich	Alyssa Heidt	Kendall Menick	Bria Riedy	
Corley Cheek	Benjamin	Xavier Meyers	Noah Roksandich	
Adrianna Chesla	Heilman	Tyler Mickey	Mason Rumler	
Moya Cifranic	Olivia Horley	Elizabeth Miller	Aiden Rusk	
Isabella Coleman	Ava Immortica	Rebecca Miller	Alexander Sepesy	
Ian Collins	Madeline Jakub	Logan Mocniak	Allison Sherwood	
Mia DeBarr	Annalise Jindra	Matthew Monroe	Bella Shymske	
Rocco DeBolt	Landon Jones	Olivia Morgan	Dylan Sloan	
Ryan Dick	Aryanna Josefczyk	Renna Morrow	Jackson Strang	
Isaac Dietrich	Sabrina	Makayla Novak	Sophia Stricklett	
Liliana Diligente	Kaczmariski	Yara Odeh	Isaac Takacs	



JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

**You're invited! Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic faith?**

We would like to invite you to explore the possibilities of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Our Journey to Emmaus (formerly RCIA) is a wonderful process in which you can learn more about the Church, grow deeper in your faith and draw closer to God and the parish community.



If you are interested in learning more, or you know someone who might be, please contact us for more information!

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2017-2018 RCIA

Andrew Benjamin	Aarron Hulswitt	Maria Margida
Darren Cereskho	Michael Keller	Alex Molchan
Jason Dimos	KC Kokitka	Jeff Oros
Kenny Dimos	Jayna Koler	Zack Saylor
Jeremy Drnak	John Koliha	Ashley Tomecko
Jeff Duffala	Janna Kren	Kelly Zoltowski
Brodie Gagne	Josh Lichty	



*"Going through the RCIA program has been so fulfilling. It is like a piece of the puzzle was missing and has now been found. I can't believe I waited so long to accomplish this part of my life."*

- KELLY ZOLTOWSKI

*"Joining the RCIA program at St. Ambrose has enriched my life in a number of ways. I have found peace in my journey moving closer to God, as well as kindred spirits who have been so very supportive. I realize everyday the blessings of Christ, and I am truly grateful for the staff at St. Ambrose for helping to make my journey following the footsteps of Christ a meaningful and rewarding one."*

- MICHAEL KELLER





HELLO FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

The new school year is off to a great start – and there are a lot of great events and opportunities coming up in the next few weeks!

On Saturday, October 13, we'll be taking a group to participate in the annual Alpha Village Community Work Day in Cleveland. Last year over 80 of our teens joined us for this great day of service and community and each year the teens have a great experience and look forward to coming back. Projects include landscaping, painting, mulching, basic repairs, and more. Grab your friends and join us for this one-of-a-kind service project! Details and permission forms can be found at [www.myFIAT.us/forms](http://www.myFIAT.us/forms).

All new drivers are invited to come to Mass on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 10:30am and 5:00pm and receive a special blessing, prayer card and small gift after communion. If you have received your license in the past year, we look forward to congratulating you and sending you forth with our prayers and support!

Please keep an eye out – in the bulletin, on our website ([www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us)), our social media, and around the parish – for many great events and programs coming up, and always feel free to stop by the Youth Ministry Office or call us at 330.460.7387!

FIAT NIGHTS

Join us on Sunday evenings for 5pm Mass followed by FIAT from 6-8pm. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to gather for great food & friendship to share in discussion and grow in faith.



Check out [www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us) for details!

DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS :

**November 23**  
Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament  
**December 2**

Breakfast with St. Nick and St. Ambrose and their friends!



OUR CONFIRMANDI

Thomas Anderson	Ethan Jeanclerc	Carlee Phillips
Collin Apicella	Delaina Jones	Jordan Piskach
Andrew Basey	Matthew Jurkiewicz	Jacob Priebe
Grant Bell	Zackary Kacinari	Lukas Purgar
AnneMarie Bell	Nolan Kalal	Cameron Quesea
Isabella	Madison Karol	Olivia Raso
Berardinelli	Jacob Keller	Darren Reinker
Kyle Borsuk	Dominic Kestranek	Gianna Ricciardi
Ryan Brady	Kylie Kirkpatrick	Tomas Rimac
Brielle Buchko	Camryn Knapik	Noah Rupp
Antonio Buttitta	Brandon Koenig	Kaitllyn Scheutzow
Olivia Campbell	Marissa Koneval	John Schmidt
Mercedes Candow	Sophia Kortan	Adam Senyitko
Anthony Castrigano	Braeden Kozell	Andrew Skoczen
Sarah Cavallaro	Brandon Kraft	Ashli Snider
Luc Alan Cossette	Joshua Kross	Briana Sonogo
Anthony Costanzo	Kendra Kuchta	Katelyn Stibley
Callie Cotter	Jacob Kustra	Daniel Stracensky
Hannah Craddock	Victoria Lawrence	Ryan Strmac
Leah Danish	Addison Lewis	Sydney Tarbuck
Meghan Deighton	Alexa Mackey	Abigail Thomas
Alexander Dietrich	Samuel Manocchio	Marisa Thomas
Samantha Drum	Mariella Mason	Landen Tobias
Marcus Drzal	Stephen Mata	Dejan Tolanov
Samuel Ehrbar	Brandon Matheis	Maya Ursem
Shawn Feistamel	Hannah McComas	Nicolle Valentik
Meghan Ferrante	Margaret McGinnis	Megan Wallace
Haley Fink	Aidan Meidenbauer	Samuel Weber
Matthew Fischer	Gabriel Mernik	Gracie Weske
Aiden Fitzgerald	Nicholas Merva	Michaela Wick
Hannah Gerber	Katerina Metheney	Lauren Wiertel
Melanie Gnall	Griffin Mitchell	Jacob Wild
Molly Gobble	Tyler Morgan	Alexandra Wilson
Mallory Goodwin	Madeline Murphy	Nicholas Wojcik
Bryce Gosnick	Zachary Must	Zachary Yanke
Brianna Grabowski	Madelyn Neff	Nicholas Yanuck
Nicholas Grassia	Piper Nelson	Emma Zadzilka
Brady Gullatta	KaraBeth Nemet	Mathew Zelenka
Sean Haley	Zachary Nuti	Rebecca Zemanek
Kaylee Hankey	Dana Oehme	Carter Zimmerman
Timothy Hanlon	Jack Pacek	Morgan Zola
Brianna Helman	Jessica Palkovits	Monica Zoltowski
Brooke Helman	Cole Parete	
James Homady	Emma Petriski	

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Actual for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018

Needed Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

PARISH:	PRIOR YEAR 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
Land Improvement	2,200	1,666	
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep	22,125	2,647	13,417
Parking Lot	19,382		7,500
Church Renovation (1)		175,948	
Phone System Replacements	403		
Parish Veh, Eqt, Furniture		2,096	2,500
Lehner Center (2)		10,593	
Rectory	12,340	1,668	
Music/AV Equipment		1,907	
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen	17,174		
Parish Office Furn/Equip	2,866	2,081	
Computers & Equipment	2,097	9,860	12,000
Other (3)	1,500	4,944	
Parish Total	80,087	213,411	35,417
SCHOOL:			
Parking Lot/Land Improvement	12,197	1,063	7,500
Building and Additions	7,458		
Building Renovation (4)	119,352	58,722	5,583
Capital Improvement (Univents)			20,000
Computers and Related (5)	17,021	31,538	2,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (6)	18,661	11,844	4,000
School Total	174,689	103,165	39,083
TOTAL PARISH & SCHOOL	254,776	316,576	74,500

NOTES:

1. The Budget for 2017/18 included the cost of design and engineering work for the Church repair and renovation. The expense for 2018/19 will come from the Generations of Faith capital appeal. See page 3 for details.
2. Workstations, Carpet
3. Freezer Extension, Nativity King Statue
4. Doors, Floor replace, Hallway ventilation, Bathrooms/Staircase Renovation
5. Chromebooks and Computers
6. Desks, Chairs, Freezer Extension, Lockers

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

PARISH EVENTS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

	2017	2018
Summer Festival*	96,718	91,371
Bingo	53,575	115,133
Fish Fry	26,176	27,758
Golf Outing	12,954	10,200
TOTAL	189,423	244,462

\* Parish Summer Festival suffered rainy days.

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.



Save the Dates!

ALL SOULS MASS

Friday, 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 10, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
November 11, 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 22, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Saint Ambrose Parish opens its doors to the community for the 10th annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal.

For the past nine 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 22  
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.





CAMPAIGN RECAP AND UPDATE

God bless our good members!

This past year we embarked on a capital campaign to raise money for the repair and renovation of our church. The campaign name, 'Generations of Faith, Together for the Glory of God,' became a fitting description of how the parish community rallied around these efforts. Generations of Faith, the young and the old alike, came together and pledged over \$4,490,000!

Almost 800 families participated in the campaign which began in December and ended in May. The campaign committee made thousands of phone calls and dozens of visits in a few short months to share the story of the needed repairs and the possibility of what our church could look like if we all came together!

Thanks to so many of you, we broke ground a few weeks ago and the construction process is well underway! Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions along the way – or if you haven't yet made a pledge to the Generations of Faith campaign, please reach out to Jake Bihari – JBihari@StAmbrose.us. It's not too late!

CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE:

Campaign Volunteers:	27
Total Pledges:	789
Amount Pledged:	\$4,491,631.35
Increased Offertory:	15+

Pre-construction work has already begun on our church project. Marous Brothers Construction is the General Contractor for the project. The Diocese approved the contract with MBC for \$4,540,885\* with substantial completion expected by Easter of 2019. For more information and details about the project, please go to: [www.StAmbrose.us/vision2020](http://www.StAmbrose.us/vision2020).

\*Plus the costs of a/v, security, pews, chairs and Liturgical art, see the next page for complete budget.



CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Janice Avery	Richard & Carole Nowak
Robert & Therese Bartchak	Father Robert Ramser
Deacon Clem & Caroline Belter	Mary Ann Riess
Jacob Bihari	Michael & Mary Jo Schall
Robert & Linda Cebula	Father Robert Stec
Gary & Linda Chesnik	Patricia Strazar
Lisa Cinadr	Donald & Christine Styka
Robert & Patrice Downs	Steven & Michele Sumner
Joseph Gendron	Gary & Sharyne Tomazic
Steven & Kathleen Jake	Michael & Ashley Truchan
Joanne Lynch	Jeffrey & Diane Trush
Jeffrey & Amanda McCrary	Victor & Janice Urzycki
Sean & Karen McGreer	Gail Wagner
	Thomas & Heather Welsh, Jr.



CHURCH COST:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

Marous Brothers Construction	\$4,540,885
Front Entry Addition	
SW Vestibule Addition	
Additional Restroom	
Restroom renovation	
New Sacristy	
New Cry Room (Bride's room)	
New Roof and HVAC	
Dormers to replace Skylights	
Ceiling Fans/New Lighting	
Music Ministry Area	
Mary Shrine Area	
Painting, carpeting, etc.	
Performance bonds required by diocese	(\$43,585)

INTERIOR AND LITURGICAL ITEMS:

Altar	
Ambo	
Baptismal Font	
Crucifix	
Cantor Stand	
Holy Water Fonts	
Mary Statue with votive lights for shrine	
Processional Cross and Candles	
Saint Joseph Relief	
Sanctuary Light	
Koehn Sculptures	\$ 287,000
Pews (kneelers and book racks on back of pews)	
Chairs for Choir, flex seating and Chapel	
Stained Glass Removal and Installation	
Stained Glass Cleaning	
Stations of the Cross	
Henningers Religious Goods	\$ 322,000

SOUND, TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY

Sound System	
Entry Monitors	
Fire system (Emergency pull stations, strobes, etc.)	
Security for Church and Chapel	\$140,000

PARKING LOT AND LANDSCAPING

Handicap Spaces off south road	
Regrade of front entry parking lot	
Base level landscaping	\$200,000

TOTAL FOR CHURCH RENOVATION:	\$5,490,885
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FACTORS THAT IMPACTED THE INCREASED COST:

- Cost of materials has increased significantly
- Very tight construction/labor market
- Addition of new Nail Based Insulation on peaked roof to address humidity, moisture, and ability for roof to breathe (\$61,900)
- Upgrade entire electrical system (due in part to water damage) (\$74,030)
- Sprinkler System for entire Church along with installation of new water line to supply the system per Fire Code (\$145,000)
- South Addition requires a basement as to not undermine the current Church foundation along with an additional bathroom to meet code (\$111,373)
- Additional Site Lighting for ADA parking per code (\$55,314)
- Additional handicap parking for south road to address code (\$39,950)
- Increase in material costs and labor costs (\$350,000)
- The Chapel Renovation, being paid for by Parish Fish Fry and Festival Proceeds (\$54,867)

TOTAL: \$838,000





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### Prayer Tree

Many of you know the Nemet Family. Back in early September, nine year old Collin was diagnosed with a brain tumor that has required extensive surgery, hospitalization, and will need ongoing radiation/chemo. **Please keep young Collin in your prayers.**

Some of Collin's friends wanted to do 'something' to help Collin, and all of our young people and members who are struggling with health issues. **They decided to create a Prayer Tree down by the grotto.**

**Simply write the name of your prayer intention on a ribbon and tie it on the tree.** It will serve as a reminder for all who go to the grotto (many people!) to hold our loved ones close to the Lord in prayer.

**The Prayer Tree will be dedicated at the Autumn Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 6 at the Grotto Mass at 5 pm.**

Please continue to pray for all of our members, especially our young members, who are sick and in need of God's healing grace and peace.



## THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

For the past several years, Saint Ambrose has been blessed with extremely generous Community Partners! These community partners are 'Game Changers' for the life of our parish. **They allow us to care for those in need, host great family events for FREE and allow us to carry on the Mission of Christ.**

Thank you to the **Pantek family and Brunswick Auto Mart** for their continued support of the parish raffle and festival. With their generous support, we are able to raise thousands of dollars for our parish! If you need a car, talk to our friends at Brunswick Auto Mart and thank them for their support!

Many thanks to **Sam LoFaso of LoFaso Real Estate Services.** With Sam's generous Give-Back Program, 10% of earned commission comes back to the parish. If you need any guidance in the home buying or selling process, please contact Sam!

Many thanks to **Michael Koler and Koler Financial Group!** Mike has been a Community Partner for a few years and has helped guide a number of our members through the financial planning process and retirement planning. Mike is honest and makes it easy and comfortable! If you need financial advice, contact Koler Financial Group to get started!

**As always, thank you to Marc's!** From the festival, to community meals, to holiday food distribution, Marc's is another 'Game Changer' for our parish. They help us do so much for so many!

**Please thank our Community Partners by supporting their businesses.**

If you are interested in becoming a Saint Ambrose Community Partner, Please reach out to us! Contact Jake Bihari at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us).

## Thank you to our Saint Ambrose Community Partners



God Bless our Community Partners! Their support of our parish allows us to do great good throughout the year. Please Support their businesses. More information can also be found on the website: [www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us)