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Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 41:10



We are a Catholic Community of Faith, Centered on Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 8

Men's Fall Retreat

SEPTEMBER 9

FIAT Kick-Off

SEPTEMBER 15

Men's Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 16

Catechetical Sunday

SEPTEMBER 22

Steak Roast

SEPTEMBER 23

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field

SEPTEMBER 24

Women's Guild Salad Luncheon

SEPTEMBER 29

Clam Bake

OCTOBER 6

Autumn Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 12

Women's Fall Retreat

OCTOBER 13-17

Fall Parish Mission with Adam Storey

OCTOBER 20

Ramserfest

OCTOBER 27

Halloween NEON Bingo

OCTOBER 28

Halloween Party Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Generations of Faith & Family

A few weeks back, I stopped over my brother's house only to find him cooking up a storm. As I approached the kitchen, I saw one of my mom's favorite cookbooks, "Hungarian Cooking Made Simple" (although, we are Slovak and Polish). It was a touching moment to see my mom's book and her handwritten notes. It was her way to 'pass on' the recipe.

Each generation has both the blessing and opportunity to receive and pass on the 'recipe' for a strong family – and a blessed life – a life pleasing to God.

This year our parish will celebrate the Generations of Faith that create our parish family – a family strong and alive in the Lord. It gives all of us an opportunity to reflect on what matters most – faith and family. It also gives us a moment to 'pass on' to each other the 'recipe' for strong family and community life.

Take some time to page through our parish newsletter. It's filled with wonderful opportunities to grow closer to the Lord, strengthen the bonds of family life, and create a community filled with God's spirit.

May God bless you and your family.

Take care.

Father Bob Stee

P.S. Jane Baldwin is working to bring the 'Generations of Faith' theme to life by creating a Parish Cookbook. Start thinking of your 'favorite' recipe and watch for details.



Meet the Harrington Family



Kim Harrington grew up in Saint Ambrose Parish and attended the day school. After moving to Boston where she lived for ten years and married her husband Ryan, the Harrington's moved back to Ohio in 2009. Kim and Ryan have truly become part of the Saint Ambrose Community. They have four children, Luke, Kelly, Cato, who all attend the day school and Mary who is 2. When they are not working and spending time with their children, Kim and Ryan give much of their time to Saint Ambrose. They view the Saint Ambrose Parish Family as an extension of their own family and have made many wonderful friendships while growing in their faith since

joining the Parish. Ryan and Kim are a great example of what it means to be part of the family of God, and we are blessed to have the opportunity to work with and learn from them both.

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!

Lisa Akins & Family
John & Janet Baird & Family
Sandy Baraona
Steven & Angela Boie & Family
John Kovacs & Candace Bradley
Joyce Brady
Ron & Linda Brady
Chris & Nichole Caleris & Family
Frank & Holly Ciryak & Family
Frank DiSiena & Liane DiGiandomenico &
Family
Kevin Domann

Maria Donofrio & Family
Michael & Valerie Erdelyi & Family
Aarron Hulswitt & Natalie Pajesta & Family
Joan Kmiecik
Shaun Lipp & Family
Brian Lorenzo & Kathryn O'Sullivan & Family
Matthew Margosian & Lesley Mitchell &
Family
William & Tina McLaughlin & Family
Christopher & Jamie McVey & Family
Jere & Traci Mickler & Family
David & Sandra Mihalik

Charlene Murphy
Mark & Kathy Polman
Christopher Popp & Ann Giacomoni
Frank & Kathleen Racco
Abraham & Lisa Reshad & Family
David & Meghan Rieth & Family
Michael & Heather Shultz & Family
Stephanie Stubbs
Robert & Constance Surella & Family
George Walbolt
Daniel & Emily Whelan & Family

Thank you for supporting our Parish Summer Festival Raffle!

We want to thank everyone from the parish and community for supporting the raffle.

The raffle is important to our parish. We came so very close to our goal even with the rainy weather this year. It is a testament to wonderful people - you! We want to thank all those that worked the raffle booth and behind the scenes, purchased tickets and especially a BIG thank you to our sponsors who donated the amazing prizes. Working the raffle booth is

truly special as we get to meet so many wonderful people and listen to the stories of how God and Saint Ambrose have touched their lives. Congratulations to this year's winners!

- Lisa & Bob Hicks



Brunswick AutoMart

God bless the Panteck family for their continued support of Saint Ambrose Parish and our 11th annual



Summer Festival Raffle! Each year, they step up and provide us with a car as our top prize! If you need a car, stop by Brunswick Auto Mart to say thanks!

Encompass the World Travel

Special thanks to Bill Coyle and our friends at Encompass the World Travel for their generosity in donating a



Disney trip for our 11th annual Summer Festival Raffle! If you're planning a trip and want to take away the burden and stress, stop by Encompass the World and talk to Bill. His decades of experience will ensure you have a great and safe trip!

Men's Fall Retreat

September 8-9

Spend a weekend reflecting on scriptures and walking the grounds of Loyola Retreat House in Green while enjoying the fall foliage during personal quiet time. \$80.00 per person covers room and meals. www.StAmbrose.us/MensRetreat

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field Go Tribe! Sunday September 23, 2018

Join Fr. Bob, the Cleveland Indians and other parishioners for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field. We will start the day with Mass at 10:15am Fr. Bob presiding visit our website www.StAmbrose.us for more information and discount ticket code.

Annual Steak Roast presented by The Knights of Columbus Brunswick Council

Saturday, September 22, 2018 6:00-9:00pm

All are welcome to join us for a great family event! Steak dinner, kids meals, DJ, raffle, side boards and more. Tickets are \$20 for steak dinner and \$6 for a kid's meal Proceeds to benefit the Saint Ambrose Generations of Faith Church Renovation Campaign. www.StAmbrose.us/SteakRoast

Women's Guild Salad Luncheon

Monday, September 24 at 11:30 am

All women of the parish are invited to join us for a wonderful afternoon at Saint Ambrose. A delicious salad luncheon will be served as well as live entertainment from Singing Hands. Tickets are \$17 - on sale now! www.StAmbrose.us/SaladLuncheon

Annual Clam Bake

Saturday, September 29th 5:30-9:00pm

Come enjoy a fun evening starting with a delicious clam/chicken dinner, karaoke fun, raffle baskets, and photo booth. This a wonderful event for the whole family. Tickets are \$25 clams/chicken \$20 chicken only and \$8 kids meal 12 and under. Contact Helen Lanzarotta at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us for more information.











Welcome the fall with our annual

Autumn Harvest Festival

October 6, 2018

Saturday from 5:00-8:00pm

- Outdoor Mass at 5:00pm at the Grotto (bring your own chairs)
- Dinner, Games & Activities after Mass!
- We'll supply the burgers and hot dogs!
- · Bring a dessert to share! Drop-off in Hilkert Hall Thursday, October 5th or Friday, October 6th
- · Sports Teams show your Angel Pride and wear your sports jersey!
- Chili cook-off \$1.00/bowl to benefit the mission!



Fun Activities all Night!

- Corn Maze
- Photo Booth
- Sack Races
- Bonfire
- · Hay Pit
- Kids Craft
- Face Painting
- Hayrides
- Pumpkin Painting
- Pumpkin Bowling
- Pumpkin Ring Toss
- Fall Family Pics



3rd Annual Ramserfest ka Par

Saturday, October 204 6:00-9:00pm

Delicious homemade Polish food, Babcia made, including kielbasa and sauerkraut, cabbage & noodles, pierogis, stuffed cabbage and homemade dessert! Ethnic beer and wine also available.

Raffle for Sokolowski Gift Certificate Live Music by TOM MROCZKA & THE MUSIC BOX Band



Pre-sale tickets only!

\$20 Adult • \$12 Children Under 12 Available at the Parish Office in the PLC. Call 330-460-7300 for more information or questions.

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

Cozy Cabin Women's Retreat

October 12-14

Join us for the weekend as we find shelter and comfort in God as our foundation through a variety of activities, worship, discussion, quiet reflection, Christian service, team-building activities and more. More details regarding itinerary, cost, etc. will follow. For questions or more information, contact Lisa at Lhomady@stambrose.us at 330.460.7315 or JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us.



Music Ministry Update:
Greetings Saint Ambrose Family!

Doesn't the adult choir sound amazing? We have so much fun at our rehearsals, while maintaining focus on the quality and sacredness of music. It's not just about the music, but more importantly that we are all surrounded by the care and compassion of others through Jesus Christ. I think you'll love it, and you don't have to be a "professional" to join this faithful ministry. Reach out to me today MFodor@StAmbrose.us

Our Angel's Choir is expanding, and growing in faith and **song.** They will be singing more often at the 9AM mass on Sunday in addition to holy days, holidays and special liturgies. We are always looking to add new students in grades 2-8 to the Angel's Choir. It's a great opportunity to engage our children, and educate them, while having fun at the same time.

What a year it was for the Bells of Saint Ambrose! Simply put, this choir exceeded expectations. They not only rang for masses and special liturgies, but even came together in a pinch to send parishioners home to the Lord. What a blessing to share the goodness of God through them.

Max has made good progress building an ensemble for the Saturday 4:30pm mass. Look for this to move forward this year, as we envision to introduce more instruments

and voices. It's amazing to see how different people come together, learn about and listen to each other to grow a small, simple seed into a bountiful harvest. Ready to join and become part of a fruitful group? Contact Max at MMenkhaus@StAmbrose.us

God bless, Matthew Fodor Director of Music Ministry

Generations of Faith & Family Meet Bob and Donna Howski



Active parishioners of Saint Ambrose for over 40 years, you can only imagine how much they have blessed us all by serving with dedication over the years. Bob and Donna raised four children, who attended Saint Ambrose day school, and during that time, they worked many Bingos, festivals and fish fries. Bob has been more than a trusty handy man by working in maintenance for over 30 years, first under Father Hilkert and then for Father Bob. Bob has helped in numerous construction projects around campus and was one of the first to volunteer and serve on the Building and Grounds Group since it started. Donna was a part of the 2nd women's renewal in 1982. Since Donna's retirement, she has volunteered her time to help the accounting crew with data entry, miscellaneous work and lent a

hand at many fish fries and festivals. Together Bob and Donna have touched us all by serving on the Community Outreach Program. They both feel that serving over the years has been an "eye opener" to them. Bob and Donna said: "We take for granted our own good health and minor illnesses. There are so many people who need our help, and we are willing to take a few hours a week to help those people." We can be grateful to Bob and Donna for being the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are all called to be faithful stewards of the Lord.



Get involved in upcoming **Music Ministry opportunities:**

Adult Choir - Rehearses Wednesday 6:30-8:15pm Angel's Choir - Rehearses Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 2-8) 4:30pm Ensemble - Rehearses at 3:15pm prior to 4:30pm mass Bell Choir - Rehearses Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm 5PM Teen Ensemble - Rehearse Thursday 6:30-7:30pm

New Life Choir - Rehearses once per month-sings for funerals as they arise

Instrumentalists and Cantors

- Contact Matthew for specific information!



In Memorium

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.

Lynn Adams Richard Coleman **Anthony DeMutis** Anthony DiFranco Merle Erbs John Ference William Forister Timothy Fortuna Angel Frost Ed Gedeon Henry Guzel Eleanor Haboustak **Christine Hughes** Carol Jenks Rita Kline Marie Kocevar Stanley Lukas Thomas Mangan James Nutter Vincent Pastva Robert Petrucz Ruth Ratka Joseph A. Rice Anthony Rumler James Salvino Lois Schultz David Weber Jennifer Ann Wirkus James Yurick

If you experience the loss of a loved one, know that we are here for you. Please call the Parish Office at 330,460,7300 and let us know how we can support you and remember your loved one.

Fall Parish Mission with Adam Storey

Life of Passion, Life of Love October 13-17

In this parish mission Adam Storey will show how a life of passion must be rooted in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus where we encounter the most passionate lover conceivable. It is in Jesus where we find fulfillment of our heart's deepest desires.

Adam will explore the value of this relationship, common challenges to this relationship, and he'll offer practical and simple ways for everyone to grow in this most precious relationship with God.

First Night: Passionate Hearts

Second Night: When the Rubber Meets the Road

Third Night: Let's get Real

Find more details about all three nights, as well as Adam Storey on the website. www.StAmbrose.us/FallMission







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.

We are getting ready to train our first class of Stephen Ministers in September. Applications will be available at the front office.

If you would like an application or more information contact Jane Baldwin at 330.460.7381 JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315 LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

MEET THE TEAM!

www.StAmbrose.us/StephenMinistry

What a weekend!

Our 11th Annual Parish Festival was one of the best ones yet! This year we were blessed with a number of members who stepped up to be booth captains and it truly made a difference! Even with two rainy nights, our festival was a great success!

▶ MANY THANKS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, who gave their time and energy before, during and after the festival to ensure its success! This year's booth captains made an incredible commitment to make their booth successful and it truly showed! Thank you.

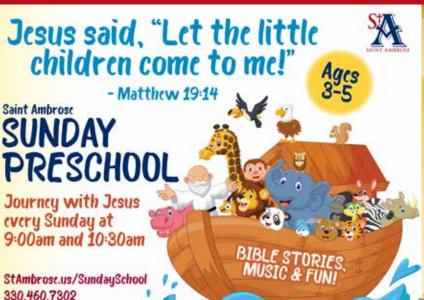
▶ MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. We had over 800 volunteers this year, setting up the festival, selling beverages and food, cooking, running games, picking up trash or cleaning tables. Everyone worked together to make the festival clean, welcoming and family friendly – something that we constantly hear separates from all the rest.

▶ RAFFLE TICKET BUYERS! Thank you to everyone who purchased their raffle tickets And a special thanks to Brunswick Auto Mart, Universal Windows Direct, Encompass The World and Marc's - with their generosity and support we had some incredible prizes!

► THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS! One of the game changers for the festival – and our parish throughout the year – are our Community Partners. In addition to our raffle sponsors, great community and family-minded companies support. What we do throughout the year! Please remember to support and patronize their businesses.



Jesus loves children - and children are better when they love Jesus!

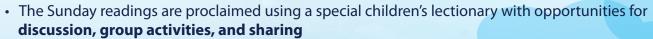


Partnering with you in raising your child in the ways of the Lord.



CLOW (Childrens Liturgy of the Word)

- Open to all children in 1st Grade through 3rd Grade
- Available during Saturday, 4:30pm & Sunday, 9am & 10:30am Masses
- Provides the children with a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass that is geared especially for them



• Children receive a take-home activity sheet which enhances the weekly lesson from the gospel.

**After the opening prayers of the Mass, the celebrant calls the children forward along with an adult leader to receive a special blessing before processing to the Chapel for children's Liturgy of the Word. The children then rejoin their families in Church prior to the Presentation of the Gifts during the Offertory. They remain with their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the remainder of Mass.

Thank you to our Saint Ambrose Community Partners









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The beginning is near.

By now, you've seen the trailer and the fence around the Church. It's a clear sign that something is going to happen soon.

Over the past few weeks we have been working hard with our contractor, Marous Brothers Construction, to secure bids and finalize the budget for our Church repair and renovation. We have received permission from the Diocese to proceed with the project once we have final paperwork and contracts completed.



We would like to share with you the updated model of the Church along with the complete/final budget for the project. As you can imagine, with the 'hot' building market and increase in material and labor costs, the project budget is higher than initially estimated.

You and your support are making this important effort possible for our community. We invite you to visit

the website: www.StAmbrose.us/Vision2020 to see the updated rendering of the church, the construction timeline and the complete budget.

Please continue to pray that God will guide and bless our efforts. May this church be a blessing for our entire community and serve us well now and for generations to come.

The Vision 20/20 Committee

