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SAINT AMBROSE PARISH NEWSLETTER WEARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH, CENTERED ON JESUS CHRIST WHO IS EVERYTHING FOR US!

# SUMMER EVENTS

MAY 26 Rat Pack & More Dinner Show

JUNE 1 StAR4Life 5K and 1 Mile Run / Walk

JUNE 9 Fr. Rob Farewell Donut Sunday / Community Meal

JUNE 10 - AUGUST 7 SAS Summer Camp

JUNE 16-17 FIAT Lock-In

JUNE 20-23 Summer Festival

JUNE 25, 26 & 28 Jr. High Summer Service Camp "Embark with the Service of God"

**JULY 4** 9:00 am Mass

JULY 8-12 Vacation Bible School

JULY 20 Outdoor Mass & Movie

JULY 21 Donut Sunday/ Community Meal

AUGUST 4 The FEST

AUGUST 18 Donut Sunday/ Community Meal

#### A Whirlwind of Emotion! Letter from Our Pastor

Easter was an amazing day for our community. As we celebrated the joy of the Risen Lord, the feeling of joy and excitement was palpable in the Church. **What a great and glorious day!** 

The joy of welcoming **11 new members** into the life of the Church at the Vigil was inspiring...wonderful...blessed. You could see the signs of new life abound.

As the Church continues to 'wrap up', the sense of anticipation is evident as we settle back in with the first funeral...the first wedding...the first Baptism...the first school Mass. **It's been blessed.** 

Amid all the excitement came the very difficult news of our emails being hacked and important/precious funds for the project were gone. Needless to say, this was heartbreaking, distressing, and painful.

**Celebrating Father Rob's birthday** was a showcase of the goodness of our community which he has come to love, while receiving news that he is completing his four year assignment to our parish and will be moving to Saint Angela Merici in Fairview Park on June 11.

With the bittersweet of seeing Fr. Rob move on, we have the joy of welcoming **Father Jeremy Mertzweiler** and **Father Bob Lorkowski** to our community. We are blessed.

We had the joy of sharing in **Deacon Matt Harley's** ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving and witness his 'yes' to the Lord as a deacon, while at the same time giving thanks to God for the faithful service of **Deacon Clem Belter** (40 years) and **Deacon Gary Tomazic** (10 years). Throw in Confirmation, First Eucharist, Graduations, end of the year celebrations and the ramp up to summer....it's a whirlwind of emotions. In the joys and the struggles, what is so clear is that our very good and gracious God has the deepest desire to walk with us...accompany us.... every step of the way. That's our hope and God's promise to us over and again.

Our parish family is richly blessed by the Goodness of God and amazing, wonderful members like you. Thank you for your continued support. Please take some time to read through this edition of the Angelus. As always, it's filled with great information about wonderful people...upcoming programs....the great good we do together for the Lord.

As God walks faithfully with us through all the moments of our lives, let's renew our commitment, especially during these summer months, to walk faithfully and prayerfully with the Lord.

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**P.S. Our Summer Festival is a great celebration of our community.** Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us Thursday – Sunday, June 20-23, 2019 for great food, incredible music, fun games, and amazing people. See the back cover of the newsletter for all the details.



#### Unsung Hero Father Rob Ramser

Fr. Rob has blessed St. Ambrose for the past four years- his smile, laugh, and caring and compassionate ways have been felt by thousands of people throughout our parish and community. His energy



and enthusiasm have brought so much joy to so many people- all of Fr. Rob's events, trips, book clubs, talks, etc. have been so enjoyed by all of us. But most importantly, the faith that Fr. Rob exudes has been priceless. He himself has been so touched by God's love and mercy, and he has a true passion to help others feel God's grace, love and care. Fr. Rob is such a shining example of what God's love looks and feels like- and for all of us that have had those meaningful conversations with Fr. Rob knows, that "at the end of the day, God's love is what we all need. At the end of the day, God's love will get us through anything." Thank you, Fr. Rob, for all that you have done for St. Ambrose, for all that you have been to each and every one of us, and for always being God's love, care, heart and hands for all of us! We have been truly blessed, and you will be truly missed!

#### Fr. Rob Farewell Party!

Our parish has been blessed to watch Father Rob Ramser grow from a newly ordained priest to a priest who now has a depth and breathe of wisdom and grace. We've seen him mature over these four years into a shepherd for the flock with the pastoral care and tender mercy of Christ. We have been blessed by his wonderful ministry and generous service to our community. He has been blessed to share the journey (and about 20 bus trips) with so many wonderful people and our dynamic and faith-filled parish community.

Let's come together to give thanks to God for Father Rob and his priestly service to our parish.

Sunday, June 9, 2019 Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00 noon Reception to follow in Hilkert Hall / Gym

This is not good-bye, it's a moment to express our sincere thanks to God. Please join us.



#### **Boring Summer Break? Try Alpha!** Alpha now has a film Series that is emotive, engaging and epic in scale & scope.

This summer we will be offering our first ever teen Alpha series run by teens. Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage students in conversations about life, faith, and Jesus. Discussion time is interspersed throughout the short talks to make it simpler for them to share their thoughts and questions. It's great for any teen interested in asking the big, daunting questions about life with a nonjudgmental group of their peers. The teen sessions are every Wednesday starting on June 12 at 6:30 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney room.

Any and all teens are welcome! Invite a friend to bring along that may have questions about life and faith's role in it. If you are interested, contact Jane Baldwin, Spiritual Life Coordinator at 330.460.7381 or JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us for more information.

#### **Faithful Servants of the Lord** Deacon Clem Belter & Deacon Gary Tomazic

Deacon Clem Belter is celebrating his 40th anniversary of Ordination as a Deacon for the Church. He has served our parish community with great spirit and generosity. Deacon Gary Tomazic is celebrating his 10th anniversary of his ordination.

These two special occasions for our Deacons gives us great reason to celebrate. Please join Deacon Clem and Deacon Gary and their families for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 26 for the 10:30 am Mass with a reception to follow in Hilkert Hall.

### Get your Summer Festival Raffle Tickets online!

The Festival is a great time for everyone. It helps us raise the funds we need to support our parish community and especially helps us meet the cost of the Church repair and renewal. Your help would be greatly appreciated with the Festival Raffle. You can win GREAT prizes and thanks to our wonderful friends, all the proceeds support our parish community.

#### www.StAmbrose.us/Raffle



#### to our Parish Community!

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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!

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Fanyi & Jozette Kong Nicholas & Kassidy Kopy Russell & Erin Lake Kristen Lovejoy James & Karen Mangan Mike & Connie Meadows Bruce & Karen Meyer **Beverly Mraz** Bradley & Aneta Mullins Patricia Nikodym Steven O'Malley Michael & Liam Paul **Cassandra** Peters John Porcelli Diana Rickbrodt Jason & Karen Soltis Irene Stoffko Christopher & Breanne Studor Sandi Terlop **Bryan Vedrody** Allen & Kate Voss Andrew & Anne Warren

#### Reactions to our Renewed Church

Talking into the Church for V the first time on Easter morning truly brought tears to my eyes. The space is warm, bright and inviting. The strength of the altar and ambo help to solidify the truth and abiding presence of Christ in his Church and in my own heart. The crucifix blew me away; he suffered not only for us all but for me individually and he would do it all over again if I were the only sinner on earth - that is the depth and breadth of his love and mercy. What a blessing our renovated church is not only for us, but for future generations as we continue to pass on the beauty and truth of our faith."



Seeing the church, refreshed and updated after Easter was symbolic and meant so much to our family. As we wrapped up Lent, it was a perfect transition to spring and new the promises we had made together as a family. Everything about it feels Holy, calm, safe, full of life and love, we are amazed by the renovation."

The past few months we loved seeing the renovations photos and videos to catch a peek at the progress. It was remarkable to see what was accomplished from Christmas to Easter. On Easter Sunday I took in the beauty of everything that was fresh and new, but one of my favorite things was that our Church still felt familiar to me. I feel proud knowing that my little family helped repair and refresh a meaningful place for us."

List as of January 3-April 24

## Called home to the Lord...

#### 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.

- Ruth Heffke Janet Lee Bezacqua John L. Sulitis Charles A. Kossuth Thomas McGill Kathryn Donnelly
- Charles F Williams Rose McNoldy Ruth M. Van Maele William Rabatin David Baytosh Donna Penkava
- Anne Litty Diane Collins Joyceann Rollins Robert H. Williams Madeline Wolf Dennis Kitko
- Mary Mishaga Betty Bates Gene Kulik Michael Smith Mary Pezzuti Mary Alice Kalka
- Ernest Jablonski Sheila McIntyre Paul Schueller Catherine Canfield Annette Chriszt Paul Knapp

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. List as of January 3-April 24.

#### **Community Day of Service**

#### Thank you for coming together to truly be the hands of the Lord!

On April 27, we had almost 500 volunteers coming together to truly be the hands of the Lord. So many of our parishioners volunteered their time and energy to help those in need. Our volunteers completed over 50 projects at various parishioners homes, community organizations, and campus projects. As the morning was filled with sunshine and everyone was cleaning up yards, God's light was shining down on all that was involved. Thank you so much to all of our team leaders and the hundreds of volunteers that came together to do the work of the Lord!



"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." John: 12: 26

#### **Stephen Ministry** Saint Ambrose has been blessed with 18 new Stephen Ministers!

Since September, they have joined us faithfully week after week being trained extensively to be the heart of the Lord and walk with others in their time of need. All of our members have been commissioned to help others when they have been faced with challenging times- our Stephen Ministers truly are filled with caring hearts, selfless energy and time, and huge amounts of compassion. We are so blessed with our members that have committed themselves by serving the Lord.

If you find yourself in the need of a Stephen Minister, please feel free to contact Lisa Homady or Carol Maline.



# SCHOOL NEWS

#### A Message from Mrs. Lisa Cinadr, Principal



Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool was designated by the **Partnership for 21st Century Learning/Batelle for Kids as one of only 18 P21 Exemplar schools across the nation!** This award is confirmation of the innovative excellence provided every day for every student and is truly shared by our Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School family. Our 21st Century methodology is rigorous and grounded in Gospel values and researched best practices.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School students collected over \$4,000 as part of our Lenten service project, "Al Otro Lado." This money will be used toward the purchase of a home for our Mission community!
- **Three SAS students** were welcomed into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. Parents are also joining RCIA in response to the Holy Spirit's work here at our school.
- Our Gaudete! school choir has grown to 35 this school year.
- We offer **Band and Orchestra lessons** through Padua Franciscan High School faculty. We are one of the six schools in the Diocese of Cleveland to participate in the Elementary Music Program!
- We are members of the Ohio Music Education Association and send student vocalists and musicians to the **Solo and Ensemble Contest.** Our students receive the highest ratings!
- Our students regularly have artwork submitted to **high school art competitions and exhibits.** They regularly place!
- We produce a school musical each year! Over 95 students and adults were directed by Christine Monczewski, Joshua Wortman (SAS Music Teacher) and April Kacinari (SAS Aide) as they presented Willy Wonka, Jr. to thrilled audiences at Padua Franciscan High School on May 25 and 26.

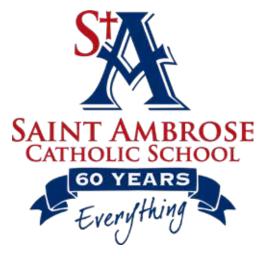
We work very hard to provide Everything each child needs to grow and succeed. Go to our website, www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us or call 330.460.7318 for more information. I would love to talk with you personally about the educational and financial aid options available. Please call me at 330.460.7350 or email me at LCinadr@StASchool.us and let's set up a conversation!

May the hope and joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes!

In Christ,

Lisa Cinadr, Principal











#### **ROAR!... Life is Wild + God is Good Vacation Bible School July 8-12, 2019** Morning Session 9am – 12pm | Afternoon Session 1pm – 4pm

Join us for the best week of the summer which will be an adventure for the entire crew. At this year's "ROAR!" Vacation Bible School, kids will learn that Life is Wild... and God is Good! Children will learn through Bible stories, songs, videos, crafts, snacks and new Bible Buddies! Participant and Volunteer Registrations are available in the Parish Life Center, Church vestibule and online at www.StAmbrose.us/VBS Please contact the PSR Office at 330-460-7302 with questions.

#### **Reach for the STARS!** A Message from Mrs. Catherine Mitchell

What an exciting year! We earned our 5 STAR Step Up to Quality rating and celebrated our 10th Anniversary! It is hard to believe that this amazing school year is coming to a close. It went by fast!



**I remember the early days of September,** the rocky time of adjustment when the children are figuring what school is all about.

October saw routines established before the Halloween fun.

In November, the class began to jell and work together as a group.

Christmas came all too quickly as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

January saw achievements as the children soared.

In February, our love for the children and their love for each other continued to grow.

March was a time for **discovery and exploring** and new independence.

April brought a **time of reflection** that the end of the year was near.

**May brought rejoicing** over a job well done but regretting the departure of another wonderful group of children.

I am so proud of the preschool and all that we have accomplished this year. I am grateful to the parents for sharing their children and for their prayers and support and I am blessed by our wonderful, professional, dedicated staff!

As I say good bye to this school year, and to our children moving on, I reflect on the faith journey we have been on with our littlest angels and how well the children are prepared for Kindergarten and beyond. Teaching these children has been an absolute privilege! Next school year, we look forward to welcoming back our returning friends and inviting new children into our preschool family.

Enjoy your families this summer and God bless you!

Reach for the Stars,

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell, Littlest Angels Preschool Director

#### **Congratulations, Confirmation Class of 2019!**

This April, 118 of our ninth graders celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation – please keep them in your prayers as they continue to discover the full life God promises!

**Attention incoming ninth graders (Confirmation Class of 2020)** – we are excited to continue the Confirmation Formation process and look forward to a great year of service, community, opportunities to grow in faith, and so much more. If you have not yet registered, please call the Youth Ministry Office today at 330.460.7387.

**Parents – we need your help to make the Confirmation Formation process a meaningful and enjoyable experience for our teens.** We are still in need of a few table leaders, as well as volunteers for a few various events and service projects. If you can help or are interested in learning more, please contact Caitlin at 330.460.7387 or COneill@StAmbrose.us.

#### **Attention Parents!**

FIAT Permission Forms are now online! In order to simplify and streamline the process, all Youth Ministry permission forms are now also available in an extremely user-friendly online format! Please go to www.myFIAT.us to find the links to online forms!







WE DON'T TAKE A SUMMER BREAK!

Grab all your friends & join us for the FUN!

JUNE 18 Word on Fire Begins

JUNE 20-23 Summer Festival

> JUNE 28-30 Steubenville

JULY 16-17 Summer Lock-In

> AUGUST 4 The FEST



#### Small Change – Big Difference

Over the season of Lent – YOU – WE – built more than a house! You really did.

**Over the forty days of Lent – the children of God - of every age – made small changes and Lenten Sacrifices which totaled a little over \$11,000.** This is enough to build a complete house in our mission community (cost of \$9,000) AND... set the foundation and start the walls of a second house. These 'houses' will become homes for some of the poorest of the poor in our world. This coming June, during our two mission trips, we will move five families from tin shacks and difficult living situations to a new 440 sq.ft. house in La Vida Catolica (our second neighborhood called, "The Catholic Life"). These families will take this 'house', and create a home, and be on a path of faith and hope. They will attend Mass with the other 40 families each Saturday night. They will be surrounded by forty other families who are learning, working, praying and striving to have strong families.

YOU - and your sacrifice - make this possible. Many thanks to all who participated in the Lent Rice Bowls. Together...small change... will make a huge difference for the family that receives this new home. Watch for pictures online and in the bulletin in June.

#### "What you do for the least among you, you do for me."



#### **June 2019 Missionaries**

Margaret Antolovic-Wilkinson Marlene Antonius William Antonius Maria Antonius Kirsten Badowski Bethany Ballard Veronica Barranca Olivia Bentley Halle Bentley Delaney Bentley Lorraine Betz Margaret Bokmiller Margaret Bowes Marie Ciolek Melissa Circle Diane Circle Emmalee Clark Meghan Cupach Anna Cupach Marcelina Czekajlo Cassidy Dalton Amy DeCesare Matthew Devis Susan Diemer Grace Flannery Leah Foster Sarah Gallo

Tegan Garrett Laura Garrett Judith Graham Matthew Harley Michael Horvath Taylor Horvath Tyler Hovanec Jacobson Caitlin John Sadie Joyce Celia Kennedy Alexa Krauth Grant Krauth Kaitlyn Krayzel Sarah Krieger Kathryn Krieger Julia Libbey Janice Lovelace Kate Luciano Olivia Marek Maggie Marshall David McCracken Isabelle Micheli Mallory Mitchell Haley Morgan Alison Morgan Caitlin O'Neill Maria Rich

#### David Saffron Patricia Scalfano Michelle Schultheis Isabelle Smiley Natalie Soliman David Stec Cecilia Stroemple Kayleigh Wallenhorst Kristen Zima Erik Zima Nathan Zima Sarah Zimmerli

Please keep them in your prayers!

#### God Bless the Newest Members of our Parish Family

This Easter we had the joy of welcoming 11 new members into the life of the Church at the Easter Vigil. It was a blessed and inspiring moment for our parish community as we walked into the newly renovated Church and celebrated with these 11 members as they found new life in Christ. Please continue to keep our newest members in your prayers!



"I am excited to join the church because I get to be there with my family and I get to go up and take the blood and body of Christ." - TIM LANG

"Easter vigil was both a death and a beginning for me. Throughout my RCIA journey I discovered what was broken and what was blessed in my heart. I discovered that what the world may have broken, God can restore anew, and my Father already has a perfect plan for my life. I died and was reborn in the waters of Baptism. I am now at the beginning of this new life within the Church. Every member I have had the honor to meet has been a gift. I feel welcomed into a home, a family, and a community. To worship, serve, and sacrifice with you has filled my heart with true joy. I thank you, Saint Ambrose family, for that honor." – LAURA HANCOCK

#### A Perfect 10th!

#### Over the past ten months, hundreds and thousands of prayers have been offered for young Collin Nemet.

Since late in August, he's been putting up an amazing fight against cancer. As his 10th birthday approached, so many in our parish wanted to give him the biggest, best, and most amazing 10th birthday party. Kim and Mike, his parents, agreed (on one condition) that this 10th birthday celebration be used as a moment so say 'thank you' to all who have supported Collin and their family over these past months. The party was amazing... it really was. What was even more wonderful was the great spirit of care, compassion and community that filled Hilkert Hall. So many came together on the last Saturday night of April to laugh, sing, and celebrate – life, faith, family, friendship – and the good we do together as the family of God.

#### Special thanks goes out to the amazing Planning Team.

While they had a great time planning, the 'most amazing part' – their care and compassion, love and attention to the smallest details, created a wonderful celebration for Collin and all. Their care speaks volumes about the goodness of our members and the care and compassion offered to so many at Saint Ambrose.

#### It was a perfect 10th birthday! Praise God!



**Senior Events: May 25** Pot Luck Lunch **June 9** Mama Mia Musical June 13 Lunch & Learn July 6 Picnic – Live entertainment July 18 Lunch & Learn August 1 **Breakfast Brunch** August 8 Lunch & Learn August 24 **Ice-Cream Social** 



#### Save the Date!

Bishop Perez will be coming to Saint Ambrose to consecrate our new Altar and Ambo as we rededicate our Church in service to the Lord.

Sunday, September 8th

Mass at 12:00 noon followed by a Parish Celebration

All are welcome.

Together for the glory of God!

#### **Special Thanks!** Our Community Partners make a huge difference in the life of our parish!

Their generosity and support allow us to care for thousands in our region and host incredible familybased events. Please say 'thank you' to them by supporting their businesses.

If you own a business or would like more information about the Community Partners program, please reach out to us today! Jake Bihari – 216.215.5015 or JBihari@StAmbrose.us

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS! We need your help!

We need your help to make our 12th annual summer festival the best yet! The festival is our largest community event and a great showcase of the great good we do. We need 1,000 volunteers to make these 4 wonderful days possible – many hands make for light work!

#### Please sign up to volunteer today: www.StAmbrose.us/Festival





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**SUMMER 2019** 

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WE ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH CENTERED ON JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS EVERYTHING FOR US



# + Nightly Specials!

Thursday, June 20 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. CHEESEBURGERS IN PARADISE A tribute to Jimmy Buffet

Dollar Burger & Dog Night thanks to Burger King!

#### Friday, June 21 5:30 - 11:00 P.M. McCARTNEY PROJECT

Beatles Tribute Band Fish & Chips Special!

Saturday, June 22 5:30 - 11:00 P.M. THE DIAMOND PROJECT A tribute to Neil Diamond

Local dance studios and entertainment

#### Sunday, June 23 5:30 - 10:00 P.M. OUT OF EDEN

**Eagles Tribute Band** Raffle Grand Drawing and Fireworks Show!

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- \* Fresh Cut French Fries \* Root Beer Floats \* Italian Sausage
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