

A FUTURE
full of
HOPE



WELCOME TO
SAINT AMBROSE
PARISH

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

fall events

September 2

Living with Cancer Group
Music Ministry Kickoff

September 5

Eucharistic Procession
at the Cathedral

September 7

Labor Day Mass 9:00am

September 8

Hearts of Hope Widows
Support Group

September 11

9/11 Prayer Service
Instruments of Peace
Concert

September 12

Faithful After Fifty Cornhole
Tournament

September 13

Grandparents Day

September 14

National Day of
Remembrance

September 19

Golf & Give Golf Tournament

September 26

KofC All American BBQ

September 28

Outdoor Garden Party

September 30

Monthly Reconciliation
Financial Seminar:
How to Build a Budget

October 3

Autumn Harvest Festival

October 17

Community Day of Service

October 22

Financial Seminar:
Wise Use of Credit Cards

November 4

Monthly Reconciliation

November 14

Men's Breakfast

November 16-18

Fall Parish Mission with
Tom Bonezzi

labor of love

As we roll into Labor Day, we celebrate the gift of meaningful work across our country. This year, we especially pray for all whose work has been impacted by the Covid Crisis. May they soon be able to work for the good of their family and community. Let's hold all of our unemployed and underemployed in our prayers.

Throughout the month of September, you will read wonderful stories about some of our members who represent thousands in our parish who labor in love for the Lord. As we tell their stories online, in the bulletin and in this newsletter, may it reflect the deep gratitude I have for all who work so hard to continue the work and mission of the Lord. We are so blessed...I am so grateful to God for you and all your efforts.

As we reflect on the work of the Lord, please join me in thanking God for all who work for our parish community. We are blessed beyond words with wonderful people to support the ministries and programs here at St. Ambrose. They do great work for God and for our parish. In this newsletter you will have the opportunity to meet Travis Jurgens our new music minister. He is so excited and grateful to God to be here with us. You'll also meet Eddie Miller who will be working to support our youth and young adult ministry. We need to redouble our efforts to make sure we are engaging and passing on the values of faith and family to our teens and young adults. Please join me in welcoming them to our parish.

As we reflect on the work of the Lord, Christ calls each of us to share our gifts and talents to build up the Body of Christ. **Over the month, you will read and learn of some of the ways our parish needs some 'workers' for the Lord.** If all of us give, help, share a few hours a month - together - we will do great things for the Lord and the good of our community and our members.

God promises to bless every Labor of Love. It's inspiring, and humbling, to witness your goodness and the work you do for the Lord. May God bless you abundantly.

Thanks for all you do and give to the Lord and our parish community.



Father Bob Stec

P.S. Please join me in holding all of our students, faculty and staff in prayer as they enter into this new school year. May God give them health, wisdom and strength.

P.S.S. So many of you have enjoyed the video series being prepared by Father Rob Ramser. Over 1,000 people watch them. Check out the newest spiritual reflections: *"Busy about what matters – the work of the Lord."* Starting on Labor Day go to: www.StAmbrose.us/busy.

Have faith: the Lord will not abandon you!"

"From my point of view, God is the light that
illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it,
and a spark of divine light is within each of us."

- POPE FRANCIS

Welcome Fr. Andrew Hoover!

Christ is constantly present

As I listened to Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler preach at the funeral of Fr. Bob Lorkowski, I thought about how many priests you have had here at St. Ambrose over the years. Just as I thought about how challenging that might be for you, the massive crucifix in the sanctuary came into focus. On the one hand, it matters so much who the priest is, as he makes Christ present to you in a particular way. On the other hand, it doesn't matter who the priest is, because Christ is constantly present to you through any priest. So, as I begin my time at St. Ambrose, I'll be who I am for you, and let Jesus do everything else.

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everything else."*

Who am I? I am one of six children to my parents who still live in my childhood home in Grafton Township. I encountered Jesus in a profound way through the Newman group at Bowling Green State University. I taught high school science and coached Jr. High football and basketball before entering seminary (priest school). I love being a priest, celebrating the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture, prayer, playing and watching sports (especially golf), and hanging out with family and friends. People always ask, "Why did you want to become a priest?" Part of my answer is always the same, "Having come to know the reality of who God is and what he has done for me, I wanted nothing more than to spend my life helping others come to the same encounter." Jesus really is everything for us, and I look forward to everything at St. Ambrose that helps others come to that same realization.



September Prayer

Prayer for Generosity

by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any
reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.

Each month we mail out a prayer card with a calendar to remind you to say the prayer each day. May this bless your lives abundantly!

JOIN US FOR MASS AT SAINT AMBROSE!

Celebrate Mass In-Person or Online

We offer a variety of ways for you to attend Mass.

As we walk into the autumn months, we ease into our schedules and routines that come along with back-to-school.

As you join us, please know your safety and comfort are most important to us. We follow all recommended safety guidelines, remain physically distant and sanitize after each Mass to make it as safe and comfortable as possible for all. We also offer many outdoor Masses as weather allows.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15am, Thursday 5:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday Prayer Service 8:15am

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon, 5:00pm

As always, our daily weekday and weekend Masses are streamed live at www.stambrose.us/watchmass.

all are welcome!

Invite a friend to join you for Mass. It might be the invitation they had been needing during this time.

serving others

Catholic Works of Mercy

Over the last several months, our very dedicated Catholic Works of Mercy team has been full-force providing for those in the community. Their services have accelerated due to Covid-19 and our volunteers have eagerly and lovingly met the needs of thousands.



NEARLY 1,700 MEALS

have been served and distributed through our monthly Community Meals



OVER 900 FAMILIES

have been provided groceries, including meat, fresh produce, canned goods, milk and cereals



NEARLY 300 STUDENTS

in the Brunswick and St. Rocco's schools are being provided school supplies

MERCY MONDAY

Thank you to EVERYONE who has been keeping the shelves well-stocked for those in need. Your generosity is hugely appreciated!

PLEASE NOTE: because of the Labor Day Holiday, our next Mercy Monday will be on September 14.

save the date!

COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE: OCTOBER 17

We'll be doing outdoor projects, yard-work, fall clean-up, and more.

We will need many volunteers to make it successful!

More information and a sign up link will be out soon.

Spread sunshine through our community!

Starting in September, we will be doing a monthly "Secret Sunshine" exchange, giving you the opportunity to "Be the Light" and brighten up someone's day.

Similar to a Secret Santa, anyone who enters their name will be included in the Sunshine Exchange. You will be given the name and address of someone and you can simply drop something off at their front door or in their mailbox. Just something simple to spread sunshine!

Please email Natalie English at NEnglish@StAmbrose.us with questions.

Learn more and sign up at www.stambrose.us/sunshine.



Our Community CARES

Concerned. Alert. Responsive. = Everyone. Safe.

We are working hard to help build the Community CARES team and we are very happy to welcome our new members to our Saint Ambrose staff! Our Community CARES team consists of our Care and Compassion ministries along with Service/Outreach ministries. **Please join us in welcoming:**

GAIL EICHMAN will be helping to support our Service/Social Concerns/Outreach ministries. geichman@stambrose.us

JENNIE PORCO will be helping support our Care and Compassion ministries, along with helping at the front desk. jporco@stambrose.us

GABBY YATSON will be helping to support many of our CARES ministries in doing a lot of the background work in them, along with helping at the front desk. gyatson@stambrose.us

We are looking forward to merging forward with our new team members.



Meet Gabby Yatson

Parishioner Spotlight

I have been a parishioner at Saint Ambrose my whole life and was part of the youth group throughout high school. Since graduating I have been one of the core team members for the youth group. I am also an active member of the NorthCoast Spirit TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST retreat & community.

I work at the Cleveland Clinic main campus as a phlebotomist.

I will be working at the front desk and will be working with Lisa Homady in the Care and Compassion Ministry.

I am engaged and will be getting married here in October 2021.

And I love anything to do with my two beautiful nieces, Disney and dogs.



Mental Health Check-In!

Review these tips and always remember to check on others. ♥

Exercise regularly.

Regular moderate exercise can help reduce stress levels. It is beneficial for your overall physical and mental health. Find enjoyable ways to get moving, come up with a plan and give it a chance!

Identify stressful triggers.

Find out what situations cause you to become stressed by recording your stress levels and activities throughout the day. Write down all of your commitments and responsibilities. You may need to reprioritize or eliminate certain tasks that are not essential.

Build strong relationships.

Strong social support can provide you with a buffer for stress. Families and friends can listen to your problems and provide you with support and advice, thus alleviating some of the frustration you are feeling.

Visit www.mentalhealth.org to read more and find additional tips.



Our raffle this year raised over \$80,000!!!
Truly nothing short of a miracle!

Thank you! Thank you!

Special thanks to everyone who purchased their festival raffle tickets this year. It was truly humbling to see so many people purchase tickets in support of our parish!

These funds will be used to continue to pay down the loan from our Church and Chapel Renovation. As you can already see, we repaired and sealed our south lot and striped all the parking lots.

The FEST was a GLORIOUS day!

If you see the pictures or watch the videos – you'll see some familiar faces and places!

Saint Ambrose hosted The FEST @Home this year, lending the use of the Lehner Center, Hilkert Hall and the grotto for a wonderful day of faith and family!

The FEST @Home virtually brought together 9 of the top bands in Christian music to the homes of over 80,000 households who tuned in on FEST day.

As part of the day we also launched a wonderful remix of 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' that can be found on The FEST Facebook page.

It has over 150,000 views and counting. Please visit the page and share it with your family and friends. We need this message of Peace and Hope now more than ever!

Many thanks to all the wonderful staff and parishioners of Saint Ambrose who welcomed and served as gracious hosts for The FEST team this summer! **Watch the entire FEST show at www.theFEST.us.**



welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

"Each of us is a the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary."

- POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

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!

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Athey
Mr. David Bailey & Mrs. Brittney O'Donnell
Yvonne Beamer
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Biacsi
Mr. Antonio Biasiotta & Mrs. Kathleen Parise
Mr. Greg Buchar & Ms. Nancy Lenhart
Mrs. Catherine Chessar
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Chucksa & Mrs. Laura
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Dietrich
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Dlouhy
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dunlap
Ms. Joanna Flores
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Garris
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Garris
Mr. Fred Giese & Ms. Anna Dattilo
Ms. Pamela Greetham
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Haddad
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Hartzell & Mrs.

Michelle Meyer
Ms. Kristina Hlavaty
Mr. Macon Hoover
Mr. & Mrs. Vadim Kachmar & Mrs. Oksana
Mr Shawn Koch
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Kost
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kuhel
Mr. & Mrs. James Lafontaine
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Leigh
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Liegl
Jesse Lovejoy
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Mackey
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Maeder
Mrs. Mary Jane McKenzie
Mr. Daniel Meyer
Mr. Dana Miller & Mrs. Mary Jo Zupan
Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Mills
Mr. Kyle Moss & Miss Gabrielle Yatson
Ms. Jeannette Mytyk
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Nemet

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Neumeister
Mr. & Mrs. David Oster
Ms Cheri Pahys
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Parina
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Peregrine
Mr Raymond Purcell
Ms. Abigail Ratcliff
Mr. & Mrs. Juan Romerocastillo
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sanfilippo
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Scully
Mr. & Mrs. David Sekerak
Mr Raymond Shugarts
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Sims
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Russ Tighe
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Trimble
Ms. Katherine Withrow
Mr. Joseph Wollet
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Zambo

As of May 1, 2020

Weekday Opportunities

Many of our events are held online for your comfort. Visit the website for more details!

MONDAYS

8:15am Daily Mass Online and in the Church
8:45am Adoration - Chapel
7:00pm Gospel Monday with Mr. Ray
7:30pm Benediction - Chapel

TUESDAYS

8:15am Prayer Service Online and in the Church
11:00am Scripture Study Virtual Meeting
12:00 pm Small Faith Sharing with Linda (Grotto)
6:30pm Eucharistic Conference Zoom Session
7:00-8:30pm Prayer Group - Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

8:15am Daily Mass Online and in the Church
6:00-7:00pm Food Pantry Distribution
6:30-8:00pm Music Ministry Sectional Rehearsal (Gym)

THURSDAYS

8:15am Prayer Service Online and in the Church
1:00pm Virtual Book Club with Jane
1:30pm & 7:00pm Opening the Word Catechist Virtual Bible Study
5:30pm Daily Mass Online and in the Church
6:15pm Sitting with the Scriptures with Fr. Andrew
7:00pm Young Adult Book Study on Zoom

Watch for Fr. Rob's next videos series "Busy about what matters - the work of the Lord." Available online starting on Labor Day!



WOMEN'S GUILD

Outdoor Garden Party

Monday, September 28, 2020

Watch for details.



Spiritual Acceleration through Mentoring Relationships

A group of leaders into a higher level of engagement and robust discipleship.

It's a holistic approach to a training program that brings leaders and participants to a new level of spirituality or acceleration through the use of mentoring training curriculums, tools, and strategies that will result in not only mentorship but transformation of participating members.

This summer a group of committed parishioners has completed two training materials based on spirituality and scripture. They are ready to take the next step to provide mentoring to individuals who want someone to walk with them on their faith journey. Our main job as mentors will be to "model a life that glorifies God while praying for and loving our mentees".

Have you ever felt you needed someone to answer life's questions... to walk with you through difficult times... help you to deepen your relationship with Christ... understand prayer better? If you answered "Yes" to even one of those questions, you might benefit from having a mentor. All materials will be provided.

If you would like to have more information or register to participate, contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381

Funds provided through Diocese of Cleveland Rooted in Faith Campaign.



Sarah's Circle
Helping Women Rebuild Their Lives

Sarah's Circle

A New Opportunity for Women

A brand, new Sarah's Circle will be starting this fall with two of the original members. Join Cathy Clapper and Mary Stickney as they create a new group focusing on women who want to come together in faith, prayer and sharing.

The original group has ended, but it is hopeful that a new group of women will commit to a year-round, weekly hour of prayer, study, insight and hopes. For information on being on the ground floor of this NEW group, reach out to Cathy at 330-225-3973 or Mary at 440-821-6353.



The KofC ALL AMERICAN BBQ

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE YOU TO CRUISE ON
THROUGH TO PICKUP AN ALL AMERICAN BBQ TO-GO!**

**ALL MEALS WILL BE PRE-SOLD AND HAVE A PICKUP WINDOW OF
TIME TO COME AND PICKUP SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY!**

★ **Saturday** ★
★ **SEPTEMBER 26** ★

Watch for times!

**SAINT AMBROSE HILKERT HALL
929 PEARL ROAD**

PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY!

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PLC FRONT DESK
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**

ADULT MEAL - \$10

**PULLED PORK SANDWICH,
COLE SLAW AND BAKED BEANS**

- OR -

**GRILLED BBQ BONE-IN CHICKEN,
COLE SLAW AND BAKED BEANS**

KIDS MEAL - \$6

HOT DOG, CHIPS & JELLO



in spirit and Stewardship

We have wonderful opportunities for individuals to participate in on Saint Ambrose campus and some that will be available in the virtual world via Zoom.

Book Club – Meeting on Thursday, September 17 from 1-2 pm in the PLC Mother Teresa Room reading Greg Wasinski's Got a Minute: Reflections in Faith. We will be safely spaced, but if you would rather meet virtually, you can sign-on to zoom to participate. The book will be \$5 and available for you to pick up at the PLC Front Desk on September 1.

Scripture Study – We will have several Scripture Study classes throughout the year that allow you to dig deeper into the Word while also strengthening your relationship with God. Tuesdays at 11am.

Financial Workshops – Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union is offering three financial workshops this fall. *Visit our website and save the dates!*

Ladies First – Starting in September, meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month. They provide faith, food and fellowship for the ladies. **The kick-off meeting will be on September 29 at 7pm via zoom.** The topic will be Spirituality & You: Taking Charge of Your Faith.

Sarah's Circle – Led by Cathy Clapper and Mary Stickney, a group for women who want to connect with others while strengthening their faith. Learn more on page 7 and get involved!

Fall Mission with Tom Bonezzi – Yes, you read it correctly! Tom Bonezzi will be conducting our **Fall Mission November 16-18**. We've missed him around Saint Ambrose and are excited have him!

Adoration – Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. **Join us Adoration every Monday in our Chapel to come and spend time in His Presence. Adoration: 8:45 am – 7:30 pm followed by Benediction.**

Spiritual Life Commission – Looking for new members to offer creative and meaningful ways to assist individuals on their faith journey. We host different events of spiritual enrichment, come help us plan!

Legion of Mary – Discover how prayer and faith are powerful! Legion of Mary continues to meet every Thursday at 6 pm in the Chapel to pray the Rosary.

FORMED – As a Saint Ambrose parishioner you have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device. With FORMED you will find video programs that explains the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies while also listening to audio talks. **Register at formed.org/signup and enter Saint Ambrose.**

The SEARCH

Why are we here? What's life all about?

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

We are excited to introduce *The Search*, a new seven part Augustine Institute Original Series with the goal of lighting that first fire in those who don't yet know the faith or reigniting the fire in those who need a primer on the foundational questions.

The Search will be offered this Fall at Saint Ambrose. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Eucharistic Conference

Online Zoom Sessions for Workshops

The Eucharistic Conference committee saw an opportunity to focus on the source and summit of our Faith – Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. To this end, they assembled more than 50 world-renown presenters, clergy, and theologians to share their wisdom, insights, and personal testimonies on the Eucharist. This virtual conference was so worthwhile, we purchased a pass to all of the workshops so that we could show them to interested parishioners.

Each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm, Jane Baldwin, Spiritual Life Coordinator will be offering zoom sessions where you can view and discuss these virtual workshops. Please reach out to Jane at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us to let her know you are interested.

For information about any of these opportunities, watch the bulletin or contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us.

Faithful After 50

Fun events this fall!

The goal of the Faithful After Fifty ministry is to pull this group of parishioners together with a calendar of engaging events. **So far, we have sponsored a wildly successful Chinese New Year Dinner that kicked off our ministry, a Grotto Mass, and cookout along with some virtual online events – happy hour and listicles.** Every time we've come together, we've had a great time. COVID 19 restrictions got in the way of our ministry gathering as a group for Lenten parish events as planned and put a crimp on more opportunities to gather in the spring but organizers are busy drawing up a slate of activities for the coming months. Here is just a sample of the ideas we have in mind.

COMING UP...watch for details!

- **Cornhole Tournament** on September 12th
- **Wine Tasting Party** for early fall
- **Chili Cook-off** in the works for the cooler weather.

Faithful After Fifty has also taken on the task of continuing the Holy Hikers program that Fr. Jeremy began. We will continue hiking twice a month on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. We would also like to host more physically active events that people in this age group would enjoy. If you have interests or ideas, please let us know.

Faithful After Fifty maintains a strong presence on Saint Ambrose Facebook page. Look for us in the Groups section. We communicate information about events there and share ideas as a group. If you are interested in joining us on one of our activities look for announcements in the bulletin, the parish webpage and/or Facebook. If you have any great ideas or questions please contact Jim Rauschenbach at jrauschenbach@stambrose.us.



Senior ministry is moving into the future with hope.

And, when we say "moving" we mean it!



On Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the McGivney room of the Lehner Center on Sept 15 and continuing Oct 6 and October 20th we are adding strength training sessions to our current weekly yoga sessions. If we get a great response we will move to weekly sessions and continue onward. These sessions will appropriately challenge our seniors. Sessions are led by Dr. Jim Rauschenbach who has been training people of all ages and special needs for over 40 years.

We have a group of dedicated seniors who continue to walk on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am starting from the Saint Ambrose campus and hiking through the adjacent neighborhood.

More hiking is being done by our seniors participating in the renewed Holy Hikers program. Our hikes are held on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. We try to hike at least twice a month. See the bulletin for details on upcoming hikes. These are leisurely hikes with breaks for reflecting on the week's readings at mass. Hikes generally last about an hour. We meet at the hiking place.

Welcoming Travis Jürgens Our Director of Music Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

I am very excited to be serving the Lord at Saint Ambrose! If you have a love for music and praising God, consider joining one of the Music Ministry ensembles.



We will be continuing the current ensembles:

- Adult Choir
- Angel Choir (kids – grade 2-8)
- Cantors
- FIAT Ministry (Band, Choir, and Cantors)
- Handbells
- Instrumentalists (to become the Saint Ambrose Symphony!)
- New Life Choir

In addition, we are starting a concert series!

The first one is a concert for peace on 9/11 at 7pm at the Grotto. The Academy Brass Quintet from Perrysburg will be performing patriotic pops, and the program will include Scripture and poetry.

Calling all instrumentalists! I am also looking forward to starting an orchestra Saint Ambrose, so if you are interested in joining, please contact me.

The Music Ministry kickoff is Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 in the gym. Masks and social distancing will be required to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately we won't be having a potluck this year due to COVID-19, but it will be great to come together and talk about the upcoming year. We would like to involve as many people as possible. If you don't read music well, no worries! We can find a place for you in the music ministry. I look forward to making a joyful noise to the Lord with you in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

Travis Jürgens
Director of Music Ministry

"If we knew the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, how much greater effort we would put forth in order to assist at it!"

- ST. JOHN MARIE VIANNEY

Liturgical Ministry Are you called to serve?

God designed the Body, the Church, to grow, as everyone does their part to minister. Saint Ambrose places a great emphasis on our Masses and liturgical celebrations. These liturgical ministries include Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Funeral Acolytes, Music Ministry, Heavenly Angels, Linen Angels, Sacristans, and Art & Environment.



Supporting these ministries requires the services of many lay ministers. If you feel that you are called to serve in these ministries, please contact Helen Lanzarotta at hlanzarotta@stambrose.us for more details.

INSTRUMENTS OF peace

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

A Night of Inspiring Patriotic Music

7:00pm IN THE GROTTTO

Join us for uplifting songs and scripture readings.
Featuring the Academy Brass Quintet from Perrysburg, Ohio

Saint Ambrose Parish
929 Pearl Road • Brunswick, Ohio



9/11 Memorial Service

12:00pm IN THE CHURCH

We come together to pray for peace in our world. We invite all Police officers, firefighters, veterans, and active service to join us for this memorial service.

HEARTS of Hope

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP

Courage in Widowhood

September 8 7:00-8:00pm

Hearts of Hope is a social group for widows who are seeking fellowship in a faith-filled atmosphere. We meet once per month to share our journeys in a safe and comfortable setting. Placing our hope in Jesus Christ gives us the strength and courage to walk the journey of widowhood.

This group of wonderful women comes together with different experiences that are bound in faith and hope; hearts yearning for Christ and all that he offers to those who love and trust in him. Please join us whether you are a newer widow or have lived as a widow for a longer period of time. Please contact Lisa Cinadr at LCinadr@StASchool.us for more information. We lift all widows and widowers to the Lord.

"The pain that you've been feeling cannot compare to the joy that's coming"

- ROMANS 8:18

Living with Cancer Group

Meet 1st Wednesday of Every Month

The Cancer Prayer and Support Group Ministry was established 11 years ago. Since then our Ministry has become more of a family to those that have joined it. We are group of survivors, cancer patients, care givers, friends and family that get together once a month for fellowship, prayers, support and updates and also nutritious food.

At our meetings we discuss new treatments, pray, listen to each other's concerns, laugh and sometime cry but we keep a positive attitude and trust in Our Lord. Cancer is a scary word but you do not have to go through it alone, we are here for you.

We constantly get new members who have been recently diagnosed, that is why we make an effort and managed to meet every month, also to keep in touch with everyone. Things sometime change and we would like to be aware and see how we can help to make things easier for them. (Our members have faithfully come to any safe place that we happen to meet without any complains),, rain, shine, even bad snowstorms!! And no virus can stop us from praying together.

If you would like to come and join us to see if we can make a difference in your life through prayer, support and to help you live life to the fullest. We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month. For more information check the bulletin or call Terri 216 990 0082 or Miriam 330 225 9005.

Bruce Hronesz
Robert Taylor
Frances Ann McKean
Rudolph (Rudy) Kouba
Mary Zavada
Robert M. Beirne
Karl J. Korber
Bonnie Bischof
Mary Lou Adams
Mary Pavlick

Randy Werner
Francis LeHoty
Jacquelyn Eagens
Andris Vistucis
Ptricia McGinty
Patricia Lukas
Linda Csenish
Joseph Kovacs, Jr.
Ann Benninger
William S. Wagner, Sr.

Alberto Wolk
Trevor James Pacek
Joshua Lee Schwandt
Lillian Magee
Carol Evan
Frank Raso
Rita Stout
William S. Bearer
Fr. Robert Lorkowski
Marlayna JeanClerc

Charles S. Acela
Frank Corrigan
Kevin Holler
Barbara Brown
Gerald McMahn
Elma Jean Kirven
Mary Ann Slade
Frank Schilling
Jeanette Ruby
Judith Eizember

rest in peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

school news

Transitioning Forward!

We are looking into the new school year with great HOPE!

As Saint Ambrose School continues to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, our administration has been working hard all summer along with our Transitioning Forward Team comprised of school leaders, caring parents, teachers, educational and health professionals and community members to thoughtfully plan for a safe return to FULL TIME, 5 day, in person learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

We will also be offering Synchronous (remote) learning for students who are not ready to return to in person learning. They will be able to join their class virtually from home for live learning with their classmates!

We will continue to keep our 2020-2021 enrolled families updated with any changes as we approach the start of the school year on Wednesday, September 2nd. Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions and Institutional Advancement office for any 2020-2021 enrollment information and questions. Email: Admissions@StASchool.us.



**SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL 2020-2021
AND LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL**

*"All things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose."*

ROMANS 8:28

**Saint Ambrose School, Littlest Angels
Preschool and PSR share a common call
this year of renewed hope and holiness.
Father Bob's Confirmation homily
centered around:
"See the good. Be the good."**

He began with the image of a young child bringing three dandelions and presenting the "bouquet" as a gift to an adult. Do you see flowers or weeds? From there he explained the good he and we see in the young people gathered there and that they are called to see the good in others and be the good - to share their gifts and talents with all. In our current times, this is a call and a blessing for each of us. Please join us in "seeing the good and being the good!"



Golf & Give Tournament Saturday, September 19

We invite all parish families to join us for our Fall Golf and Give Fundraiser on Saturday, September 19th. This fundraiser supports Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School to allow us to continue to provide the very best for every student.

Angels Golf & Give
**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Please contact: Michelle Brousek at mbrousek@staschool.us OR Michelle Dietrich at mdietrich@staschool.us for tickets to this sellout event or sponsorship opportunities!

SAINT AMBROSE *Littlest* ANGELS PRESCHOOL

Our 5 Star Team is working tirelessly!

Littlest Angels Preschool was blessed to move into their new building this summer!

They are excited to welcome their students back to class later this month for in person learning in an incredible new, bigger and state of the art environment! Our 5STAR preschool team has been working tirelessly to ensure a safe return to campus down to the smallest detail for our Littlest Angels.



SAS Alumni in the News!

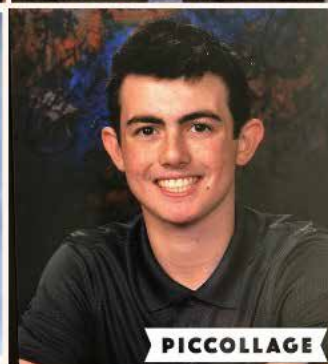
Three Saint Ambrose School Class of 2016 alumni have earned top honors this year, as they graduate from their respective high schools.

We are so proud of their achievements with us while at Saint Ambrose School and their continued success in high school as 2020 graduates! We recognize and honor Angela Falconi (Padua Franciscan High School), Matthew Stracensky (Holy Name High School) and Benjamin Gorecki (Brunswick High School). They truly are "Leaders for Tomorrow"!

Angela Falconi was named Valedictorian of the Padua Class of 2020. She is graduating with a GPA of 4.94 and will be attending The Ohio State University in the Fall. Angela will be majoring in Public Health and minoring in Spanish and was accepted into Ohio State's Health Sciences Scholars Program. She is the daughter of Ron and Geny Falconi.

Valedictorian honors also went to Matthew Stracensky at Holy Name High School Class of 2020. Matthew scored a perfect score of 36 on his ACT and was named a National Merit Finalist. He will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the Fall, majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Matthew is the son of John and Vicki Stracensky.

Brunswick High School recognizes the Top 30 of their graduating classes, and this year, the Class of 2020 Top 30 included Benjamin Gorecki. Benjamin graduated Summa Cum Laude, with a GPA between 3.75 and over 4.0 and was a member of the Blue Devils basketball team. He will be attending the Ohio State University in the Fall, majoring in Business. Benjamin is the son of Andrew and Jennifer Gorecki.



PICCOLLAGE

PSR - Family of Faith

Our Parish School of Religion is offering 2 new models this fall!

Our Parish School of Religion office has been working hard this summer to ensure we offer our students and families the best faith formation programming. We know how important it is for you as a family to keep Jesus Christ at the center of your lives.

Through these challenging times, we want to offer different opportunities for students and their families that will meet you where you are and what will best fit your family dynamics.

We have put together a few options for the 2020-2021 PSR year that will hopefully help to meet your family's needs and to continue to ensure your child's faith formation.

(CCC 2226) states "parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."



SAINT AMBROSE FAMILY OF FAITH MODEL

Monday evenings from 6:45pm-7:45pm (Grades 1-8)

Once a month we will gather each grade level for an hour session which will include music, prayer, scripture, catechesis and discussion. Families will go home with resources and materials to work on together at home.

SAINT AMBROSE FAMILY HOME SCHOOL MODEL

We will continue to offer the Family Home School mode which allows parents to be the primary teacher in their child's faith formation.

The goals of our model are to:

- Assist families in "seeding" the Catholic Faith into each child's heart
- To fully integrate the family and the child into the Saint Ambrose Parish community

You will receive a Family Home School handbook with instructions for the program along with books and online resources to utilize.

Junior High PSR News

We will continue to engage all of our junior high students in faith formation by offering different opportunities throughout the year to come together and serve.

- Junior High Leadership Program
- Weekly Virtual Bible Study
- Edge Social Nights



There is a faith formation program for the children of God for 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.



Welcome Eddie Miller!

Youth Ministry Update

As I begin my new job and ministry to the youth at St. Ambrose, I do so with great joy and peace in my heart! I have heard many good things about this parish, especially about the strength of the community, the vibrancy of the parishioners, and the many ministries that are offered here. Truly, I am excited to be here and to join this vibrant community of believers and friends who find their center in Jesus Christ.

I hail from just up the road at St. Mary of the Falls parish, which also is a strong community rooted in the Lord. I grew up in the public school system there, where my faith in Christ was enkindled within me by my family, my friends, and the various ministries offered to me through the parish. I then attended and graduated from John Carroll University and Borromeo Seminary, where I was offered tremendous opportunities for growth in faith, in friendship, and as a person. In my free time I love to play music, go for a hike, run, ride my bike, read, or spend time with my family and friends.

Again, I am excited to be here and to grow in faith and in charity alongside you as we seek the Lord together. If you see me, say hello! I am looking forward to meeting you, working with you, and praying with you.

May God continue to bless you always,
Eddie Miller.

join The journey



I had always had an interest in the Catholic Faith. After years of searching and always coming back to Catholicism I took a leap of faith and followed my heart. RCIA at St. Ambrose is amazing. They welcome you into their family, offer lots of support and encouragement all while introducing you to the history and traditions of the Catholic Church. This past year halfway through the program Covid hit but they never gave up and got us through to the end and now I am part of a wonderful family.

- HEATHER RIBICH

"As husband and wife, we took our journey in faith together as one. Journey to Emmaus not only brought us closer to one another, but opened up a new closeness with God. We enjoyed not only doing this as a couple, but as a community, as we met so many wonderful people along the way that were searching for the same deeper relationship with the holy trinity. We are so thankful for experience, and for being apart of such a beautiful church."



- JESSICA & JACOB MULLETT



The Journey to Emmaus is absolutely amazing. Everyone in the class has their own personal reasons for wanting to become Catholic. Mine was wanting to join a church again and to be able to worship as a family with my wife and son. However, the actual journey provides so much more. The Journey to Emmaus program provides all participants to hold true to the "WHY" becoming Catholic, but also teaches the Who, What, Where, When, and How. For me personally, the education on the history of the Catholic faith, diving into spirituality, being involved in the deep personal experiences (such as confession and affirmation), and instantly gaining a church family; provided me spiritual growth way beyond my initial reasons for becoming Catholic. The final step on the journey by being confirmed and taking of the Eucharist, provides an even closer experience on sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

- MATT STRANG

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH Invites You to Join the RCIA Journey

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for people interested in learning about our Catholic faith and traditions as a means to discern if God is calling you to become Catholic.

Questions & Information

If you would like to learn more, or have any questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin O'Neill at COneill@StAmbrose.us or 330-460-7387

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:00-8:00pm

Outdoor Mass in the Grotto at 5:00pm

Bring your own chairs!

More details to follow closer to the event. We will follow best practices and guidance from the Health Department.

Sports teams, wear your sports jersey
to show your Angel Pride!

**FREE
FAMILY
EVENT!**



Areas setup for great
family fall photos!

Saint Ambrose School Pumpkin Sale **HAY BALES & CORN STALKS, TOO!**

Saint Ambrose School will be selling pumpkins,
hay bales & corn stalks starting
at our annual Autumn Harvest Festival!



*Fall fun with
your family!*

