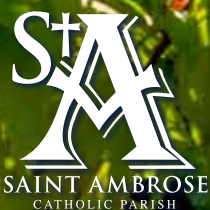


SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Annual Report 2020

*We are a Catholic community of faith.
centered on Jesus Christ.
who is everything for us!*



A FUTURE
full of
HOPE

A Future Full of Hope!

Over the past few months, I have repeatedly shared with our parish leaders and staff that whatever we do, we need to be "safe, responsible and comfortable". With this as the framework for our planning and efforts, over the past six weeks, our parish and school have safely, responsibly and comfortably come to life for the new pastoral year. **It**

has been inspiring to see the creative and overwhelming cooperation on the part of our members, students, athletes and parents. Groups are coming together – safely. Our student athletes are on the practice fields and in the gym – responsibly. More and more are coming to Mass – comfortably and peacefully. Praise be God. Our future is full of hope.

In the pages to follow, you will find some great programming and opportunities that will take place over the next few months to safely, comfortably and responsibly bring us together to share faith, friendship and journey together into a future full of hope. **We will continue to provide meaningful online resources to help those who are more comfortable at home.** Please join us for prayer and other inspiring reflections and opportunities. Invite your family and friends to join us online at www.StAmbrose.us/watchmass.

Please take some time to review our Annual Report. It is filled with a lot of information that is an overwhelming reflection of your goodness and the great good we do together for the glory of God and the good of our community. I am always grateful for your support, and especially this year, more than ever, I am humbled, inspired and so thankful. **As you will see in the information, we were still able to meet all of our financial obligations, continue to pay down the debt on our Church renovation, and end the year modestly in the black.** God bless you over - and over - and over again.

As we walk into our future, a future full of hope, let's pray for each other and our community. Let's pray for health and safety and for an end to the COVID crisis. In the meantime, we will continue to work hard for the Lord and our community. Your ongoing support is especially important as we continue to grapple with the loss of some of our fundraising efforts (especially Bingo). **As you will read in the Finance Council letter, if at all possible, please consider an increase in your offering to the Lord and our parish.** Also, please consider using the Automatic Giving Program. This was so helpful to our parish especially when we were not able to physically come together in prayer. Thank you.

Our Annual Report also tells wonderful stories and examples of the 'hopefulness' that is alive and strong in our community. We are so blessed. Be assured of my prayers and my great thanks to God for you. Our future is full of hope because of truly good members like you!! God bless you.



Father Bob Stec

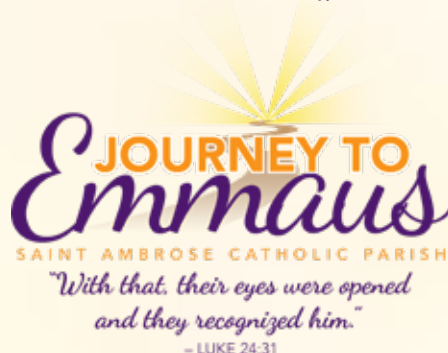
A FUTURE full of HOPE

JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

"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



- MATT STRANG

If you are interested in learning more, or you know someone who might be, please contact us for more information! **Caitlin O'Neill** (COneill@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387) or **Fr. Andrew Hoover** (AHoover@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311)

THANK YOU, JOSH!

For the gifts and talents you share with our parish!

One thing that gives us a future full of hope is **Josh Monaco**, one of our twenty-something members who works for a major ad agency in Cleveland. Josh is a part of our Parish Marketing team and helps us come up with some of the great phrases, designs and social media posts that you see!

Or, you may know Josh from his work at the noon Mass. When he's not working the cameras for the live-stream, you can find him serving as an usher. If you don't know Josh from those things perhaps you know his work from the large pallet wall sign that says 'Thank You Jesus', that so many of our members have taken a photo in front of. Josh built that for our Parish!

Josh is just one example of our members using their gifts and talents for the good of our parish. *He gives us a Future Full of Hope!*



AMBROSE CROSSING GYM

Saint Ambrose Athletic Boosters Has a New Gym!

We are so excited for our brand new regulation size gymnasium located at Ambrose Crossing! Our Fall CYO Volleyball season has started, and our CYO athletes are using it for practices, clinics and finally able to host home games! We thank our parish family for your support and hope you will come out to a game this year! **GO ANGELS!**

stambrose.us/athleticboosters



WE ARE BLESSED to have many wonderful things happening at Saint Ambrose for families and people of every age, walking through every chapter of life. To find events, or learn more about parish groups and ministries, **visit www.StAmbrose.us**.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 10/11

Blanket Sunday

OCTOBER 12

Living Rosary

OCTOBER 16

Charismatic Mass

OCTOBER 17

Community Day of Service

OCTOBER 17

Silent Sorrows Mass

OCTOBER 21

Healing Service Concert

OCTOBER 22

Credit Card Management

OCTOBER 24

Couples Night Out Wine & Cheese

OCTOBER 26

Polish Festival & Polka Mass

OCTOBER 30

Trick-or-Treat at Saint Ambrose

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day Masses

Day School Saint Ministry Fair

NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day Mass

NOVEMBER 4

Monthly Reconciliation

NOVEMBER 6

Marriage Enrichment Series

NOVEMBER 7

Seaside Escape Women's Retreat

NOVEMBER 8

School Virtual Open House

NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 14

Mens Breakfast

NOVEMBER 15 Women's Guild

Christmas Mini-Boutique

NOVEMBER 15-17

Fall Mission with Tom Bonezzi

NOVEMBER 22-24

Metanoia Retreat

NOVEMBER 23

CYO Night at the Races

NOVEMBER 23/24

Anointing of the Sick

NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9am

Thanksgiving Community Meal

NOVEMBER 27

Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament

Our Community **CARES**

Concerned. Alert. Responsive. = Everyone. Safe.

COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Join us Saturday, October 17, 2020

We need a team of 500 volunteers to help those in our community. With your help, we can truly do great things together for our parish and community! Join us as we come together to Serve the Lord by Serving Others.

Our projects include raking, painting, mulching, outdoor fall cleanup, and more. All of the projects are outdoors, simple, easy, and very family-friendly and take just a couple of hours. Volunteer groups will be small to maintain social distancing.

Do you need a little assistance having your yard cleaned up this Fall? We would love to help you out on our Community Day of Service. If you could use some help getting your yard cleaned up and ready for winter please contact us for more information. **Contact Lisa at 330-460-7315 or Gail at GEichman@StAmbrose.us**



MORE THAN MEALS...DELIVERING HOPE

Throughout these last 6 months, we have had so many volunteers come forward asking how they can help.

We've had numerous individuals offer to help grocery shop, run errands, pick up medications, delivering weekly Community Meals, and make phone calls to those most at risk of going out. We have paired up so many in need with volunteers who are helping with these tasks. In addition and more important than the errands getting done and the food being shopped for, we are helping people feel not alone. **We are bringing hope and light into the lives of so many where there is uncertainty, sadness, anxiety.** Our volunteers are truly being the hands, the eyes, the heart of Christ during so much darkness.

There are so many individuals who are struggling with feelings of anxiousness, uncertainty, and so many unknowns that are happening right now. **Our Stephen Ministry team has been the first responders for these individuals.** While we have had to get creative to adapt to this new norm since we aren't having face-to-face contact, we are really putting into practice our Telecare mode of ministering.

Our Stephen Ministers are doing such a wonderful job providing invaluable support during this difficult time- making calls to check in, to offer hope and encouragement, to pray with them, to be their light. God Bless our Stephen Ministry team. **Contact Lisa at 330.460.7315 or Carol at 330.460.7336 for assistance or to join a team.**

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS

New Series Starting Tuesday, October 20, 6:00-8:00pm

Designed to help children (aged 6-13) of families experiencing divorce and separation. Each session is full of games, fun activities, arts and crafts, stories, exercise, videos and music that is centered around a weekly theme.

Our program helps children realize that they are not the only ones going through this. They develop friendships with others who understand how they feel. They will learn how to sort through their feelings and how to have healthy relationships - with you, your family and with God.

Our new series begins October 20, but your child can join any time.

To register, contact Jennie Porco (JPorco@StAmbrose.us) or Lisa Homady (LHomady@StAmbrose.us) or 330.460.7315.

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Feed Thousands on November 26

We are in our 12th year for our Thanksgiving Outreach and are preparing to feed thousands of people! While things may look a little different this year, we are still going to need hundreds of volunteers to make it a wonderful success! We have always been so blessed with the amount of volunteers we've had, and this year is no different- we need YOU to make a difference in thousands of lives.

We will have numerous volunteer opportunities, both here at Saint Ambrose as well as various off-site locations. **Stay tuned for details and watch for a sign-up link to be coming out soon.**



GRIEFSHARE: LIFTING ONE ANOTHER

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you've loved and lost, we warmly welcome you to attend GriefShare. This is a Christ-centered program, with a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult times, so we may remind you, "you are not alone." This is not a sad event filled only with tears; you'll be sharing smiles in the memories of your loved one, and learning how healing can begin.

Join us on Wednesday evenings, from 7-9pm or Thursday afternoons, from 1-3pm. **To read more or to sign up, go to www.stambrose.us/grief-series.** We'll have a "Care Book" waiting for you by contacting one of us in advance. *All are welcome at any time!*



ALPHA VILLAGE

School Supply Collection

We partner with schools and families in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland to bring hope, light and the love of Christ. We also assist in providing for some of their material needs. This fall, we are collecting school supplies and coats. Can you help us?



Check the website for details and a list of supplies needed: www.stambrose.us/volunteer



WARMTH PROJECT

Clean out your closets to bring warmth to others.

We invite you to pass warmth and kindness to others during the upcoming cold season. We are collecting coats, scarves, gloves and hats of all sizes, especially in need of children's winter jackets. **Please drop them at the Catholic Works of Mercy building starting now through November 15.**



Ministries and Groups FULL OF HOPE

GROUP STUDIES DURING COVID-19

A Lectio – Prayer study was recently held “virtually”. Lectio also known as Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is a type of prayer. This small group study taught the steps to pray using this method. During the 6 weeks, participants watched a video prior to the meeting on FORMED.org, then met online to discuss the questions and content in the study guide. The feedback from the study was great, due to the content and discussions in our weekly gatherings. The virtual class went so well, we are continuing with another study, Lectio – Eucharist in October.



How does a virtual class differ from the in person class? The “in person” class is longer, as the video would be watched with the group. A virtual class is more focused sticking to the topic more closely. Both allow for expression and discussion.

Have you ever wanted to grow closer to Jesus? Try drawing close to His Mother, Mary. An “in-person” gathering for 33 Days to Morning Glory will begin with Mary Beth Garrity in late October for 6 weeks. This retreat will be held in a large room to allow for social distancing. Mary Beth has led many studies and retreats. She is a wonderful facilitator.



Please consider joining one of these wonderful small groups. To find out more about these and additional Lectio studies and other studies/retreats, Sign in to FORMED.org.

Married Couples FULL OF HOPE

STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE

We have created a new Marriage web page!

Saint Ambrose Parish cares GREATLY about you and want to support you in your marriage. On our website, we have created an easy way for you to find wonderful opportunities for you and your spouse.

Dobie Moser has created a video series for marriage in the past, and new ones coming soon! You can find them on this page. **Have an upcoming milestone to celebrate?** Let us know on this page so we can include a special message in our bulletin!

Also, coming your way each month is a great e-newsletter with marriage tips, a prayer, and an invitation to some of the Marriage Refresher and Enrichment opportunities taking place in our community. *If you would like to be added to our email list, email knemet@stambrose.us!*

Find all this and more at stambrose.us/marriage!

*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.”
– 1 John 4:7*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine Tasting Couples Night Out
October 24th 7-10pm

Living Your Strengths for Couples
October 25th, November 1st,
November 8th 6-8pm

Marriage Enrichment Series
November 6th 7-8:30pm
“How Gratitude Can Help Your Marriage Thrive”





FAITH AFTER FIFTY

Events to Look Forward to This Fall

Parishioners Joyce Osowski and Del Ruiz have devoted a great deal of time and effort to get things started up for Faithful After Fifty (FAF) for our parishioners ages 50 to 65. Through the worst of COVID restrictions, FAF maintained a weekly Happy Hour Zoom call that brought some of us closer together and served as the only social contact some of our members received at this time.

This summer we had an outdoor grotto Mass and cookout that was enjoyed by all. We have co-hosted a cornhole tournament with Senior Ministry and put together a picnic at the grotto with Knights of Columbus All American BBQ. Getting our members involved as a group in larger parish events is one of our strategies.

Save the date for October 23 at 6:30 pm for a great night out. We are blessed to welcome long-time Cleveland newsman **Paul Orlousky** to Saint Ambrose. He comes to share fascinating stories around the bonfire (outside/tent unless weather requires us to move into the HH gym). Paul has seen 'a lot' over his years of covering the Cleveland region. **Join us for snacks, good friendship, and wonderful, engaging, enthralling stories.** This should be a truly unique evening.



Watch the bulletin for details on these and other future events and be sure to visit our Facebook Group within the Saint Ambrose Facebook page, under the "Groups" section. Thanks to Joyce's efforts our Facebook page is quite busy and current. This is a good way to keep track of FAF comings and goings.

Please contact Jim Rauschenbach with any questions at jrauschenbach@stambrose.us or call 850.443.2207.

Meet Del Ruiz from Faithful After Fifty

We serve a group of parishioners who are still quite busy and active with many family responsibilities, social causes, and life goals. Del Ruiz fits this description. You might think Del's responsibilities as a husband, father, and grandfather, and active member of the community would be more than enough to keep him busy, but **Del has graciously devoted a great deal of time to help envision the future of FAF.** We count on Del to provide us with creative and unique solutions to challenges, to introduce some unique ideas none of us would have thought of, to keep us on track with his organizational skills, and to represent us to the larger community with his grace and charm. **Del drives us forward and keeps us united with his prayerful, thoughtful, and caring example.** His vision of who we are and what we can be has sustained us through some challenging times. We would not be moving forward to new heights without his efforts and contributions.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Throughout the summer our ministry experienced the goodness, dedication and love shown to members not ready to leave their homes. Hundreds of phone calls made assuring our parishioners our community cares and is here for them, greeting cards made and delivered, bouquets of flowers made and delivered to our Community meal families, PB&J sandwiches made from home or on campus.

Weekly updates can be found on line and in the Bulletin. We're here for you!

October 18 End of Life Workshop with Dr. Iezzie 1:00pm (RSVP to Helen)
October 18 Community Meal 1:00pm
October 20 Strength Training 10:00am
October 31 Halloween Party 2:00 – 4:00pm
 Fun Activities, RSVP to Helen
 Costumes Optional!

Contact Helen Sheridan 330-460-7322/
hsheridan@stambrose.us for any questions.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to join our group on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm.

Great opportunity to share in conversation about life, daily challenges facing men and how to keep family and God at the center, prayer, reflection and discussion on Scripture is part of the format.



Contact Deacon Tom 440-552-7437/tsheridan@stambrose.us to answer any questions.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 and 2020

PARISH RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021
Offertory Collections	\$1,752,260	\$1,805,892	\$1,762,800
Other Collections	\$2,567	\$3,054	\$3,000
Donations & Bequests (1)	\$2,003	\$253,237	\$2,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$157,962	\$108,556	\$50,000
Net Fund Raising Income (2)	\$149,083	\$10,404	\$185,550
Income from Parish Programs	\$69,540	\$67,766	\$66,000
Unrealized Gain from Investments (3)	\$49,287	\$6,622	\$0
Net Rental Income	\$1,050	\$325	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Receipts (4)	\$67,931	\$56,452	\$55,850
Capital Campaign Income (5)	\$2,244,736	\$659,317	\$49,760
Designated Collections (6)	\$11,558	\$10,978	\$0
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS	\$4,507,976	\$2,982,604	\$2,175,960

PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:

Clergy	\$105,389	\$121,256	\$82,328
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$456,516	\$410,646	\$463,600
Maintenance Staff	\$85,674	\$79,466	\$65,700
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$137,858	\$140,711	\$128,886
Rectory & Household	\$19,505	\$15,504	\$17,500
General Administrative Expenses (7)	\$196,326	\$275,671	\$270,000
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$82,399	\$70,491	\$67,450
Community Outreach	\$67,770	\$71,747	\$66,500
Religious Education & Evangelization	\$67,653	\$54,091	\$64,000
PSR Instructional	\$20,983	\$21,803	\$26,350
Other Teaching Programs	\$26,839	\$25,502	\$28,300
Youth Ministry (FIAT) (8)	\$20,079	\$11,614	\$19,850
Utilities	\$68,993	\$70,179	\$72,850
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$17,297	\$18,144	\$19,500
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$94,526	\$70,439	\$83,750
Diocesan Assessments	\$202,002	\$201,918	\$203,000
Designated Collections (6)	\$11,558	\$10,978	\$0
Capital Disbursements (9)	\$5,197,288	\$924,649	\$114,000
Building Fundraising & Support	\$33,297	\$25,830	\$25,000
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$49,287	\$6,622	\$0
Total Parish Disbursements	\$6,961,239	\$2,627,262	\$1,818,564
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(2,453,263)	\$355,342	\$357,396
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(353,520)	\$(351,267)	\$(349,276)
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$(2,806,783)	\$4,075	\$8,120
Cash used for Church Renovation reducing our assets	\$2,826,678	\$0	\$0
Adjusted net profit less renovation costs	\$19,896	\$0	\$0

NOTES:

1. Represents restricted income used for designated expense purposes; Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center, Parking Lot, and Liturgy items
2. See Event detail for support on page 11.
3. Current stock market fluctuations impacting income
4. Easter/Christmas Flowers, Votive Lights, Bulletin, Book/Pamphlet Rack, etc
5. Represents income taken to offset the Church renovation expense.
6. 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.
7. Includes interest expense on the construction loan and COVID19 related expenses.
8. COVID19 impact on Youth services programs.
9. See Parish Capital Expenditures section for further detail on page 11.

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

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 and 2020

	PRIOR YEAR 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021
SCHOOL RECEIPTS			
Tuition & Fees	\$1,466,159	\$1,624,821	\$1,672,575
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$199,665	\$181,637	\$200,000
Fundraising, Donations & Bequests	\$72,124	\$148,049	\$10,000
Net Fundraising	\$1,055	\$18,266	\$2,100
Preschool & Extended Day	\$304,769	\$369,476	\$425,000
Other Student Receipts	\$38,943	\$14,659	\$41,250
Other School Income	\$27,000	\$50,325	\$30,000
TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS	\$2,109,714	\$2,407,233	\$2,380,925
SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,737,605	\$1,779,746	\$1,808,435
Instructional	\$47,113	\$123,617	\$87,250
Preschool & Extended Day	\$208,317	\$256,460	\$385,466
Library	\$908	\$1,903	\$500
Utilities	\$58,478	\$57,596	\$64,000
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$127,230	\$118,595	\$145,200
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$17,458	\$18,144	\$18,800
Student Services	\$85,522	\$47,061	\$66,250
Administration	\$116,708	\$117,693	\$105,800
Capital Improvements (1)	\$63,894	\$237,685	\$48,500
TOTAL SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,463,234	\$2,758,501	\$2,730,201
TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(353,520)	\$(351,267)	\$(349,276)

NOTES:

1. See Page 11 for detail of School Capital Expenditures

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

Saint Ambrose School 2019-2020

\$117,000 raised!

Saint Ambrose School had a very successful year raising funds for important projects and technology for the school. The total raised in 2019-2020 was \$117,000. As a good practice, Saint Ambrose School always raises their funds before they spend the funds. As of June 30, 2020, these funds sit in a restricted account and will be spent over the summer of 2020 (reflected in the 2020-2021 financial statement).

The students, faculty, and staff of Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool are so grateful to our supportive parents and community who worked together to help us raise these funds and support of thriving school program.



PARISH STATISTICS

As of October 5:

	2019	2020
Number of Households	5,663	6,032
Number of Parishioners	16,409	17,342

Parish Stats*

	2019	2020
Baptism	125	103
First Eucharist***	142	32
Confirmation***	131	22
Marriage	31	30
Students (PSR)**	1,079	915
Students (Day School)**	475	477
Littlest Angels Preschool**	133	122
Number of people using Automatic Giving:	645	681

*FY 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020

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

***Due to COVID, most have been rescheduled to 2021.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new Pastoral Year, we are thankful for the opportunities we've had to reimagine how we do ministry and care for our community! From videos, streamed Mass, Zoom meetings and outdoor mass and events, we've had the chance to do things differently – and reach more people! We look forward to inviting our community back to Mass and continue to be responsible, safe and comfortable.

PastoralCouncil@StAmbrose.us

Marian Badaczewski	Ray Maskow	Stan Socha
Terri Bartchak	Jeff McCrary	Mollie Stracensky
Jane Bast	Jason Monaco	Father Bob Stec
Lisa Berardinelli	Joshua Monaco	Mary Stickney
Linda Cebula	Barbara Ortiz	Christine Styka
Amy Cossette	Mary Ann Riess	Lyla Wooten
David Eichman	Janice Romanin	Anita Zaccaro
Kathy Jake	Mario Romanin	
Ed Kilroy	Denise Smith	

FINANCE COUNCIL

None of us could ever have imagined, nor predicted, this past year – especially the past six months. Amid the uncertainty, we were reminded, over and over again, what we can 'count' on each and every day – the grace of God and the goodness of our members. Your faithfulness in prayer, and in support of our parish community, continues to be inspiring – a source of great hope. Your faithful care and generosity shine like a beacon of hope and God's abiding presence.

As you review the financials for the fiscal year, because of your faithfulness and your support, we ended this difficult and crazy year, again, 'in the black' by about \$10,000. Thank you so much. Special thanks, also, to our Parish Business Office team. Our Annual Report was reviewed and accepted by the Diocese of Cleveland in early September.

Throughout this Annual Report, you can see how our parish community continues to work hard - every day and always - to bring the compassion of Christ to those in need, and to be a special place for all of us to come together in prayer, service and community. God bless you!

As we look to the months ahead, we would beg for your continued faithful support for our parish. Our parish financial obligations continue in good times and in challenging times.

Please prayerfully consider:

- **Increasing your weekly/monthly contribution to our parish.** If each person/family could increase their offering \$2 - \$3, it would go a long way to ensure financial stability for the year ahead.
- **Automatic Giving to support our parish, as many families do.** It is safe. It does not cost our parish anything. Especially this year, it's consistent. It's a great way to faithfully support the work of the Lord at Saint Ambrose. For more information contact Lynn Rogers at lrogers@StAmbrose.us.

What we can count on every day is the grace of God and the goodness of our members. Over and over again, you have been so faithful to the Lord and our parish. Thank you so much. It is an honor for us to serve our parish community as members of the Parish Finance Council.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Brian Antonius
Bob Cebula
Tracy Conn
Bob Downs
Jenny Erbs
Al Karla
Mike Kubasak
Mike Lanzarotta
Patrick Meidenbauer
Bryce Rausch
Trish Strazar
Collin Vickers

BUSINESS OFFICE

Georgina Cogley
Carol Maline
Lynn Rogers
Lyla Wooten

The Parish Finance Council is always available to answer questions. Please contact Carol Maline 330.460.7336.



PARISH & SCHOOL ASSETS & LIABILITIES

June 30, 2019 and 2020	PRIOR YEAR 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2019-2020
Assets		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$1,479,089	\$1,950,999
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	\$553,990	\$744,444
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$98,952	\$81,174
Total Assets	\$2,132,031	\$2,776,616
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$561,651	\$449,138
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$75,916	\$34,114
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$395,304	\$434,020
Stipends Payable	\$16,789	\$17,072
Loans Payable	\$994,348	\$1,519,222
Deferred Restricted Support	\$659,933	\$884,264
Total Liabilities	\$2,703,941	\$3,337,829
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$2,185,586	\$(571,910)
Parish	\$(2,453,263)	\$355,342
School	\$(353,520)	\$(351,267)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year	\$(2,806,783)	\$4,075
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$49,287	\$6,622
Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year	\$(571,910)	\$(561,213)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$2,132,031	\$2,776,616

NOTES:

1. Represents accruals for health benefits, pension, workers compensation and misc.
2. School Tuition, PSR fees and miscellaneous for next year received in this fiscal year.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

ACTUAL FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 and JUNE 30, 2020
NEEDED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

PARISH:	PRIOR YEAR 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021
Land Improvement	\$33,260	\$5,251	\$0
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep	\$22,580	\$4,586	\$44,000
Parking Lot (1)	\$5,075	\$76,288	\$30,000
Church Renovation (2)	\$5,071,414	\$659,317	\$0
Parish Veh, Eqt, Furniture	\$2,750	\$0	\$25,000
Lehner Center	\$0	\$223	\$0
Rectory	\$689	\$0	\$0
Machinery and Equipment	\$0	\$1,238	\$0
Music/AV Equipment	\$50,370	\$1,470	\$0
Parish Office Furn/Equip	\$1,697	\$818	\$0
Computers & Equipment	\$8,751	\$17,696	\$15,000
Other (3)	\$703	\$157,762	\$0
Parish Total	\$5,197,288	\$924,649	\$114,000
SCHOOL:			
Parking Lot/Land Improvement	\$5,645	\$7,250	\$5,500
Building Renovation (4)	\$3,406	\$151,410	\$31,000
Computers and Related	\$46,506	\$32,096	\$10,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (5)	\$8,338	\$46,930	\$ 2,000
School Total	\$63,894	\$237,685	\$48,500
TOTAL PARISH & SCHOOL	\$5,261,182	\$1,162,334	\$162,500

NOTES:

1. Replacement of cement in Church/PLC parking lots.
2. Church renovation and construction.
3. Barn construction, Church security/camera systems, steeple updates.
4. New school HVAC/Duct work and school cabinetry/counters.
5. School Promethean Boards, Littlest Angels Preschool new location furniture/equipment.



PARISH EVENTS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

	2019	2020
Summer Festival (1)	\$110,741	\$(3,090)
Bingo	\$157,962	\$108,556
Fish Fry	\$38,317	\$9,282
Misc/Recycling		\$4,213
TOTAL (2)	\$307,020	\$118,960

NOTES:

1. Raffle Income posted to July 2020, event date change due to COVID19
2. COVID19 impact on income productivity

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

Sunday, November 1
at 6:30 pm OR
Monday, November 2
at 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.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Thanksgiving Day,
November 26

Thanksgiving Meals are available for pick-up or delivery on Thanksgiving day.

Meals can be picked up at between 12:30-1:00pm at the back door of Hilkert Hall or we will deliver to Brunswick / Brunswick Hills.

Meals will be delivered between 12:00 noon – 1:30pm.

To reserve a meal for pick up or delivery please call the office at 330-460-7300, RSVP by Monday November 23.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26
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.

Our School FULL OF HOPE

BETTER TOGETHER

We are so blessed to be back together!

Our 2020-2021 theme reminds us to "See the Good and Be the Good." Our Littlest Angels moved into their brand new 5-STAR building across the street this past summer! This has created much needed additional space for K-8 in God's perfect timing!

We have renovated the lower level classrooms for use as a Fine Arts room as well as a Sensory room for our Jon Peterson intervention team as well as providing additional resource room accessible to all students. In addition, we renovated the 4th and 5th grade science room into a mini STEAM lab! Lastly, we are now completely air conditioned! **This and all of the above mentioned improvements were possible thanks to the generosity of our families and friends through our fundraising efforts which raised over \$117,000 directly for our school!**

Thank you to all of our school families for your investment in a faith-filled education of excellence. We are so blessed of our role in shaping these leaders for tomorrow and grateful for your continued partnership.

WE CELEBRATE OUR FACULTY AND STAFF!

Our deeply caring and highly qualified faculty and staff rose to the challenge for an exemplary remote 4th quarter filled with the highest levels of quality and care! We were also able to be valuable resources to other schools within the Diocese of Cleveland to help teach other schools how to engage students virtually and provide live learning, and support at home. Our students received great connection with their teachers, including live lessons and support to finish our 60th year strong!

Congratulations to our 2020 Faculty and Staff Members of the Year!

This is our second year honoring our faculty and staff members with two awards from nominations from parents and peers and have been also reviewed and affirmed by our School Advisory Board and School Administration. **The St. John Baptist De La Salle Excellence in Teaching Award** and the **St. Teresa of Calcutta Staff Excellence Award** recognizes teachers and staff excellence.

EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

Our school and a number of our teachers recently received the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for their work during the past school year. While this is traditionally a prestigious award, this year's is a step above due to what was accomplished virtually as a result of the shutdown amid the pandemic. **We are so proud of our faculty and staff!**

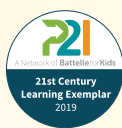
Distinguished Faculty Members:

Stacey Gove, Laurie Hamzik, Susan Kautzman, Julia Kinley, Joyce McCarthy-Reed, Amy Morgan, Christopher Mullen, Sheri Niedermyer, Wendy Parente, Kelly Thompson, Erin Trigg

We thank God for our parish family and the prayerful and financial support offered by you, in addition to our many community, business, education and civic partners. We pray for you as well. May the Holy Spirit continue to go before us and keep us safe, healthy and ever-focused on Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!

Lisa M. Cinadr, Principal

Christopher M. Dziedzicki, Assistant Principal



**SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



SAVE THE DATES

November 8 - Fall Kindergarten and Preschool Open House (reservation only)

November 16 - Grade 1-8 Fall Open House (reservation only)

**Admissions@StASchool.us
330-460-7318**



NEW HOME NEW YEAR

What an exciting time for Saint Ambrose Littlest Angels Preschool!

We are so excited to be in our brand new 5-STAR building across the street at Ambrose Crossing! **We were able to double our space, which has been a true blessing in these current circumstances!** We were able to thoughtfully plan for a safe, healthy and comfortable return to learning in person! We are so proud of our staff and their commitment to excellence.

Our small classes, caring staff, safe and clean environment, commitment to faith and excellence shine as we welcome new and familiar faces to our new home.

We are proud to provide our 5 STAR Step Up To Quality program. We are grateful to all of our LAPS families for the blessing and privilege of teaching their children not only academics but our faith! Thank you to our parish families for your continued support and prayers. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our little angels!

We are still enrolling for fall and will be adding additional classes to coincide with Brunswick students' return to in-person learning this fall. Thank you for sharing this opportunity with family and friends to join us! Please reach us at 330-460-7318 to learn more today.

Fall Blessings,
Mrs. Catherine Mitchell
Preschool Director



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



STORIES OF HOPE by Lisa Cinadr, Principal

The commitment of Chris, Catherine and Maryellen!

Planning began for the 2020-2021 school year in extraordinary ways. Prayerful, thoughtful and innovative ideation with increased safety measures for the well-being of our school family was in order. **All summer long, there were three people who worked with me, tirelessly leaving no stone unturned** as guidelines and mandates by the CDC, Governor's office, health departments and more created challenges for opening school in the fall.

Those three people, **Chris Dziedzicki**, Assistant Principal; **Catherine Mitchell**, Littlest Angels Preschool Director; and **Maryellen Newrones**, Administrative Assistant, are to be honored for their unwavering commitment and efforts for Littlest Angels Preschool through Eighth Grade. They truly are examples of inspiration and hope! Despite the many moving targets that the pandemic gave us, they worked with heroism and continue to do so. I thank God for them and am so proud of them! I ask you to join me in a prayer of great gratitude for the blessings they are as leaders and supporters of our special faculty and staff of Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool!



Inspired by Blake and Garrett!

There is remarkable goodness at Saint Ambrose School (Preschool-Grade 8) that shows itself in so many ways - too many to count actually.

However, one such example exponentially grew to help so many. Saint Ambrose School students Blake and Garrett inspired us with their goodness in seeing a need and doing what they could to fill that need. They have been listening at Mass!



Hearing that there are many who are not getting enough to eat these days, the brothers began their first annual Back to School Food Drive in their neighborhood. Their parents helped them bring their food collection to Saint Ambrose to give to Catholic Works of Mercy as part of the Mercy Monday ministry. These youngsters showed us the heart of Jesus and challenge each of us to do what is needed - our part - for others. God bless you, Blake and Garrett!

Our Catechists FULL OF HOPE

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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 in these changing times.** We are truly blessed to have Catechists who are ready to adapt to the times in order to continue to praise the faith to our children.

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.



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 model 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

"Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."

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

CLOW | Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the Saturday 4:30pm Mass and Sunday 9am and 10:30am Masses

Children are invited to hear all about the weekly prayers, scriptures, and message. While we can't be together physically in church, we have found a way to still share in God's love online. Weekly, we release a new Children's Liturgy of the Word video for our friends to view, so they don't miss a second of God's word.

We have had an adventurous year so far with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Along with learning all about special Feast Days, we have learned all about mass, and why we do what we do during mass. God has the perfect message for us to start out our week. **Join us each weekend for our online Children's Liturgy of the Word lessons...everyone is welcome, young and old!** It's a twenty minute video that will shape your week!



JUNIOR HIGH PSR

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

Edge Social Nights:

Tuesday Nights 6:30-8:00pm!

October 27

December 1

February 9

April 27

Embark in the Service of God

We will continue to offer opportunities for all of our junior high students to come together and serve others. Service days will be offered a few times per month, in addition to gathering together for Community Day on October 17th. **Please see the Saint Ambrose website for all the up to date details!**

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.

FIAT 2020-2021

ILLUMINATE



Our Teens FULL OF HOPE

FIAT NIGHTS

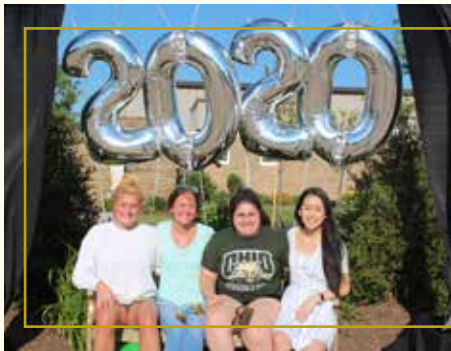
Another great year of Youth Ministry events is off to a start!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Kick-Off event – if you missed it, be sure to join us for the next FIAT night – Sundays after the 5pm Mass in Hilkert Hall. Be sure to check our FIAT website & social media accounts for updates, permission forms, and other information!

Website: www.myFIAT.us

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stambrosefiat

Instagram: @stambrose_fiat



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE

Attention parents!

We'd love to stay connected to our college students – please send us their address for occasional care packages, as well as their email address for email newsletters. Addresses can be sent to Caitlin at coneill@stambrose.us. Questions? Call Caitlin at 330.460.7387!

STORY OF HOPE

Meet the Blanc Family

We have lived in Brunswick since 2013, and immediately joined Saint Ambrose parish when we moved.

I've really enjoyed my time as a Catechist at Saint Ambrose. For 2 years I taught 4th grade PSR, now moving to 6th grade for 2020. I saw the need for new Catechists to help in our PSR program, and I'm blessed and thankful to have made that decision to become part of the catechist team at Saint Ambrose.

Hope in the future means a few things for us. It means that everything happens for a reason, you may not understand that reason yet, but will eventually see the big picture.

We cherish the victories in life and embrace the challenging/life lesson moments to learn from them.

We learn together as a family to move on each day and be thankful for all we are blessed with, and to share with others, provide encouragement to others that may be experiencing challenges we faced.

We hope to see an end to bullying, healthy recoveries to all during the pandemic, a healing/loving society, and a successful society.

Love, the Blanc Family



Jeff, works for New York Life Insurance Co. as a Production Support Senior Associate. Lauren is a Pediatric Registered Nurse, Care Coordinator for Gastro-Intestinal Pediatrics at the Cleveland Clinic. We have lived in Brunswick since 2013. Ashley, 12, is in 7th grade at Brunswick Middle School. Ashley enjoys playing her cello in her orchestra class and ballet, tap, and jazz which she's been doing for about 9 years. Owen, 11, in 5th grade at Applewood Elementary. Owen loves his karate class, reading books, and spending time with his sisters. Haleigh, 7, is in 2nd grade at Applewood. She also takes ballet, tap and jazz like her big sister.

Our Hearts FULL OF HOPE

CULTURE OF LIFE

Walking with Moms in Need

The Culture of Life, in March, started something new: Walking with Moms in Need, a year of service. This is a national endeavor with the Pro Life Secretariat of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It started on the 25th Anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life) and falls in line with Pope Francis's call for accompaniment. **During this year we will accompany (walk with) Pregnant/Parenting women in need.**

Even with Covid-19 delays, we are right on track. A group of four, plus staff members, has been working to complete an inventory of resources, available for Moms, who may need assistance. Part of this will be a continuation of our annual Fill the Crib campaign in October. **We will be changing this campaign to NEW items only due to Covid-19 precautions.**

The Saint Ambrose Culture of Life Committee was abundantly blessed and overwhelmed with the contributions received during the 2019 Fill the Crib campaign! There were over 1,300 items worth over \$4,000, including \$680 in monetary donations. 2019 marked our 9th year with a cumulative collection of over \$21,000. Among the donations were: Diapers, Wipes, Clothing, Blankets, Baby Food/Formula, Bottles, and Personal Care. All items were provided to the Oaks Family Care Center, Oasis of Hope, and Birthcare of Medina.

Your GENEROUS donations helped so many moms and children last year. THANK YOU!

Further information will be released in the near future. Please visit www.walkingwithmoms.com

If you want to be added to the Culture of Life e-mail list for updates and events, please contact Trish Shaw at ohshaw@gmail.com or 440-590-0083.



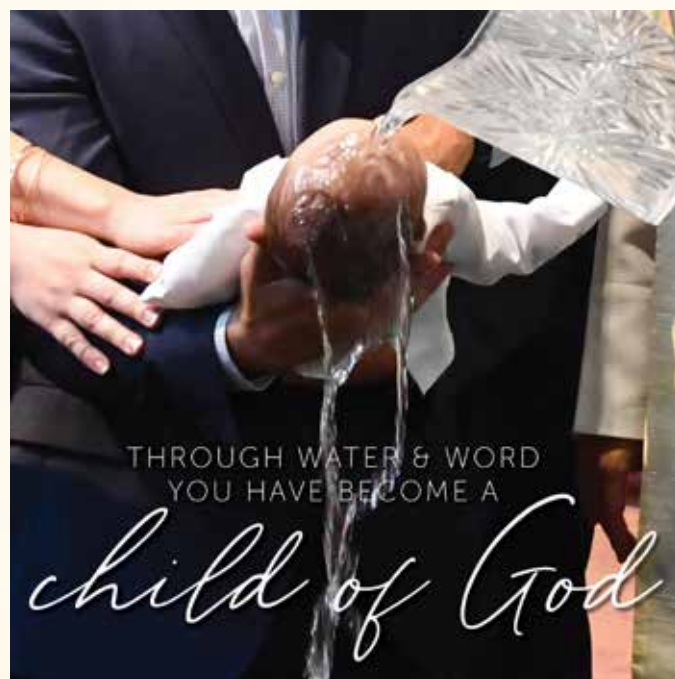
THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Baptism is such a joyous sacrament.

As we welcome our newest members into our parish family, the sacrament is celebrated with much excitement. The pandemic has changed how we have been preparing for our sacrament, but it has not stopped us from celebrating.

Monthly, Saint Ambrose has been offering virtual Baptism classes. They have been very well attended, and our neighboring parishes have been able to join us as we educate our young parents on this sacrament, from the safety of their homes. We have been continuing our Baptism celebrations weekly in person, one family at a time, practicing pandemic precautions. Our presiders have been flexible with the scheduling, even being available throughout the week to welcome our younger members to the church.

We have had a total of 94 Baptisms celebrated this past year, and we look forward to celebrating more in the year to come. If you have questions about the Baptism process, or would like to attend a class (this is required before your first child is Baptized), please call Kim Nemet at 330-460-7316.



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MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been greatly blessed at Saint Ambrose, as I have seen God's goodness in Father Bob, Helen, Lisa, the staff, and musicians in the Music Ministry. **There is a culture of deep faith, energy, excellence, and enthusiasm, which is refreshing.** Our commitment to doing everything together for the Glory of God energizes me and motivates me to be my best self. God has truly blessed this extremely active parish and I look forward to the work that He will be doing through us in the next months and years.

In the upcoming year, I am looking forward to growing the music ministry. We are committed to keeping everyone safe and comfortable as we begin rehearsals again. If you like to sing, please consider coming to choir rehearsals. You don't need to have a trained voice – we can work with you. If you love music but don't read it, we are working on starting a beginning bell choir, so please consider joining that group.

Keep an eye out for more concerts, as we'll be starting a concert series! If you play an instrument, please let me know. I plan on starting an orchestra, so I'm looking for the following musicians:

• all strings • woodwinds: flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons • brass: horns, trumpets, trombones, tuba • percussion

This is a great opportunity for you to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

We also need volunteers to help with filing music and organization, so please contact me if you're interested.

Feel free to come introduce yourself before or after Masses. I look forward to meeting you!

Travis Jürgens

Director of Music Ministry



SAVE THE DATE!
ADVENT CONCERT
Thursday, December 10
6:30pm

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We are blessed to announce our Team #2 of Stephen Ministers!

Despite all the challenges that the pandemic has brought us during our training series, the team was able to muster through and complete their training to become a Stephen Minister. The team went through hours and hours of curriculum which includes skills practice, lectures, videos and formative sessions that really are invaluable to learning all about the skills of becoming a Stephen Minister.

We have a whole new team of ministers that are highly trained to walk with others on their life's journey and challenges. Our ministers are filled with compassion, care, faith, and a heart to want to offer emotional and spiritual support for those that are faced with challenging times.



We are proud to welcome Team #2:

Lisa Anderson, Vince Berardinelli, Larry Chorzelewski, Sharon Chorzelewski, Jennifer Cole, Karen Knirnschild, Michael Lanzarotta Sr., Karen Mangan, Carol Muller, Trish Strazar

If you would like an application or more information please contact:

Lisa Homady at 330.460.7315 LHomady@StAmbrose.us or Carol Maline at 330.460.7336 CMaline@StAmbrose.us.

Applications are also available at the front office.



SAINT AMBROSE FALL PARISH MISSION

with Tom Bonezzi and Father Bob Stec

ALL IS HOLY

Reflections on Gratitude and Grace

Join Tom Bonezzi and Fr. Bob Stec for three evenings of prayerful reflection and inspiring song to stir your hearts in the autumn days of thanksgiving.

Just as faithful men and women, saints and martyrs throughout our church's history have trusted and relied upon the Lord, how can each of us take the time to pause, refocus and lean into God's grace to experience spiritual nourishment, refreshment and recommitment to help others encounter God on our journey of faith.

November 15-17, 2020

Each evening from 6:45-8:00pm

Come for each night...invite your family & friends!

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

• Colossians 3:17



Sunday, November 15

#2020 - Why Not?

Monday, November 16

Attitude of Gratitude -
Deepen our Awareness of
Thanksgiving and Blessing

Tuesday, November 17

I Say Yes - Recommit our
Service and our Call

Our Future FULL OF HOPE

ENDOWMENT GIVING



A heartfelt thank you to the following who have made donations to our Endowment Fund, Memorial Gifts and donations to our Students in Need Scholarship Fund in Memory of Fr. Lorkowski.

Andrea Adams
Anne & Jason Gus
Anne & Thomas Behrend
Anonymous
Cheryl Gazso
David Schley
Debbie Papes-Stanzak
Deborah Howell
Diane Marie Shullick
Donald & Joan Matz
Edward & Linda Gierlach
Edwin & Kathleen Odeal
Eugene & Mary Merrill
Frances Pelcin
Frank & Lynn Rogers
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Greg & Georgina Cogley
J. William & Wendy Sikora
James & Deena Macko

James & Julie Petras
James & Karen Kipfstuhl
Jeanne Brail
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John Caristo
Joseph Cherico
Kenneth & Clare Pietrzycki
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Mary Martin
Mary Schneider

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Michelle Pawlowski
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Wendy Zachary
Zigmunt, Jr. & Helen Walkiewicz

SAINT AMBROSE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Each year, our Community Partners constantly step up to support our Parish Family and help make our family events and programming possible!

This year is no different. Despite the pandemic, our parishioners and business within the community remain committed to our Parish Family and continue to support us! Please support their companies!

If you'd like a personal connection to learn more about their services, or if you are a local business and would like to learn more about supporting your Parish, please reach out to Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us or Melissa Plute, MPlute@StAmbrose.us



STORY OF HOPE

I've been actively involved with our parish for quite some time. This past spring, with my retirement and the pandemic, I had the unique privilege of helping sort the weekly collection. It truly was a privilege – a humbling honor – to sit, week in and week out, and see the thoughtfulness, commitment and generosity of our members. Many would write notes of gratitude to God and support for the efforts and work of our community. It was truly a blessing to experience your overwhelming goodness and generosity to the Lord and our parish. Thank you for this privilege and for your inspiration.

- Mike Lanzarotta



STORY OF HOPE

I find that God reminds me that He is with me when I least expect it. It's as if He can tell when I'm starting to doubt His plans, that he finds a way to show me that I am never alone. Earlier this winter, my father was unexpectedly put in the hospital with some health complications. I was feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders and as I was walking out of the hospital **I spotted Deacon Frank with one of the members of Good Samaritans.** In that moment I felt God speaking to me, letting me know that He was with us and that we would be OK. Deacon Frank was so kind and visited my Dad twice, offering prayer and encouragement.

It's in these small moments, I am taken back by the work our Ministries do throughout our community, on a daily basis, that can literally leave us speechless. We don't always realize that the time we put in, the hour we volunteered, the phone calls we make, the food we donate, the blankets we sew, can stop someone in their tracks and allow them to open their heart to God.

Those reminders, those acts of kindness, those are what give me hope. To me, they are small miracles that spread love and joy throughout our Parish and our community, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

- Natalie English



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TRICK-OR-TREAT!
Friday, October 30
6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Music, Hot Cocoa and more to keep
your family warm – and entertained!**

Saint Ambrose Parish is hosting a responsible,
comfortable, safe, FUN and FREE trick-or-treating
event for our community!

Visit over 25 stations spread throughout our campus,
from Pearl Road to the football field, so you and your
family can get the full 'experience' of walking and
trick-or-treating!

SAFETY FIRST!

Our volunteers will be temperature checked upon arrival,
wear masks, gloves and follow social distancing guidelines.
We're even working on creative ways to maintain 6' while
giving out the candy! Masks recommended for attendees.

Best mask wins a prize!

at Saint Ambrose

GET COMPLETE DETAILS AT
www.stambrose.us/events

