Alive
IN CHRIST
EASTER 2021 • SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

"He is not here; He has risen!"

“He is not here, but He has been raised. Remember what He said to you while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.”

And they remembered His words.

-LUKE 24:6-8

We are a Catholic community of faith, centered on Jesus Christ who is everything for us!
...“When Simon and Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.” Easter boldly proclaims that He is Alive. We celebrate our Easter faith that, in Jesus’ death, He opens for us the way to Heaven. It is Jesus who transforms sin and death and calls us constantly and faithfully into a fullness of life now and forever. He is alive and calls us each day to be ALIVE IN Christ and filled with God’s Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

...As we celebrate the joy of Easter, it’s a good moment to reflect on our Lenten Journey. What was helpful? What brought you closer to the Lord? How can we continue to put in ‘best practices’ to help us deepen our relationship and our openness to God’s Spirit. God wants to lead you to a fuller life so you can be ALIVE in Christ. It means that we take the time and have an open heart to the Lord. Take a few minutes to look through this Easter bulletin. It’s filled with inspiring opportunities for you in this Easter season. Our website is also loaded with great information and resources to help you continue your journey with the Lord.

...We were blessed this Lent to have had hundreds of our members involved in Faith Sharing Groups. It’s a comfortable and meaningful way to grow closer to the Lord and engage in meaningful, faith-filled conversations (in person or virtually) with some of our members. It’s also a great way to strengthen friendships and deepen the bonds of our community. If you would like to join a faith sharing group, or learn more about them, please contact Jane Baldwin (jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us).

...In this Easter Season, we are going to try to stir some deeper conversations in our community. As we walk towards the end of the pandemic and reflect on the year gone by, we are creating opportunities to ‘figure out’ and ‘sort out’ what all this... and all this means. “What the heck happened this past year??” is an opportunity in a very caring and respectful way to help you ‘process’ the pandemic in your life. We have scheduled ‘five’ of these conversations (all the same). See today’s bulletin for dates. It’s one way that we can help each other walk forward into a future full of hope. It’s a way of helping us move from this difficult year to a fuller life in Christ.
RCIA

Journey to Emmaus
As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we have so many reasons to be joyful at Saint Ambrose. One of the many sources of joy for our parish community is the group of young adults and adults who have spent the last several months preparing to receive some or all of the Sacraments of Initiation at this weekend’s Easter Vigil. Please join us in congratulating the following individuals for their great achievement in taking the next step on their spiritual journey to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

Shane Bianchi  Alex Duke  Hannah Forrester  Kasey Hatmaker  Rachael Lemons  Matthew Laird  James Ryder  Chaz Sanfilippo  Brandon Shipley  Geneva Chrysanthus  Keith Everhart  Ronald Gullo  Macon Hoover  Craig Quary  Ken Ribich  Vicki Sack  Dakota (Cody) Sawyer  Rachael Stofey

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about Catholicism or joining the faith?

Contact Caitlin (CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387) or Fr. Andrew (AHoover@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311) to learn more!

RCIC

Children’s Journey of Faith
This Easter, we welcome Isabell C., Camellia G., and Brennan M. into the Catholic faith. These children have been walking this journey of faith, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you to Linda Kaminski for walking along side of them, and for her commitment to truly immerse them in the teachings of the faith.

RCIC at Saint Ambrose is a form of the Rite of Christian Initiation intended for children, not baptized as infants or who are baptized but have not received any formal catechesis, and who are of catechetical age.

Contact Janet (JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321) for more information.

Adult Confirmation

Strengthen Their Bond with the Lord
The Adult Confirmation Program is for adults who were baptized and have received First Holy Communion, but were not confirmed. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the one that suggests to us the wonderful in-pouring of the strength of the Holy Spirit. These gifts enable us to walk with strength and conviction through the world, focused on God’s love and His plan. We are blessed to have eight members who have just recently attended their Confirmation Retreat and chosen their Confirmation names (in bold). On April 18, we will come together to witness them be anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. Please keep the following members in your prayers.

Sebastian Seaton Andrew Guk  Christopher John Sebastian Koval  Frederick James Michael Sack  Ethan Matthew Matthew Vejdovec  Rebecca Elizabeth Monica Kaaikaula  Joseph Michael Thomas Koval  Reyna Kathleen Theresa Tobias  Rebecca Marie Anastasia Vejdovec
New Parishioner Spotlight
Meet Joe Wollet
Like many others during the COVID pandemic, Joe tuned into Saint Ambrose’s live-stream Masses during his “stay-at-home period” and as things started to open back up and he ventured out of the safety of his home, Joe decided to formally commit by joining our parish. He didn’t stop there though. In fact, in the short time that Joe has been an official member of the parish, he has volunteered at many of the Fish Fry Fridays and is one of our amazing lectors. When Father Bob called upon Joe to be a part of the team charged with reinvigorating the ministry to the unemployed and underemployed at Saint Ambrose, Joe did not hesitate to answer that call. He says, “Getting on one’s feet again is hard work, our ministry is there to point people in the right direction and walk with them on their journey.” We are so blessed that Joe decided to make Saint Ambrose his second home!

Welcome New Members
Help us extend a very warm welcome to our new parishioners and visitors! We are so glad they have joined us!

From January 2021
Christopher & Irene Abel  Rachael Lemons
Mark & Kayla Bidwell  Neil & Mary Lonzo
Sarah Billittier  Justin & Candice Mack
Bryan Brown  Lisa Marko
Michael & Kim Burchek  Nancy Messina
Brennan & Diana Calvey  Angelo & Jacqueline Messina
Zachary Carney & Stephanie De Maria  Michael Mireles
Anthony & Angela Chesnick  Adam & Kayla Nealon
Geneva Chrysanthus  Patricia Nelson
Eric & Michele Cvanciger  Brian & Amanda Nolan
Sara DeLillo  Scott & Gayle Obay
Michelle Drum  Richard & Rebecca Owens
Alexander Duke  William Perkins
Mary Lou Edwards  Daniel & Charlene Peterlin
Keith & Hannah Everhart  Jack Powers
Brianna French  Craig Quarry
Donna Gammalo  Joseph & Diana Romano
Robert & Catherine Grabowski  Frederick & Vicki Sack
Ronald Gullo  Alison Scheiman
Rhiannon Harrison  Michael & Jennifer Sheppard
Kasey Hatzmaker  Patricia Sikes
Robert & Kristine Heinrich  Andrew & Lenny Smith
Jennifer Jacoby  Sara Sobolewski
Andy & Katherine Jedrzejeczyk  Sam & Jamie Sitzel
Jon-Paul & Megan Johns  Rachael Stofey
Garrett & Marie Jones  James & Jamie Supp
Rebecca Kaikaula  Nancy Taylor
Alvaro & Mary Kenney  Kimberly Toski
Laura Kenzig  Emilia Trenton
David & Sarah Koehnelein  Brianna Wensink
Alana Lawrence  Daniel & Melissa Wodarczyk
Janice Lawrence  Tyler & Kayla Woitkowski
Megan Lawrence  Richard & Karen Zabrocki
Brandon & Kathryn Zimmerman

New to Saint Ambrose Parish?
WELCOME!
Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________
Phone #: ____________________________

(PLEASE CHECK)
___ I am new to the area and would like to join the parish
___ Change of Address
___ I would like more information about the Catholic Faith
___ I am interested in volunteering with _______________________
___ Please have someone call me: I need _______________________
___ I would like to receive Eucharist at:  □ Home
□ Hospital: ________________________ Room# ________

If you have any questions, please call our Parish Office at 330.460.7300 or email Office@StAmbrose.us.

“Being relatively new to the parish, I can’t tell you the happiness I have in my heart that I chose Saint Ambrose, a great feeling of belonging!”

- KAREN GINLEY
An Abundance of Gratitude
Fish Fry season is usually a blast but thanks to our volunteers, this year was extra memorable and fun! Special thanks to the crew who filmed and all the people who appeared in our commercials!

“Our neighbors brought us Saint Ambrose fish fry last night. It was delicious! Good job Saint Ambrose! We’re sure to go for more next Friday.”
~ GLADYS MUROS CLAUSING

“The Fish Fry commercials are so funny! Looked for these every week. Hi Father Jeremy!”
- DONNA MORAN

Angels in Our Community
PB&J Brigade Spotlight
The PB&J Brigade has been in operation for an entire year and its smooth operation is due to the incredible volunteers that make it happen.

One of those volunteers is Sue Knapp. Sue is the organization guru. At least three days a week, you will find her hauling supplies (peanut butter, jelly, baggies, snacks, boxes, etc.) to prepare for the volunteers who arrive each evening set on feeding over 2,600 people each week. She is the first one on site and the last one to leave each evening. For this reason and many others, we ask you to join us in thanking Sue for all the hours and her dedicated efforts she has contributed to this ministry.
Alive in Christ!
As the days get longer, weather gets warmer and sun gets brighter, we are excited to invite you to join us at Saint Ambrose this spring! We always strive to create fun, safe, family experiences for you and your family!

There's something at Saint Ambrose for everyone. We are working hard to create a full spectrum of programs and opportunities for all ages.

Listed on this page are some of the activities. You will see some are online/virtual. Others are outdoors. Some are in person gatherings/meetings.

We want to make sure everyone is safe and comfortable. Please find a way that you can stay connected in the Spring Season at Saint Ambrose.

You can always find the complete and the most up-to-date information at: www.StAmbrose.us

“I wanted to thank you and compliment the community of Saint Ambrose. [My family and I] have been watching Mass with your parish for much of the pandemic and have found such comfort in seeing you and hearing your message.”
- MELANIE WHITING
Summer Concerts at Saint Ambrose!

Thanks to some of our members, we are creating many safe, fun events and concerts for every age, on our campus for the summer months. Watch again for details and be prepared to enjoy Summer @ Saint Ambrose.

Living Word Prayer Group
Be Renewed
The next meeting of the Living Word Prayer Group will be on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Wear your masks and bring your Bible as we let the Wind of the Spirit flow freely over us. God wants to renew His church through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Men's Golf League
Hittin' the Course Again!
The 2021 Saint Ambrose Men’s Golf League will begin on Monday, April 19 and they still have openings! We will plan on playing every Monday evening at Coppertop. If you are interested please contact Dan Wish for more information at danielwish@aol.com or call 330.241.1336.

GriefShare
13 Week Series Starting Soon
If your heart is heavy with memory of someone you’ve loved and lost, we warmly welcome you to attend GriefShare. 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”. Join us as we start our new in person session. We will offer two different times on Thursdays in order to offer safe accommodations starting April 8. RSVP for this series by visiting www.StAmbrose.us/Events. All are welcome at any time!
Events for Couples

Friday, April 16 | 6:00 pm
Couples Paint Night
Join us as Sara Graham leads us in a couples painting session, where you and your partner can create a masterpiece and some fun memories. Our Couples Night Out event is free. Please RSVP to Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us.

May 14
Marriage Enrichment Series
FREE to all married couples, this is an invitation to open your heart, listen and let God’s grace guide you in loving your spouse. For more information, please contact Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us.

Women’s Renewal!
July 24 & 25
All of us are constantly called to ‘renewal’ – to freshen up our lives, our relationship with God, our marriages.
We are all called to renewal – to find new life and greater joy.

For generations, men and women of our parish community have joined in a “Renewal” weekend. Anyone who has ever gone on a ‘renewal’ will tell you that you meet great people...eat good food...and find a deeper connection with God. It’s refreshing...it’s renewing...it’s a blessing beyond words.
Commit to one weekend with the Lord to find greater joy, deeper peace, and surround yourself with really good people who also want to be alive and renewed in their life. For details about the upcoming Women’s Renewal Weekend, contact Nelly Quinones (Nellypto@yahoo.com).

Recently Engaged?
Congratulations! God bless you abundantly.
We are very excited about entering into wedding season here at Saint Ambrose. Beautifully, we have our highest number of brides and grooms coming together, joining in the Sacrament of Marriage. With God at the center of their relationships, the bond of their marriages will have a strong foundation and can only grow stronger from there, even through the ups and downs of life. If you are engaged, or would like more information about the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Ambrose, please visit www.StAmbrose.us/Weddings.

“It was an amazing day to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage here. From start to finish, the wedding team made the planning process easy. Father Bob led a beautiful Mass, really sharing stories about my husband and I, as he got to know us through our engagement.”
- NICOLE SHREVE

Please RSVP for any of our Family Life Ministry events to Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us. And, feel free to invite other couples to join you.

Married Couples...join our team!
We are always looking for married couples to help prepare our engaged couples for marriage. These couples make up our Marriage Preparation Team. A perfect relationship is not a requirement, just a deep love for each other and a faith-filled marriage that can be a healthy role model to our engaged couples. Please email Kim at KNemet@StAmbrose.us if you would like to learn more about this group.
Blessings from our CARES Team

Bringing Hope and Joy!

Major kudos to everyone who participated in the Family Lenten Service Project. We had hundreds of beautiful, creative Easter cards and crafts to send to local nursing homes.

Thank you to Dr. Anthony Iezzi and Ms. Cindy Zalek for taking the time to present at our Lenten Soup Suppers.

Food Sorting is moving to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next date is Tuesday, April 20, at 4:00 pm in Hilkert Hall.

Stay up-to-date with our CARES Team at www.StAmbrose.us

Blessed by Catholic Works of Mercy
...and all the good that they do to serve others.

- Mercy Monday donations continue to be plentiful, allowing them to feed hundreds of individuals every week.
- CWM weekly food distribution every Wednesday, provides approximately 50-85 families a week’s worth of groceries, plus household items like cleaning products, paper products and hand sanitizers.
- This Easter, CWM has adopted over 100 families, all who will get a complete Easter dinner with delicious ham, yams, vegetables, and all the fixings, as well as a week’s worth of groceries.
- CWM made up almost 100 Easter baskets for the children.
- Our monthly Community Meal serves hundreds. They have served almost 1,400 meals in the first three months of the year.

We could not do all of these wonderful things without the amazing volunteers in our Catholic Works of Mercy and Community Meals ministry. We are blessed by their goodness and generosity to serve the Lord. Thank you to all of YOU for your contributions to make this all possible! Our members continue to bring hope and light into the lives of so many that they serve.

“Thanking the team for all of your hard work, kindness and dedication. The careful sorting, organizing, preparation, packing, lifting and carrying in the cold or hot weather, in the snow, rain, or bright sun; all to help other people […] makes me sincerely grateful for your help and all that you do.”

- CHARLENE MURPHY

Saint Ambrose Parish
Community Day of Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

We need a team of 500+ 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. A great way to spend a couple of hours together, connecting with others while we serve God as we do His work! It’s also a wonderful way for students to earn service hours.

Questions:
For any questions or more information, please contact Gail at GEichman@StAmbrose.us

- Keep our Parish grounds clean and safe!
- Assist our parishioners with various projects!
- Help keep our community safe and beautiful!
Masks required, small groups and social distancing will be maintained.
We are Alive in Christ!

Easter Blessings from Principal Cinadr

The birds are singing, the sun is shining and the sounds of children laughing, learning, praying, and singing fill our school hallways and outdoor spaces! Spring has sprung at Saint Ambrose School. God be praised! Together - in Littlest Angels Preschool through Eighth Grade - we move with creative courage and continue to press forward in love and hope in the Lord. **On behalf of our faculty, staff, students and school family, may the hope and joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes today and always!**

Congratulations!

We had the joy of ‘surprising’ one of our first-grade teachers, Mrs. Kelly Thompson. **She has been named by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) one of the 2021 Innovative Teachers in Catholic Education in the NATION!** It’s an amazing affirmation of the great work she does for our students and school community. It’s also a great affirmation of the work our entire faculty and staff are doing every day at Saint Ambrose School. This national recognition is a great affirmation for our school. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Thompson and our entire faculty and staff.

Mano en Mano - Almsgiving for Lent

Our students and staff have been having a fun and friendly competition to support our neighbors in need. So far over $2500 has been collected for our extended family in our Mission. We are so excited to help build a house for their community!

STEAM Earth Day Planned

Saint Ambrose School hosts a family-friendly STEAM night every year for the past four years to mark the anniversary of becoming the first STEAM designated school in the state of Ohio. We have reimagined this family event by combining STEAM with a celebration of Earth Day during the school day. Faculty and staff have many innovative activities planned that celebrate our Next Generation school in praise and thanksgiving of our good and gracious Creator. School families are also planning for teams to come together to work in support of our parish’s Community Day the following weekend.
Greetings from our Littlest Angels,
This Lent, our preschoolers prepared their hearts for Easter by performing kind, thoughtful, and prayerful deeds during this blessed season. Young children love counting down the days to a special season, holiday, or event. We counted down the days with 40 paper chains, containing tasks that put God and others before ourselves. Our little ones did a wonderful job and are ready to celebrate the joy of the Easter season.

Our little angels have also prepared well all year for their next year of preschool or kindergarten. With our curriculum, character development program, social-emotional and faith formation, our preschoolers are on track for success. It has been a blessing for all of us, to be learning together in person! Now that spring weather is upon us we have been enjoying our new playground! We are looking forward to planting a garden and observing God’s beautiful creation that comes alive in the spring!

Happy, blessed Easter,
Catherine Mitchell
LAPS Preschool Director

Graduation Blessings
Collin...your Saint Ambrose Family is so proud!

Collin A. is a Saint Ambrose parishioner and graduate. He has been actively involved in giving back to the community through our parish and local non-profits. Collin is a wonderful son and great role model for his younger sister. He is compassionate, determined, and an affable young man. Collin has been committed to BHS soccer for 4 years, track for 3 years, and was the kicker for football his senior year. Currently, he coaches two youth soccer programs. He is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers for the Huddle and Link program at BHS. Collin is in the top 10% of his graduating class and is focused on achieving academic excellence in addition to giving back to his community. He has been accepted and will be attending either Miami University or Ohio State University and pursuing a degree in accounting as well as studying law. His parents are incredibly proud of what he has accomplished, who he is, and what he strives to be.
Parish School of Religion

Alleluia Christ has Risen! Our entire PSR staff would like to wish you and your family a most Blessed and Joy-filled Easter Season.

Family of Faith Model of PSR

We will welcome our first and second grade students and their families back to an in-person session in Hilkert Hall beginning at 6:45 pm on Monday, April 12.

Jesus Day

We invite all of our second grade students preparing for First Eucharist to our Jesus Day retreat on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. The retreat is a long-standing tradition, filled with meaningful prayer and activities to help prepare for First Eucharist in May. Please sign up at www.StAmbrose.us/PSR.

Ablaze

Upcoming EMBARK Service Days

We continue to come together with our junior high students in service. All sessions are held on Tuesdays in April in the Lehner Center from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm. Please register at www.StAmbrose.us/Ablaze.

Be sure to check out the weekly parish bulletin for the May schedule!

EMBARK Save the Dates!

Our Embark Core team has been working hard to once again offer our EMBARK in the Service of God Camp to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Please save the dates of June 22 - 24 for camp and register starting April 12 at www.StAmbrose.us/Events.

VBS 2021 “Treasured”

Discovering You are Priceless to God

Save the dates of July 5 - 9 for our Vacation Bible School! We are so excited to be able to offer VBS this summer both in-person and virtually.

Treasured VBS is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences. Kids will see, hear, touch and even taste as we help them discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

Watch for more details to be announced at www.StAmbrose.us on April 12.

Spring Sports

Registration is Open!

We are offering CYO sports, skills training, and conditioning sessions. NEW this year, we’ve recently added boy’s and girl’s tee-ball (preschool and kindergarten) and boy’s and girl’s coach pitch (1st and 2nd grade).

Attention 8th Graders!

The Rick Koenig Memorial Scholarship 2021 application is now available. You could be awarded up to $1,000 in scholarship. For information and to apply, visit www.StAmbrose.us/AthleticBoosters.
Youth Ministry
Wishing you and your families a joyous Easter!
Our theme this year in Youth Ministry is “Illuminate” and this Easter we pray that the light of Christ may “illuminate” your hearts and your homes, not only during this Easter season, but throughout the year to come.

You’re invited...to join the team! Come to FIAT on April 11 to learn more about the FIAT Retreat Team. This team is dedicated to making our FIAT Retreats (and other experiences such as the Escape Room, service projects and much more) continue to be spiritually, mentally, and physically engaging experiences for the teens of our parish.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about how you can become involved, contact Caitlin at Carbogast@StAmbrose.us or at 330.460.7387.

FIAT Member Spotlights

Meet Kimi
Kimi is a sophomore at Brunswick High School. Her favorite hobbies include exploring the outdoors, photography, and baking desserts in her free time. She joined the retreat team to help others grow closer to God and find a way to make retreats more fun.

“My favorite thing about the Retreat Team is that they make you feel like you’re part of a family. People should join the retreat team because it’s an amazing opportunity to make friends and grow closer to God.”

Meet Preston
Preston is a junior at Brunswick High School. He plays lacrosse and baseball and likes playing sports and being outside. He joined the retreat team because he wanted to help with FIAT events and retreats.

“My favorite thing about the Retreat Team is hanging out with everybody. Other students should join because it’s a good way to do something nice for the Church and you have fun doing it.”

Meet Meghan
Meghan is a senior from Medina High School and is a gymnast. She loves to paint in her free time. Meghan joined the retreat team while going through Confirmation.

“My favorite thing about FIAT is the friends. The people in FIAT have helped shape my life. FIAT has given me a great opportunity to be who I am without anyone judging. Students should join retreat team if they are looking to inspire others. It’s so much fun to be a part of a group that is open to change, so that teens can get the most out of their experience.”

Music Ministry
Happy Easter from Travis Jürgens
This Easter season, we invite each of you to sing at Mass more joyfully than ever. This is a wonderful time to make a joyful noise to the Lord. We have another reason to rejoice – that the number of COVID cases is decreasing. If you were in the music ministry and took a break, this is a perfect time to return to make music for our Lord and to uplift others with your gifts. We are preparing for a Mother’s Day concert on Saturday, May 8. Mark your calendars! We look forward to involving you in the Music Ministry.

A Singing Angel
Saint Ambrose is blessed with so many members who use their talents to help make our parish beautiful, most especially when it comes to spiritually enhancing our Mass celebrations. One of those talented and dedicated members is Cece, truly an angel among us. She has been a member of our Music Ministry since she was in second grade. Now in high school, she is the one who many ask after, “who is that beautiful young lady who cantors the 5:00 pm Mass on Sundays?” She also sings at our XLT Adoration services. Saint Ambrose is blessed to have Cece and her family as members of our parish community.
Young Adults (20’s-30’s)

Member Spotlights!

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Smith, but everyone calls me Lizzie. I am currently a fourth grade teacher at a private Catholic school. I am the youngest of three and my parents raised me as a “cradle” Catholic. I have always been very involved with my home parish, whether it was teaching religion class or helping with the high school teens. I was involved in my parish youth group and that introduced me to my wonderful fiancé, Zach Morris. I have been a parishioner of Saint Ambrose for a little over a year. I have loved this welcoming community and everything it does to give back. The Young Adult group has been nothing but welcoming and an awesome group of like-minded people.

Hello, my name is Zach Morris. I am an Associate Chemist at Sherwin Williams in Research and Development. I have one younger brother who I have the privilege of coaching in baseball. I was born and raised Catholic and went to Incarnate Word Academy and Saint Ignatius High School. Throughout my education, I participated in and led various service projects, as well as serving the church community by being an Altar Server, Pall Bearer, and Eucharistic Minister. I have recently started to get involved at Saint Ambrose through the Young Adult Group. I look forward to continuing my faith journey through this group.

As an engaged couple, we both feel that Saint Ambrose has been nothing but welcoming as we prepare for marriage. The parish has shared in our excitement and have helped guide us in preparation for our Sacrament. Our favorite thing about the parish is how welcoming and friendly everyone is. It is a place that we are excited to go any day of the week and not just on Sunday. We look forward to continuing our faith journey together and having a strong support system in the Saint Ambrose Young Adult community.
Faithful after Fifty
Fun and Fabulous!
May the Lord bless you and your families this holiday season and keep you all safe in the new year as we joyfully wait for all that the Lord has in store for us in 2021. Stay in touch with everything we do by visiting StAmbrose.us/Faithful-after-Fifty and following us in the parish bulletin.

Faithful After Fifty Spring Formal
Spring Formal is on April 10, at 6:00 pm in Hilkert Hall! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, but there will be an optional and complimentary 1-hour refresher/crash course in ballroom dancing. Dress up as little or as much as you want, but come prepared to dance! We’ll spin the best songs of the 80’s and 90’s with a few other classics and more recent hits will be played.

Cost for dinner is $15 per person and should be submitted to the PLC front desk. For more information, email JOSowski@StAmbrose.us.

Route 66
Full Steam Ahead!
We’re walking into a bright future here at Saint Ambrose and are using Father Bob’s “creative courage” to plan events and activities just for you! Questions? Reach out to Joyce at JOSowski@StAmbrose.us or call her at 330.460.7341.

Our senior advisory board has set the framework for Route 66 in 2021 and now we want to hear from you! Plan to attend our Senior Input Meeting on April 7, at 7:30 pm in Hilkert Hall. This is a chance for you to be heard and help us plan going forward.

Collection Roadshow comes to Saint Ambrose on April 11, in Hilkert Hall. Open to anyone in the parish who wants to share their treasured collections. This is a chance to show it off to parishioners. If your collection is too large to share or includes weaponry, please plan to bring photos or other display material. Please RSVP to JOSowski@St.Ambrose.us so we can reserve you a table and give setup details.

Upcoming Events
Walking Club, Saturdays, at 9:00 am, Hilkert Hall Gym
Coffee & Donut Social, April 6, 9:00 am in LC Fr. McGivney & May 4, 9:00 am, Mother Teresa
Rec/Fit/Fun, April 22, 7:00 pm, Hilkert Hall
Kentucky Derby Social, May 1, 5:30 pm, Mother Teresa
Cinco de Mayo Celebration, May 5, 12:00 pm, Mother Teresa

Upcoming Events
Spring Formal, April 10, 6:00 pm, Hilkert Hall
Art Ride, May 15, TBD, Cleveland
In Loving Memory

May all who are not with us enjoy the Eternal Light of God’s presence in Heaven.

Eugene & Helen Abramowski
Elizabeth Abshire
Jack Accardi
Rose Ann Adams
Charlotte Allen
Bud Allen
James A. Alpine
Donna Alpine
Dave & Mary Anderson Family
Eleanor Andrew
John Armella
Rodney Armstrong
Kathy Armstrong
Steve Atkinson
Aust Family
Babarick Family
Donald Bartchak
Robin Barlak
Marge Barta
Blake Bartchak
Fr. Benjamin Bayus
Francis L. Becker
Martha, Laura, Pete & Anne Joseph Beck
Marge Barna
Robin Barlak
Donald Bartchak
Babarick Family
Aust Family
Steve Atkinson
Aust Family
Babarick Family
Donald Bartchak

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Special thanks to those who donated to our Easter Flower Collection

Your support helps us create a holy place pleasing to the Lord and inspiring to all. These names listed below are those who made donations for Easter flowers in loving memory of a loved one.

Mr. & Mrs. William Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Andrew
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Anielski
Mr. & Mrs. John Ballash
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Christ Caring for People through People

What do Stephen Ministers do? A Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And, in the midst of this confidential one-on-one, caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis — large or small — and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us, or Carol atCMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7300. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!
A Blessed Lent at Saint Ambrose

Beautiful Bishop Blessing of Our Saint Joseph Relief

Recently, Bishop Malesic visited Saint Ambrose parish for Stations of the Cross. This day was also the Solemnity of Saint Joseph and during his visit, Bishop Malesic so graciously blessed our beloved Saint Joseph Relief. Those who were able to join us in person received a warm welcome from members of our Pastoral staff and appreciated Bishop Malesic’s visit to our parish. Many tuned in online as well and had so many great things to say!

“The Stations of the Cross with Bishop Malesic was a lovely beautiful service, reflections, songs & blessing. Grateful for Bishop Malesic’s blessing of the St. Joseph relief on St Joseph’s feast day.”
- SANDY OSTER

“The entire reflection (Stations with Bishop Malesic) was beautiful. The songs, the script. Thank you everyone.
- HELEN HARTMAN

Living Stations with our Angels

God bless our students for their performance of the Living Stations from a child’s perspective. The emotion and connectedness to Jesus was felt throughout the entire church, in our classrooms and at home.

Palms & Holy Week Kit Distribution

All of our senior care homes received a Holy Week/Easter Kit for every resident this year. The kit included blessed Palms, notes of support, bulletins, and red ribbons. **God bless Kathy Plavecski** for coordinating this beautiful gesture of care and support.

We were overwhelmed by the crowds that came out last weekend for blessed Palms and Holy Week/Easter Kits that our **Busy Bees** put together. **Special thanks to all of our awesome volunteers** who made the entire operation go smoothly and brought smiles to so many faces!
Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was Beatified October 31, 2020

Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today!

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP*
for new online membership applications submitted through June 30, 2021.
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...Many thanks to Todd Salisgiver from Cleveland Carpet Care. He takes care of the Church carpet for our community. If you need your carpet cleaned, please give him a call at: 216.355.2193.

...Many thanks to Kurtz Brothers Landscape Supply for their help with gravel for the football field road and parking lot. God bless them!!!

Risen Lord, Your merciful love took You to the cross for our sake, and even in the midst of that terrible suffering, You forgave. Now You live forever in glory and invite us, sinners though we are, to share eternal glory with You. As we strive to embrace Your gift of mercy, grant us hearts full of forgiveness for our sisters and brothers. May we rejoice with all people in Your victory over sin and death, a victory that has set us free to love as You have loved. Amen.
SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER FESTIVAL
GRAND RAFFLE 2021
June 24-27
Thursday - Sunday

GRAND PRIZE
A BRAND NEW CAR!
Win a new 2021 Jeep or Dodge vehicle from Brunswick Auto Mart!

2ND PRIZE
A Disney Vacation
Up to 4 people. Restrictions and blackout dates apply. See our website for details.

3RD PRIZE
$4,500 New Home Entryway Door
Check the box and have your UWD prize doubled if you win!

4TH PRIZE
$1,000 CASH!
Thanks for the support of all of our GREAT Community Partners.

5TH PRIZE
$500 Marc’s Gift Cards
Thank you to Marc’s for this awesome gift!

GRAND PRIZE: A NEW CAR!
Win a new 2021 Jeep or Dodge Vehicle
A $25,000 VALUE!

Raffle Grand Drawing: Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 9:30pm

Suggested Donation: $5 per ticket or 6 tickets for $25.

Void where prohibited by law.

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www.StAmbrose.us/Festival
Community Partnerships

Petitti’s Garden Center

Last spring, as COVID-19 hit, Petitti’s had an abundance of flowers remaining. Saint Ambrose Parish immediately came to mind to them and they thoughtfully and generously reached out to Father Bob to see if he could find a good home for hundreds of beautiful flowers that would have otherwise gone to waste. Of course, Father Bob exclaimed a heartfelt YES! – and we were able to give out hundreds of beautiful plants and flowers along with palms last year. Because it was such a big hit, Father Bob reached out again to Petitti’s, and they generously donated flowers again. As always, thank you and God bless our friends at Petitti’s!

NEOLandscape

AJ and his team at NEO Landscape Management are a great blessing for our parish. From taking care of our ground’s landscaping, to special projects such as helping us in our Alpha Village outreach in Cleveland and supporting our parish raffle, they are a constant and reliable partner! They have stepped forward again this year to sponsor the baseball field maintenance and the early bird raffle prize for our festival raffle.

Future Full of Hope

Build with Faith!

Help raise walls, funds and prayers to make a difference right here in our own community.

Saturday, April 17 @ 8AM - 1PM
(time approximate depending on the progress of the build)
Held at Saint Ambrose campus parking lot - rain or shine!
Lunch will be provided.

Experience firsthand how God touches the hearts of new homeowners and the volunteers who work alongside them. There are many ways you can support this project - donating through the Mission Rice Bowl at Lent, participating in the wall build, providing hospitality to on-site volunteers, creating welcome home gifts for the Habitat home recipient, praying for the on-site build day volunteers.

Sign-up at StAmbrose.us/habitat
Questions about the Habitat Project? Please contact Bridgit Castrigano at Bcastrigano@StAmbrose.us

Saint Ambrose is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent to help a local family build a new home that will be permanently rooted here in Brunswick.