

**"Let us entrust to her
intercession the daily
prayer for peace, so that all
people may be convinced
that in this world we must
help each other, as brothers
and sisters, to build the
civilization of love."**

- Pope Benedict XVI

A FUTURE
full of
HOPE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2021



See The Good

The other night I had the blessing of presiding at the PSR End of Year Mass. It seems like just a second ago we were starting the school year off and now it's time to wrap things up for summer. I gave all the students (and their parents) a flashback to the beginning of the school year with a phrase that Saint Ambrose School and PSR began with back in September... "See the Good. Be the Good!"

As I look back upon the school and pastoral year, it's so easy, even amid a difficult and challenging year, to see the good...to see the hand of God alive in our community. By God's grace, and your goodness, in so many ways we have been a beacon of Christ's light and love to our members, to those in need and to our community. You can see the good in the tender care, faithful love, and compassionate service so many in our community have extended to family, neighbors and friends. By God's grace, and your goodness, we are alive...alive in Christ...and filled with God's Spirit at Saint Ambrose. You can see some of the highlights of the past months in this newsletter. You will also see that our future, at Saint Ambrose, is filled with HOPE.

Hope is ALIVE...

...as you walk the campus and see **our gardeners back in their patches** planting God's beauty and radiant love.

...as you come to Church on the weekend and see our pews (admittedly every other one and spaced out) **filled with our members gathered in prayer.**

...in the walls of the **Habitat for Humanity Home** that was built by our community for a family in need.

...as 110 children came to the **Lord's Table for their First Communion** in early May.

...as we successfully completed **a full year of school** for our Littlest Angels and Saint Ambrose School students.

Hope is ALIVE...

...in the **18 adults who joined our Church** at Easter.

...in the **36 weddings we will celebrate** this year at Saint Ambrose.

...in the energy of our **young student athletes running around the campus** and on the fields developing their God-given gifts and talents.

...in the faithful witness of **Deacon Tom who will be celebrating 25 years** of ordination as a Deacon in the Church and in service to our parish community.

...in the energy and vitality of our **Faithful After 50 and Senior Ministries** (they are doing all sorts of fun, cool and meaningful things).

Hope is ALIVE...

...in the **new members** who are joining our community.

...as we welcome **Deacon Ian Kelly** who will spend the year with us as he prepares for priestly ordination in May of 2022

...in our growing **Young Adult Ministry** coming together in friendship, prayer and service.

...in the hundreds who joined us for the first of our **Summer Concert Series** (see all the dates in this newsletter).

...in so many returning to their **ministries and programs** at Saint Ambrose.

...as hundreds and thousands join us each weekend for Mass virtually, and so many take advantage of all the **online prayers, videos and uplifting resources.**

We walk together into a future full of hope. We are alive in Christ and we are blessed by God's grace and your goodness. Take some time to "See the Good...see God." As we do, it will give us all great reason to give thanks and praise to God. As we see the Good, it will inspire us to be good...be hopeful...be happy...be joyful...be alive in Christ.

Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement. We walk together into a bright and hopeful future. Check out this newsletter with all the details.

As always, if I/we can be of any help and support, please let me know (frbob@StAmbrose.us).



Father Bob Stec

P.S. Hope is alive as we come together for our Summer Festival on June 24-27. We will continue our commitment to practice social distancing and work to keep everyone healthy and safe as we come together for a few days of summer fun, friendship and HOPE.

kingdom builders

JOYFUL HOSPITALITY

GRATITUDE &
THANKFULNESS

ENGAGING &
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Kingdom Builders

Sharing our gifts and talents for the Glory of God!

Over the past few months, hundreds of our parish leaders have been coming together in prayer and discussion to reflect on God's blessings in our community.

We are discussing ways to walk our parish into a bright and hope-filled future.

Our fervent prayer is to be a beacon of Christ's light to all our members as we bring our ministries and programs back online for the upcoming pastoral year.

There really is a place for everyone in our parish community, and a way each of us can share our gifts and talents for the glory of God and the building up of our community.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks. Our next Kingdom Building Day, for all of our Parish Leaders, is Tuesday, May 25 at 5:30 pm.

upcoming

JUNE 7

Mercy Monday

JUNE 16

Donut Sunday

JUNE 20

Father's Day...attend Mass
with your Dad!

JUNE 24 – 27

Summer Festival

JUNE 27

Grand Raffle Drawing

JULY 4

Independence Day!
Celebrate 4th of July
with popsicles after
Saturday 4:30pm Mass

JULY 5

Mercy Monday

JULY 5 – 9

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 2

Mercy Monday

AUGUST 8

The FEST

Summer at Saint Ambrose!

Safe, fun events and concerts for every age for the summer months!

Invite your family and friends to gather together at Saint Ambrose this summer and do all your favorite things!

Our summer concerts will feature live music from **great area bands** as well as **food trucks** and more.

KIDS...don't miss our weekly **Summer Camp**
and **Vacation Bible School!**

Join us this summer...

it will be great to be TOGETHER!

Concert Schedule

JUNE 5: Year Book Band

JUNE 24: Frankie Vallie Tribute Band

JUNE 25: Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

JUNE 26: Queen Tribute Band

JUNE 27: Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band

JULY 17: East Wind

AUGUST 13: Caliber Band

Get the details at StAmbrose.us/Summer



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH *community*

Drive-Thru Holy Communion:

Sundays, at 1:00 pm,
PLC Parking Lot

Weekly Adoration:

Mondays, 8:45 am - 7:00 pm,
Chapel

Weekly Benediction:

Mondays, 7:30 pm,
Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

first Wednesday of the month, 4:30 - 6:00 pm,
Church

Sitting with Scripture:

Thursdays, 6:15 pm,
Virtual

Holy Hiking:

second Saturday of the month, 9:00 am,
various locations

Outdoor Mass:

June 12, July 10, July 24,
August 14 and August 28,
6:30 pm, Grotto

A warm welcome goes out to the many families and individuals who have recently joined our parish community. May you find Saint Ambrose to be a place where you are always welcome!

List as of Marc 1 - May 11, 2021

Michael Mireles
Robert & Catherine

Grabowski
Brianna French
Daniel & Melissa Wodarczyk
Brennan & Diana Calvey
Patricia Sikes

Patricia Nelson
Nancy Taylor
Ronald Gullo & Donna
Gammalo
Megan Lawrence

Richard & Rebecca Owens
Bryan Brown
Michael & Kim Burcek
Michelle Drum
David & Dina Urbansky
Alvaro & Mary Kenney
Joshua Fargus

Pamela Marotta
Albert & Cynthia Flanhofer
Scott & Kristin Rodgers

Lois Switzer
Ronald & Mary Benedek
Jesse & Mallory Wilks
Mary Kozel

Richard Obratil
June Bechstein
Carol Sterley
John & Linda Zimmerman
Adam & Jessica Bellinski

Brian Janusek & Kimberly
Anderson-Janusek
Christopher & Dawn
Koehring

James Pinizzotto
Hany Botros & Chrestina
Sedrak

Samuel & Julie Keller
Michael & Alicia Perez
Kornick

Mark & Ashley Monaco
Gina Matyas
Cynthia Bartunek
Brandon Shipley & Kristen
Kalka

David & Emily Stewart
Brian Flemming
Julie Rimedio
Stephen & Mary Halko
Marisa Pedraza
Anthony & Meghan Medlock
Brandon Holpuch & Nicol
Ellis
Tracy Kichinka

New Parishioner Welcome Dinner

Please be our guest on July 17!

The Welcome Committee will be holding their first in-person dinner to welcome new parishioners since the pandemic. If you have joined the parish during the past year and a half, you are cordially invited to be our guests for a BBQ & ice cream dessert bar on July 17 following the 4:30 pm Mass in the PLC Mother Teresa room and patio. Then stay for the East Wind Concert. Come for food, fellowship and fun. For additional information, see our website.



Scavenger Hunt

Follow the clues!

Join us on **August 1** following the noon Mass for the Saint Ambrose Scavenger Hunt where we will connect new parishioners with other parishioners. Your group will hunt for clues about Saint Ambrose. For additional information, please see our website.



Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 22

As good stewards, it is important for us to share our treasure with others and to shine our light. Visit the fair on **Sunday, August 22** following Sunday Masses, **except Sunday's 5:00 pm.**

See all God's work at Saint Ambrose, enter the raffle, and find a new way that you can help Saint Ambrose be the place to be. If you don't get a chance to visit the fair, check out our website at StAmbrose.us/stewardship.

Summer Book Club

Wednesdays beginning in July!

Sometimes we ask **What is God's will for my life?** When we should really be asking **Who should I be?** The Bible has an answer: **Be like the very image of God.**

By exploring ten characteristics of who God is - *holy, loving, just, good, merciful, gracious, faithful, patient, truthful, and wise* - this book helps us understand who God intends for us to be. Through Christ, the perfect reflection of the image of God, we will discover how God's own attributes impact how we live, leading to freedom and purpose as we follow his will and are conformed to his image.

Join us this summer in-person on Wednesday afternoons or on Zoom.
For additional information, contact Jane Baldwin at Jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us



spiritual
life

Living Word Prayer Group:
first and third Tuesday of
the month, 7:00 pm, *Chapel*

Faith Sharing: Wednesdays
in June, 11:00 am, *LC Luke*

Book Club with Jane:
Wednesdays in June,
in-person at 1:00 pm in
Mother Teresa, virtual at
6:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry:
Thursdays, 10:30 am,
LC Luke

**Women's Renewal Team
Meetings:**
June 6, June 23, July 7, July
14, 6:30 pm

Women's Renewal Retreat:
July 24-25

**Infant of Prague Prayer
Group:** June 10, July 8, and
August 12, 5:00 pm, *Chapel*

**Legion of Mary Rosary
Prayer:** June 10, 17, and 24,
6:00 pm, *Chapel*

**Men's Fellowship
Meetings:** second and
fourth Thursday of the
month, 7:00 pm, *LC Luke*

Men's Breakfast: August 7,
9:00 am, *Hilkert Hall*

Men's Renewal Team: June
13, June 27, July 25, August
8, and August 22, 6:00 pm,
LC John

Spiritual Life Commission:
June 16, 6:00 pm, Mother
Teresa

Healing Prayer Ministry:
June 19, July 25, and
August 21, 5:30 pm, Church

Consecration to St. Joseph

Beginning July 20, offered in-person and Zoom on Tuesdays.

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days.



What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? It means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. You entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance, and take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

To register or for more information, contact Jane Baldwin at Jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381.

Summer Small Faith Groups

A beautiful way to come together during the summer months!

Think of how the world has changed – and all we have been through – simply amazing. Even more amazing is God's grace and goodness. Through good times, and difficult ones, Christ is the Light so much stronger than the darkness. Christ is the one who can sustain us and be our strength for the journey. This Lent we had close to 300 people in Lent Small Faith groups. Many of these groups and leaders are continuing to meet regularly. We are inviting you to join one of these groups!

This Summer we are offering different options for Small Faith Groups:

- Meet in person spaced out in a meeting room on our parish campus.
- Meet with a small group in someone's home.
- Participate virtually via Zoom.

LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP: stambrose.us/small-faith-groups



care events

PB&J Brigade: Mondays
– Thursdays, 4:30 pm
– 5:30 pm, *PLC Mother Teresa*

Mercy Monday:
June 7, July 5, August 2,
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, *CWM Outreach Center*

Catholic Charities Counseling: Tuesdays,
Call Parish Office for Appt.

GriefShare: Thursdays in
June, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm, *Lehner Center*

Depression Support Group: first Saturday of
the month, 2:00 pm,
LC John

Catholic Works of Mercy Community Meal
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm,
Hilkert Hall

City Food Pass Out and Sorting: June 15, July 20,
2:30 pm, *Hilkert Hall Gym*

Hope comes in a lunch bag and a box!

Over the past year, thousands upon thousands of people across our region have been receiving the gift of hope.

Each week, 2,600 people find hope in a lunch bag with a couple of sandwiches, a snack and a beautiful prayerful note written on the outside. Each week, so many families find hope as they come to our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center for our weekly food distribution. Every month, 250-300 families in the W.46-W.48th/Fulton Road area of Cleveland find hope in a box filled with canned food items, fresh meat and some vegetables for their family. It's more than a sandwich, or a box of food - the gift you give in your support to our Outreach Ministries is the gift of HOPE.

HOPE IS LIVING IN THE MINDFULNESS THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE. GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS.

WHEN WE SERVE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WE GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE.

Those we care for and serve know they are not alone. We walk - together - in the name of the Lord into a bright and hopeful future. **Thank you so much for your continued support for our PB&J Brigade, Mercy Monday Food Collections, and your continued support for our Catholic Works of Mercy Ministry.** God bless you for your goodness.

If you like to garden (or at least can help water or pull a few weeds), we could use some help in our Community Garden. We are growing fresh vegetables as part of our weekly Food Distribution. You can help out regularly, or once in a while. For more information or to sign up, contact Matt & Chrissy Balentine at mcbal0728@yahoo.com.



Thank you for supporting our Habitat Faith Build!

We worked together in the Glory of God to build the walls of a home for a local family.

Thanks to all that helped make the Habitat Faith Build a success!! Your small change made a BIG difference with your Rice Bowl donations that provided funds for the lumber of the Habitat House. Thank you for your generosity!

You can swing by to see the home at its permanent location on McKinley Avenue here in Brunswick. If you are interested in volunteering to complete the McKinley Avenue home, please e-mail Sheryl Boyer from Habitat for Humanity of Medina County at: volunteer@medinacountyhabitat.org



WE CAN DO AMAZING WORK TOGETHER! Let us know if you are interested in being part of the next Faith Build in August at StAmbrose.us/habitat





**MERCY
MONDAYS**
— SAINT AMBROSE —

Food Collection

June 7, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Your non-perishable donations have made a world of difference in others' worlds! Special items needed this month are Apple Juice, Chef Boyardee, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup. THANK YOU!

Drop donations at the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center or drop them anytime at the Church narthex.

Community Day of Service...THANK YOU!

Over 150 of our members came together to be the hands of the Lord and complete 25 projects in our community!

Thank You to all the team leaders and volunteers! What a phenomenal day we had. The rain held off and we were blessed with a beautiful spring morning! Thank you for all your hard work. Our parish is blessed by the goodness of our members! All of the projects were completed with great care, loving hands, warm enthusiasm, and God's grace! Thank You!

The Family that Flies Together

Meet the Andrysek Family

Kevin was baptized at our parish many years ago, he married Kim and they baptized their own children at our parish and are raising their family in our parish community. Kevin and Kim have been on the Cleveland Clinic's Critical Care Transport (CCT) flight team for well over a decade together.

On May 4, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Andryseks and Cleveland Clinic's outreach coordinator, JR Sesock, Saint Ambrose School had a special visit from the CCT helicopter. **The helicopter landed right here on campus that morning where our upperclassmen were participating in Eighth Grade Leadership Day.** They eagerly awaited to hear Kevin and Kim's stories about how they became a part of the CCT team and the crucial role in answering calls to transport critically ill and injured patients of all ages to the facilities that are best equipped to handle their emergencies.

The CCT team even allowed our students to get an up-close look at the helicopter's interior instruments and the equipment needed during an emergency, before receiving an emergency call that had them back up into the air and on the way to help save a life within minutes. It was a great culmination to the focus of the Eighth Grade leadership day which was to highlight several careers that are essential to our safety and health.



Kevin, Kim, Luke (8), Kane (5), and Penelope (2).



When asked why Kevin and Kim choose to do what they do, they both agreed that, **"every single day is different than the last [...] and we love the complexity and challenges those days bring. We love being the best part of someone's worst day [...] and knowing you played a significant role in saving someone's life."**

"Love you!!!"

Celebrating Deacon Tom Sheridan's 25th Anniversary

Over and again, you hear these words "Love you" from Deacon Tom. **At first, it takes you by surprise, then you come to know the heart of this faithful servant of the Lord.** Over the course of his life, and 25 years of diaconal ministry, Deacon Tom - his faithfulness and generosity - worked to share with everyone the love and care of God. These words -Love you - speak volumes about his love for God and his love for God's people - all of us.

"Deacon Tom's honesty is inspiring and comforting."

- FATHER ROB RAMSER



His love for God is reflected in the love he shares with his wife (and faithful servant of the Lord), Helen, and his entire family. His first vocation is his call to Marriage. They always say behind every good deacon is an amazing wife. He and Helen have been such an important part of the life of this community. Together they have ministered in STAY (Saint Ambrose Youth), in Marriage Ministry and the Marriage Course, and most important, having countless friends and family in our parish community.

Deacon Tom has done amazing work with the Men's Renewal Program and Men's Fellowship. He's always around to offer a listening ear and share a cup of coffee over a life crisis or problem.

As we celebrate his 25th Anniversary, we thank God for his life, ministry, and faithful service to the Lord. **We LOVE YOU Deacon Tom and Helen Sheridan.**



"Deacon Tom has always been there for me. So many of us have stood on his stronger shoulders of faith."

- JIM LEPI

"He opened my eyes to understand the love that Jesus Christ has for me."

- JOHN O'MALLEY AKA HAMMER

Our Parish is blessed! Welcome Deacon Ian Kelly

Saint Ambrose has always been blessed with wonderful deacons. As we continue this legacy of diaconal ministry, we are excited to welcome Deacon Ian Kelly to our parish community. Deacon Kelly is in his fifth year of Saint Mary Seminary. He will be ordained as a diocesan priest in May 2022. He will spend this summer with us at Saint Ambrose, and when he returns to class in the Fall, he will be with us every weekend preaching, baptizing, leading prayer and funeral services, along with being an integral part of our parish community. Please help us welcome Deacon Kelly!



music ministry

Music Ministry Spotlight Meet Timothy Krall

Our Music Ministry is coming back to life, growing and welcoming new members. We are so blessed to welcome Tim Krall both to our parish community and to the Music Ministry. Tim recently moved into the area from Richfield. He's been actively involved in his other parishes playing percussion with the contemporary choir and Sunday evening Masses at Saint Hilary. He's played for The FEST, and has also been involved in the Padua Music Association for his own children. He now calls Saint Ambrose 'home' and we are so blessed to have him sharing his love for the Lord and his percussion talents with us at Saint Ambrose. Welcome Tim.



Calling all musicians!

We are planning on starting an orchestra this summer, with the goal of having a kickoff pops concert this fall.

Instruments needed include violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion, and harp. If you play one of these orchestral instruments and are interested in joining, please contact Travis Jürgens, Director of Music Ministry at tjurgens@stambrose.us or (812) 340-4565.

Calling for Liturgical Ministers! We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Heavenly Angels & Ushers

As we experience many parishioners returning to Mass in person, we are preparing for this increase of worshipers! We have also added a Mass at 6:30 pm Saturday outside at the grotto that we could use some help with. Please consider getting involved!

Is the Lord calling you to serve?

Contact Diana at dheilman@saintambrose.us for more information in any area of Liturgical Ministry.



Faithful After Fifty

Looking forward to a fun summer...cookouts, hiking, pool parties and more!

Our first hike will be on **Saturday, June 19 at 6:30 pm.** Contact JOsowski@StAmbrose.us to get on our mailing list.

We encourage all our FAF members to volunteer to **work the festival on Saturday, June 26.** We will try to arrange some group photos at shift changes and showcase the "Faithful" part of our ministry in action.

Faithful After Fifty ministers to people 50 – 65 allowing them to form deeper connections within the church community.



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events in June



Walking in the Light 9:00 am
Every Saturday, Ambrose Playground

Yoga 9:00 am Every Wednesday MT

Coffee, Donuts & BP Check June 1, 9:00 – 10:00 am

Potluck Social June 3, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm MT

Berea Bike Ride June 7, 10:00 am, Meet at Bonnie Park, contact Jim Rauschenbach

Rec/Fit/Fun, Mini-golf & Mass – June 12, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meet @ Buzzard's Cove mini-golf in Hinckley. Snack provided, cost of golf on your own. Return to St. Ambrose for Grotto Mass at 6:30 pm

Fishing June 15, 7:00 am – 8:30 am, North Park in Brunswick, donuts provided after

Lunch & Learn June 21, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm MT,
Topic: Gardening presented by Nicole from Petitti Garden Center

Our Angel....now has an angel. Almost everyone knows Helen Lanzarotta.

She is the great spirit that decorates the Church, helps line up our ministers, welcomes everyone into the Church with such a warm and loving smile. Helen takes such good care of our wedding couples and families who grieve the loss of a loved one. She's an integral part of our pastoral staff and parish community. In so many ways, she is an angel for our parish. She is ever present, always helpful, and for so many, she is the hands, feet and heart of Christ to our community.

On Holy Saturday morning, as we were getting ready to welcome 18 adults into the Church and celebrate the joy of Easter, Helen got the call that her brother, Dennis, was doing very poorly with Covid-19. She was reluctant to leave

Saint Ambrose to go to Columbus to see him because, 'it's Easter.' And in that moment, Helen got to see the community that she has worked so hard to create and serve, really step up to take care of her and support her as she cared for her family. Her brother was called home to the Lord very early on Easter morning. **Dennis found the promise of Easter and the joy of Eternal Life.** Helen, our angel, received an angel in Heaven.

This is the note she wrote to her parish family who gathered around to support her family and 'cover the bases' in her time of need:

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank the staff and the parishioners of Saint Ambrose for the caring support, prayers,

words of comfort and sympathy cards (which I am slowly processing) for my brother. It was a very difficult situation for us since the loss of Dennis came so suddenly, and we are still struggling dealing with his loss. I am truly grateful and very appreciative of how much everyone – you, Fr. Andrew, Alex, the maintenance, and the staff of Saint Ambrose helped make it possible for me to be with my brother and to be by his side when the Lord called him home.

The Funeral Mass was soul stirring, everyone did an amazing job - the acolytes, Dc. Matt, Fr. Andrew, your homily, the support and beautiful music by the



Music Ministry...being on the receiving end, I can honestly say that how we at Saint Ambrose commend a loved one home to the Lord is beautiful and loving.

And it does not stop there... the vestment dedicated to our family is an honor and another expression of the care and support from my parish. Thank you to everyone! I am blessed to be part of such a loving and alive parish community.

Eternal Rest Grant on to him O Lord.

Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish

Mass of Remembrance

Friday, June 11 at 7:00 pm

In remembrance of those who have lost their lives to Coronavirus, please join us as we commemorate their lives.

All are welcome.

Share your loved one's name at
www.StAmbrose.us/Remembrance

A Future Full of Hope

Not so long ago, one of our long time members was called home to the Lord.

They had a great faith and deep love for God and our parish community.

A few years back, this wonderful member decided that the best way she could show her love for God and our parish and make sure that all the children had the opportunity

to learn their faith, was to leave her entire estate to our parish community. **What an amazing gift!**

What a lasting and living legacy of goodness and generosity!! Over the next few months, we will learn the gift that will go into our parish endowment to help secure our future full of hope. **In the meantime, please offer a Hail Mary to this wonderful member and her lasting gift to our parish.**

Please remember Saint Ambrose Parish in your estate planning. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bob Downs (bobdowns32@yahoo.com).

**A FUTURE
full of
HOPE**

Collin Nemet's Celebration of Life

Long-time member, Bob Downs, said it best, "Collin's funeral was an expression of what is best in our community".

The faith and love of an 11 year old inspired all of us to have a deeper faith and trust in the Lord and the power of prayer. Collin's life boldly proclaims that "miracles happen" and that even on the most difficult day, "God's got this for us."

Collin was carried safely home to Heaven with a smile on his face on Thursday, April 22. It was a blessing for our parish community to journey with Mike and Kim Nemet, and their family, through Collin's sickness and then join them as we celebrated his new life and eternal peace with God in Heaven. May we continue to hold the Nemet Family in prayer. Together let us continue to tell the stories of a spirited, candy-loving, pure-hearted boy who reminds all of us that God is real...prayer works...and miracles can happen every day.



Thank You to our amazing parish family for your continued love and prayers as our family learns what life looks like with Collin in Heaven. We are so grateful for the abundance of support we have received from you all throughout Collin's journey, but especially over the past several weeks. From the very sweet text messages, to the food that was delivered so we didn't have to think about what to feed our family, to the beautiful flowers and thoughtful mementos & cards... it was all very special to us. Collin would have loved his celebration of life! We are so overjoyed that you could all be a part of it with us. As parents, our goal is to foster the relationship that our children have with God. Collin knew God, he was a close friend of His. We promise to keep Collin's spirit alive in our hearts so many more can come to know God just as he did. God Bless our Parish Family! We love you all!

*Mike and Kim
XOXO*

rest in peace

Donald C. Bartchak
Joseph Beck
Gregory Bilick
Fredrick Blazer
Valentine Bobowicz
Daniel Boehnen
Terrence Bugos
Germain Chevrolet
Henry Ciesielski
Donald Dearth
Theresa Fedor

Jennifer Fiamella
Monique Fields
Susan Foth
Arlene Fournier
Frank Gerber
Pat Gundermann
Zoe Haas
Charles Hale, Jr.
Roland "Skip"
Hauberg
Curtis Helman

Brian Keefe
Carole Kocka
Rita Kuczek
Donald Kumhall
Dennis Luna
Rosemary Mason
Angela Mateo
Robert Megrey
Keith Moody
Olga Nagy
Collin Nemet

George Park
Robert Polivka
Margaret Privara
Carol Ann Pylick
Cletus Reed
Cynthia "Cindy" Rock
Frances Romano
Katherine Rucinski
Karen Saxer
Dolores Schaefer
Jeffrey M. Schigel

Raymond Shugarts
Denise Shultz
Elly Simcic
Ronald Stapleton
Robert Telenko
Deanna Trischler
Joan Varkett
Don Villwock
Francis (Butch) Wise
Ellen Yuschak
Ronald Zubal

In loving memory of those who passed January - April 2021

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



We are walking forward into a FUTURE FULL OF HOPE!

Saint Ambrose School opened its doors for the 2020-2021 in early September, and did not close them!

We are so incredibly thankful to have been able to offer an environment of both excellence and consistency to our families. We offered full time in person learning, as well as full time remote, synchronous learning for students to join their classmates remotely and still participate with their peers.

God has been incredibly good to us this year, and our families have been so supportive to ensure each and every day we are providing an open, safe, comfortable learning environment for each and every student. **Our faculty and staff have demonstrated outstanding commitment, passion, innovation, and service in faith to our school community this year.** From retooled traditions, to virtual parent meetings, and celebrations, we have continued to connect and grow in new ways this year.

Our students continue to learn new things, and our technology support has placed us in an incredible position to continue our pursuit of excellence each and every day. Thank you to our parish community for your incredible support this past year, in prayer, in giving of time, talent and treasure. Your support is bringing real change, and leadership to our community. We continue to See the Good and Be the Good in EVERYTHING!

Joyfully,

Lisa Cinadr
Principal



**SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Class of 2021 8th Grade Graduates!

Our students, pictured above, recently had the opportunity to meet with the Life Flight team from CCF as part of a Leadership Day, offering students real life experiences with mentors working across different fields. In addition to a helicopter landing on campus, students had the opportunity to meet and learn more about the FBI, real life detective work, and how to help others with disabilities with special guest, the Cleveland Sight Center. "It is critical that we continue to offer real life learning experiences along with rigorous academics and faith based education. We are committed to educating the whole-child, and providing our students with career exploration and real- world problems to solve is part of our mission." - Principal Lisa Cinadr.

8th grade students at Saint Ambrose School also have the opportunity to meet monthly with leaders in various fields of professions to learn more about career opportunities and how these leaders in our community lead with excellence in faith, during Milan Monthly Lunches for professional development.



First Grade Teacher Wins National Recognition For Excellence In Catholic Education By NCEA

Kelly Thompson was one of three educators nationwide who were recognized by the NCEA with the prestigious Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award.

The award highlights the work being done in Catholic education communities across the country. Thompson said she tries to live as if she is wearing her faith on her sleeve. **She is a mother and a teacher who works to be a role model for her own children and the students.** We are so thankful and proud of Mrs. Kelly Thompson, and all of our faculty and staff. "Catholic schools offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence," Kathy Mears, NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) interim president/CEO.



We exceeded our goal of \$150,000! Thank you to everyone for their participation in our 3 KEY Fundraisers this year!

Your involvement in our 3 Key Fundraisers: Golf and Give, Angel Gala and Readathon, we have exceeded our goal for \$150K to help us to continue to afford EXCELLENCE in EDUCATION for our students!

This year funding will support technology upgrades for synchronous learning, Covid Responsible health Improvements, new mini STEAM equipment, and Next Generation seating, as well as upgrades to our Promethean touch boards. It will also enable our preschool to add to their beautiful new campus Smart Tables, and computer lab technology and other tech upgrades.



NOW ENROLLING! 2021-2022 School Year

Saint Ambrose School is a Next Generation STEAM school proud to be training leaders for tomorrow and centered on Jesus Christ, who is EVERYTHING for us!

Enroll your child(ren) in an educational environment that supports and challenges the whole child...body, mind and spirit.

Contact us today!

Admissions@StASchool.us
330-460-7318

**Enrollment applications
are available online!
www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us**

Congratulations... to our 2021 Faculty & Staff Members of the Year!

Mrs. Laura Cole

Teacher of the Year, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Kris Mick

Staff Member of the Year, LAPS Aide

SAINT AMBROSE *Littlest* ANGELS PRESCHOOL



An incredible year in our new campus! We have more than doubled our space to 7,000 square feet...thank you Jesus for perfect timing!

In addition to expanded classroom space, the new preschool offers a fenced in playground for students to enjoy adjacent to the new Ambrose Crossing Gym Space.

Our school maintained low 1 to 9 ratios, for a high quality, safe learning environment, despite the permission to increase class sizes by the Health Department. "Our commitment to our families as a 5-STAR school, is to offer the highest levels of learning, and safety for all." Said Catherine Mitchell, "I want to thank our families for their commitment to health this year, and mask wearing from our littlest of angels. They did a remarkable job!"

Littlest Angels Preschool looks forward to hosting their first summer camp geared to students ages 4 through incoming kindergarteners on campus this summer. The camp is designed to reinforce preschool and incoming kindergarten skills through fun themes, and also social play with peers. **Sign up online to join us!** www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/summercamp.

Littlest Angels looks forward to returning to full capacity this fall. Limited spaces are still remaining for those interested in joining us for preschool this fall. Please contact our Admissions team at Admissions@StaSchool.us for more information. LAPS offers part-time, full-time and flexible childcare options to meet the needs of families in our community. Our preschool families also receive priority registration to continue on with us to Kindergarten.

Thank you again for a school year full of blessings! Enjoy a safe and sunny summer!

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell
Littlest Angels Preschool Director



Our 5 STAR Littlest Angels Preschool
is ready to welcome your children.
Now enrolling ages 2-5.
SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Preschool

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH Vacation Bible School July 5-9, 2021

Send your children on a gem of an adventure where they will discover they're priceless to God!

Filled with Bible-learning experiences, campers will see, hear, touch and even taste. We will help the children discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings.

COST: \$35 for the first child, \$30 for the second and \$70 for Family 4 years of age by September 30, 2021

IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL SESSIONS!

Morning Session: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Afternoon Session:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Participant & Volunteer Registration online at: www.StAmbrose.us/VBS

step up to quality

SAINT AMBROSE COMMUNITY

SUMMER CAMPS 2021

Two Fun Camps...All Are Welcome!

SUMMER TO GROW READINESS CAMP @ AMBROSE CROSSING
JUNE 7- AUGUST 6
Preschool Age 4 – Kindergarteners
MONDAY - FRIDAY
Readiness Camp: 8:00 am – 11:30 am
All Day Camp: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Age 4 by June 7. Must be potty-trained.
Engage in learning focused in fun to further prepare your child for school in fall! Students will be learning in small groups with teachers. A social, emotional, and academic readiness camp for age 4 preschoolers through children preparing to enter Kindergarten.

SUMMER CAMP EAST @ SAINT AMBROSE CAMPUS
JUNE 14- AUGUST 6
Incoming Grades 1-8
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
We look forward to another wonderful summer camp season at Saint Ambrose Campus! Join us for the week or part-time by-the-day!

WEEKLY THEMES

JUNE 7: Summer Friends (LAPS Only)
JUNE 14: Adventures in Camping
JUNE 21: Summer Celebration
JUNE 28: Under the Sea
JULY 5: Full STEAM Ahead!
JULY 12: World of Imagination
JULY 19: Holidays with Friends (Christmas in July)
JULY 26: Let's Get Physical
AUGUST 2ND: Celebrate God's Creation

REGISTER ONLINE!
SaintAmbroseSchool.us/SummerCamp

SAINT AMBROSE Athletic Boosters

ALL SPORTS CAMPS 2021

Basketball, Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Baseball

Camp participants will be taught footwork, ball drills, scrimmages and free play.
Sports related conditioning, involving HIIT training, will be taught with all sports.

8:00 am-3:30 pm	June 14-18
Age Groups:	June 21-25
k-2, 3-5, 6-8	June 28-July 2
\$215/ weekly or	July 19-23
sign up for 5	July 26-30
weeks and	August 2- 6
receive 10% off	August 9-13

Ambrose Crossing
964 Pearl Road
Brunswick, Ohio 44212

To register
www.stambrose.us/athleticboosters
info@sharpskillstraining.com

FIAT - Faith In Action Teens

New Member Spotlight - Meet Leilani



Aloha y'all! I'm Leilani (or "Lo"), new to FIAT! I just finished at Brunswick Middle School this month and I'm looking forward to going to BHS to take College Credit Plus courses and hopefully make the BHS soccer team. My mom is very active in the community and at our schools, so, sort of by default, I enjoy doing good things in our community. I know I'm just a kid but, doing even small things, like making the orange ribbons for Collin and the Nemet family is my way of helping out. Since my mom works here, I get to do a lot of the behind the scenes stuff at our parish like helping the Busy Bees with their tasks and assembling Father Bob's infamous drive-thru kits! I'm a member of the Adopt-a-Patch Ministry and also involved in the PB&J Brigade. I call Saint Ambrose my second home because after school, I can usually be found somewhere in the PLC, working on projects and helping Helen Lanzarotta with small tasks. Being here, at our Parish Life Center so much has helped me to see that genuine goodness comes from people who trust in and are close to God. Earlier this year, someone close to me lost their battle with drugs. It is hard to understand that situation when I am only 14, but the way that Father Bob, Father Andrew, and Helen comforted me and especially the way that Father Bob talked to me about those circumstances allowed me some closure. I would not have gotten that if it weren't for Saint Ambrose being my second home, a place where my faith has grown. I'm not as outgoing as some. In fact, I'm kind of quiet and was a little nervous to join FIAT. But, the way my mom explained it is that we take steps while on our "faith journey" and sometimes that means we step outside of our comfort zone. So, I'm excited to start my FIAT journey and to make my Confirmation next year here. Oh, and to work on my garden patch here at church this summer!



FIAT Senior Send-Off

Congratulations, seniors!

Special shout out to our three senior student leaders who have spent countless hours during their high school years serving our parish, most especially by helping with FIAT nights & retreats. Camryn, Maya, & Meghan continue to be great role models and leaders and we are so thankful for their time and dedication! God bless all our seniors!



SUMMER 2021



SAINT AMBROSE FIAT AT MAIN CAMPUS 2

HOSTED BY FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE

JUNE 18-20, 2021
1235 University Blvd.
Steubenville, OH 43952

Registration is
GOING ON NOW!

Contact Caitlin Arbogast at
CARBOGAST@STAMBROSE.US



Fiat events

CORE Team Dinner: June 13, 6:00 pm
Steubenville Youth Conference: June 18-20
Homerun Derby & Bonfire: June 30, 7:00 pm
Water Games & Bonfire: July 7, 7:00 pm
Outdoor Movie & Bonfire: July 14, 7:00 pm
Surprise & Bonfire: July 21, 7:00 pm
3v3 Olympics & Bonfire: July 28, 7:00 pm
Summer XLT Night: July 18, 7:00 pm
Alive Day Retreat: August 27, 9:00 am

Young Adults

Who loves funnel cakes?!

The summer festival is just around the corner...want to volunteer with other Saint Ambrose Young Adults? **Sign up to help with the funnel cake tent on Friday evening (June 25th)!** It's a great way to be involved this summer and it'll be a lot of fun! Information and sign up is at www.StAmbrose.us/festival.

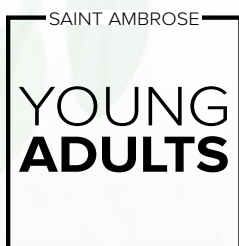
For the most up to date schedule and information on upcoming gatherings, join "Saint Ambrose Young Adults" on Facebook, or email Caitlin at carbogast@stambrose.us to receive text or email notifications.

Thank you, Community Day volunteers!

Thanks to your time and efforts we were able to complete multiple young adult projects yesterday to help out our parish community!



[Facebook.com/groups/SAyoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAyoungadults)



THEFEST

featuring live music from
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A Day of Faith, Family and Fun...all for FREE!
 More details and information to follow!



Sunday 8.8.21

www.TheFEST.us



Save the Dates!



SAINT AMBROSE
"Cozy Cabin"
 WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 24 -26, 2021

at Camp Damascus in Centerville, Ohio

More information coming soon! Plan to join us for the weekend!

www.StAmbrose.us/CozyCabin

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

We need YOU!

We are 'ramping up' and looking forward to coming together for our annual summer festival June 24-27.... But we need your help! We are working hard to keep people safe and distanced while still having fun. Sign up with your family members or friends...we need many volunteers to make the festival a success!

Your help and dedication will make this our best festival yet!

SEE VOLUNTEER AREAS AND SIGN UP! www.StAmbrose.us/festival

QUESTIONS? Email Festival@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7300

SAINT AMBROSE
**SUMMER
FESTIVAL**
JUNE 24-27
Thursday - Sunday



Sign up online at StAmbrose.us/festival-volunteer

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Our Community Partners make a huge difference in the life of our parish!

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

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

Summer Festival

Our summer festival, as always, will be a great moment to bring our community.

Our Summer Festival, as always, will be a great moment to bring our community together. We will work hard to keep everyone safe with all the best practices of social distancing. It will have wonderful music, great food, and amazing people.

Thank you for your support for our Summer Festival Raffle. The proceeds from the raffle and festival will help us continue to keep up with our parking lot repairs and complete the work in the chapel. Your support is so appreciated and needed.

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Join those who are doing great work supporting our Parish! Contact Jake at JBihari@StAmbrose.us





SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2021 GRAND RAFFLE

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Win a new 2021 Jeep or Dodge Vehicle
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A BRAND NEW CAR!

Win a new 2021
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Vehicle



2ND PRIZE

Disney Vacation for up to Four People!

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website for details.



3RD PRIZE

\$4,500 New Home Entryway Door

Check the ticket 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!



Winners responsible for all taxes on any prize won. See website for complete details.

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

\$5 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25

www.StAmbrose.us/Festival



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OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL IS ON!
June 24-27

Live Music, Great Food & Outdoor Family Fun

We are excited to celebrate our community with you this year for our annual Summer Festival. We will be following all the best practices to keep you and your families safe.

Visit our website for all the details. www.stambrose.us/festival

Thursday, June 24

6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

JERSEY BEAT

Frankie Vallie Tribute Band

WELCOME BACK NIGHT!

\$10 Ride Wristband

Friday, June 25

5:30 - 11:00 P.M.

RUMOURS

Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

Honoring our

High School Seniors

Saturday, June 26

5:30 - 11:00 P.M.

**TIM MOON presents
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**

Queen Tribute Band

NEW! Motorcycle Show

\$10 per bike, just cruise up 6-10pm!

Sunday, June 27

5:30 - 10:00 P.M.

JERSEY

Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band

Raffle Grand Drawing

and Fireworks Show!

