



Thank you!

## IT WAS *GREAT* TO BE BACK TOGETHER!

### BEYOND WORDS...

If you think about the blessings of God...and how really blessed you are...every now and then it's beyond words...almost inexpressible. **How do you really capture and express the goodness and blessings of God in your life???**



**I had one of those 'inexpressible' moments a few weeks ago at our summer festival. It was about 9 pm on Saturday night.** The grounds were full of activity. There were wonderful people all over the place enjoying great food and fun music. So many of our members were working so very hard for the Lord and our community. The sun was gentle and beautifully setting over the campus. You could see, hear and especially feel the 'goodness' of our community. And I paused as I was running around collecting the trash and from the depth of my heart prayed out, "Thank you Jesus." **It was a moment when I could see/feel/hear God blessing our community and the hard work and sacrifice of so many...beyond words.** It was also a powerful moment of hope...that our future...our future is bright and filled with hope because the Lord is with us.

**This summer newsletter certainly shares so many of the highlights of the Summer Festival. Beyond words...thanks to all who worked so hard.** Thanks to all who joined us. Thanks to all who supported our Summer Festival raffle. Thanks to wonderful partners and friends who provided great prizes for the raffle. Thank you to the planning team. And thank you God for great people...blessed days...amazing weather. Beyond words, thank you so much. Over and again, I am inspired and humbled by your goodness.

**As we walk into the second half of summer, there are many opportunities for us to come together in prayer, worship, community and fun.** Please take some time to look through the newsletter and invite your family and friends to join you/us at Saint Ambrose.

When you are at Saint Ambrose, please **take a few minutes to stop in the Chapel and offer a moment of reflection and thanks to God** for the blessings of God in your life. I know that I stop in each day and offer a prayer of thanks to God for you and our community.

Beyond words...are the blessings of God in our community. May these summer days be blessed. Be assured of my great thanks and daily prayer.

Father Bob Stec

P.S. When you are at Saint Ambrose, walk around our campus and **see the beauty of God and the goodness of our members who have created a campus – a garden – so pleasing to the Lord.**



**We are a Catholic Community of Faith, Centered on Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!**



# Many, many THANKS!

## THE FESTIVAL CAPTAINS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Each year there are 40+ festival captains and booth leaders who really make it what it is. They spend the entire week setting up, running the booths and really make the difference! This year, more than ever, they really made the difference in making the festival not only happen, but run smoothly. Thank you!

**THE 550+ VOLUNTEERS!** Whether it was parking cars, making funnel cakes, wiping off tables, or working a game - you made the difference and really set a welcoming a gracious tone for everyone who attended the festival. Thank you!

**"Thank you for the fireworks display!"** I surprised my youngest with the chance for him to see the fireworks. He is special needs and the fireworks that he loves and hasn't seen in over a year really made him so happy!!!"  
- Dee Dee S.

**"Thank you Saint Ambrose and all the volunteers!"** - Sharon L.

"The **beef kabobs** are amazingly delicious!" - Sharon W.

**"WAY TO GO** Father Bob and Saint Ambrose!" - Joyce S.

"We just wanted to thank Saint Ambrose for inviting JERSEY to play at your fantastic festival. We enjoyed every minute of performing for your wonderful community. Staff and Sound Company were first class and treated us like friends. **We will always remember Sunday night in Brunswick!**"  
- Joe Hill, JERSEY Band

**"We had such a blast** at Saint Ambrose's Summer Festival!"  
- Pickup-Stix Stiltwalking

"My daughter works at Honey Hut and the number of tents you guys have up is WOW. **Saint Ambrose knows how to have a festival!**"  
- Karen A.

**"Hooray! Always a fun time at this festival!"** - Brunswick Ohio Hometown News

**"Special thanks to the Brunswick Police Department** that weekend for the patrols provided during the Festival."  
- Rebecca K.

**"Everyone in the kid's area were just fantastic.** The kids were great with the younger kids helping them learn the game. The adults were kind-hearted as well. Thank you all for everything you have done to make this festival fun." - Cindy S.

"It was fun and **felt good to come together** with the community."  
- Jean N.

**"Thanks to the volunteers who made this year's Festival Casino a great success!** A team of mostly first-timers took over the casino this year and handled it like pros. Dozens of players had a great experience with our dealers who exemplified a welcoming invitational attitude." - Jim R.

"Shout out to our **incredible young adults who staffed the funnel cake tent** for our Summer Festival! Thank you!" - Caitlin A.

Save the Dates!  
**Our 14th Annual Festival!**  
**June 23-26, 2022**

## Festival Raffle Raised \$100,115!



**RAFFLE!** The raffle was an out of this world success and is a gamechanger for the festival and our parish! 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. If you were one of the hundreds of people who purchased a ticket or helped sell them, thank you! **And of course, HUGE thanks to the sponsors who provided the amazing prizes for our raffle!**

**SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!** From June 24 – June 27, our Facebook and Instagram posts reached 54,181 people, 12,656 people visited the website...8,559 were NEW users!

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

**ALL OF OUR PARTNERS!** Saint Ambrose is blessed to be in a great community with phenomenal businesses and organizations who support our parish. These Community Partners allow us to do great things at the festival and year round. Please support their businesses!

**A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO ABC RENTALS** who provided the light towers and generators for the festival! They've been incredible supporters of our parish and our parish festival since the very beginning! **They are also the perfect place to stop and rent equipment for your weekend DIY project!** Be sure to stop in and thank them for their support.

**ANOTHER SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO THE TEAM AT UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**, our mainstage sponsor. The stage, sound, lights and great bands you heard all weekend are possible with the help of Unity Catholic! **If you haven't visited Unity's website or stopped by the branch on Pearl Road, check it out... they have good rates and are great to work with!**



## By The NUMBERS

Volunteers	550
Tents	49
Tables	210
Chairs	850
Signs	150+
Potatoes	2,100 pounds
Lemons	800 pounds – we ran out!
Ice cream	Over 100 gallons
15 new families registered for our parish!	

**TOTAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH...**  
We're waiting for all the bills to come in, but estimated **\$100,000+**!





# JOIN US!

<b>July 17</b>	East Wind Outdoor Concert
<b>July 18</b>	Mommy, Me & Tea
<b>July 24</b>	Mom's Tea Time-Out Outdoor Grotto Mass
<b>July 30</b>	Wine & Cheese Under the Stars Concert
<b>August 1</b>	Scavenger Hunt
<b>August 6</b>	Ladies Paint and Sip
<b>August 8</b>	The FEST
<b>August 13</b>	Moms & Muffins Play Date & Prayer Service
<b>August 13</b>	Caliber Band Outdoor Concert
<b>August 14</b>	Outdoor Grotto Mass Back to School with a Bang!
<b>August 27</b>	Wine & Cheese Under the Stars Concert
<b>August 28</b>	Outdoor Grotto Mass
<b>Sept. 11</b>	PSR Kick-Off
<b>Sept. 12</b>	Journey with Jesus Kick-Off

*Invite a friend!*

## Summer at Saint Ambrose!

Enjoy Summer @ Saint Ambrose! Details at [StAmbrose.us/Summer](http://StAmbrose.us/Summer)

### Stamp Your Virtual Passport... **ENTER TO WIN** \$200 in Marc's Gift Cards!

Attend our Summer Events and spot the signs with this QR Code. Scan the code and enter your info to "Stamp Your Passport". Each event you attend gets you 1 entry!

**Winner will be drawn after the last event is held!**



**East Wind Band  
July 17 @ 7pm**

### Outdoor Concert Series!

**IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND SCHOOL. BRING A LAWN CHAIR!  
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

EAST WIND BAND PLAYS AUTHENTIC CLASSIC ROCK FEATURING THE MUSIC OF THE DOOBIE BROTHERS, BEATLES, DAVID BOWIE, EAGLES, GRAND FUNK RAILROAD & MORE!

### Couples Wine Tasting & Music Under the Stars

**Friday, July 30 and Friday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

Saint Ambrose Kingdom Builders and Marriage Ministry invites you to a beautiful evening under the stars for a wine tasting and concert. We will enjoy sampling 4 different wines from Filla Cellars located in Wadsworth. The family has been growing grapes in NE Ohio since 1904. The family patriarch continues to produce award winning wines in Napa. This will be a romantic evening you will not want to miss!

**Seating is limited to 30 couples. No cost to attend. RSVP at [www.StAmbrose.us/Summer](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Summer)**

### Ladies Paint and Sip

**Friday, August 6th, 7:00 p.m.**

Ladies, grab your friends and join Saint Ambrose Kingdom Builders and Women's Renewal for a fun evening out. Enjoy delicious food, wine, coffee, and fellowship. Even if you are not a painter, you'll find it surprisingly easy to paint a canvas following the instruction of an artist. Do not miss this girls' night out!

**Seating is limited to 30. No cost to attend. RSVP at [www.StAmbrose.us/Summer](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Summer)**

### The Caliber Band Outdoor Concert!

**Friday, August 13 at 7:00 pm**

The Caliber Band, one of Northeast Ohio's best local country acts. The Caliber Band has even been on the roster for the main stage at the WGAR Country Jam for the past few years! They are always delivering a top notch performance to their audience. This is one rockin' country band you won't want to miss!

### Beloved

#### Upcoming Marriage Enrichment Series

Couples are invited to join us monthly for a 6-session series beginning mid-September. Tackle areas of marriage that include drawing on the graces available to them day-to-day in their marriages. **Beloved** uses the tools of Scripture and Church teaching to strengthen the Christ-centered relationship of marriage to weather life's storms and draw each other deeper into God's love. Watch the bulletin for more details!

### Wine Tasting & Music UNDER THE STARS

**July 30 and August 27**

Enjoy sampling 4 different wines from Filla Cellars paired with great appetizers for couples to share. Following the wine tasting, we will be dazzled by a string quartet. *No cost to attend!*



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6**  
Food, wine, coffee & fellowship!





## BACK TO SCHOOL

*with a bang!*

**Saturday, August 14**

**A fun family night for the entire community!**

Starts with an outdoor Mass at 7:30pm in the Grotto. Followed by food and fun activities! Balloon animals, petting zoo, inflatables, stilt-walkers, music and fireworks!



## 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](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us)

**edCHOICE**

**Apply for Scholarships Today!**

**Saint Ambrose School K-8 is proud to be an EdChoice Provider, celebrating school choice for families.**

A second window for applications is now open through July 30th! With an EdChoice Scholarship, you can receive up to \$6,000 for K-12 private school tuition, based on financial need or your school district!

**See if you could be eligible!**  
[SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Scholarships](http://SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Scholarships)

## Fall 2021 PSR!

**It's not too late to enroll!**

Visit [StAmbrose.us/PSR](http://StAmbrose.us/PSR) for more details and to register. We serve to support parents in the spiritual development and faith formation of their children. There is something for youth of all ages at Saint Ambrose - we welcome all!

## Journey to the Altar of God

### Family Offertory

As we walk forward into a bright and hopeful future, we will restore the practice of asking members and families to present the offertory gifts during our weekend Masses.



**It's a simple and beautiful gesture of journeying to the Altar of God and presenting our gifts – and ourselves – to the Lord.** Ask those who have done it... it's a beautiful way of being more involved in Mass and it's actually a simple, sincere and holy gesture.

**You can sign up in advance for your favorite Mass, or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, Mass of remembrance of a loved one), by going to [StAmbrose.us/Offertory-Gift-Bearers](http://StAmbrose.us/Offertory-Gift-Bearers).** You can also always stop and see the Usher/Greeters at Mass and offer to assist.

Let us journey - together - to the Altar of God and present ourselves to the Lord.

*Symphony Orchestra*

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!**

**LEARN MORE & AUDITION!**  
[StAmbrose.us/Music](http://StAmbrose.us/Music)

### AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

Section strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass), flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion, and harp.

DIocese of Cleveland Family Festival presented by



# THE FEST

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**A Day of Faith, Family and Fun!**

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE  
KICKS OFF @ 12:00 NOON!**

*Featuring live music from*



**8.8.21**

Get all details at [TheFEST.us](http://TheFEST.us)

## The FEST has moved!

- In-person tickets are \$10 each.
- Live Music all day!
- A day of faith and fun for the whole family!
- Special areas for moms and dads with great prizes and giveaways.
- Fun activities for kids of all ages.
- Great, affordable food.
- Easy access parking & shuttles.
- Confession, adoration and Mass!

### NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR

**Brookside Reservation**  
3900 John Nagy Blvd  
Cleveland, OH 44144

**TAKE  
COURAGE**  
THE FEST 2021

**MAKING  
MISSION  
POSSIBLE**

*Grand Slam Gala*

PROGRESSIVE FIELD'S  
CORNER BAR  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

THE BOX OFFICE  
TICKETS: \$90 ON OR  
BEFORE AUGUST 15TH,  
\$100 AFTER

AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.GRANDSLAMGALA.US](http://WWW.GRANDSLAMGALA.US)

CAN'T ATTEND? ENTER TO  
WIN \$5,000 IN OUR CASH  
RAFFLE - TICKETS \$20

**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](http://www.StAmbrose.us/CozyCabin)

**THANK YOU** to those who supported fundraising efforts for our Cozy Cabin Retreat by stopping in after Mass to buy lemonade and for purchasing Christmas in July raffle tickets!





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Save the Date...  
last year was a sell out!



# Angels Golf & Give GOLF TOURNAMENT

Presented by:



**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**Registration Starts at 12:30 PM**

**Shot Gun Start - 1:30 PM**

*More details to come!*



If you would like to sponsor the event or be a part of the Golf & Give Team please contact Michelle Brousek at [MBrousek@staschool.us](mailto:MBrousek@staschool.us) or Michelle Dietrich at [MDietrich@staschool.us](mailto:MDietrich@staschool.us)

**Golf Tournament supports Saint Ambrose School  
and Angels In Need Tuition Scholarship Fund**

**GOLF • DINNER • ENTERTAINMENT • PRIZES**



## **Treasured by God!**

**This past week, we had an amazing Vacation Bible School for 275 children and our team.**

The young people were reminded - over again - that they are a 'treasure' in the eyes of God. **Each of us is wonderfully made by God.** Each of us has the most amazing gifts and talents (treasure) that God has given to us. Thanks to all who worked so hard to create such a great week for our young people.

**As we ALL walk into fall, take a few minutes to reflect on the 'treasure' of your gifts and talents that God has given to you.** How can you share some of those amazing talents for the good of our community. We need our children to be involved. We need YOU, and all the children of God (of every age), to be involved as we walk into a bright and hopeful future.