

*"And from His fullness,
we have all received
grace upon grace."*

- JOHN 1:16

Let us continue to pray for those who
serve to protect us.

Alive
IN CHRIST
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

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

fall events

September 3

BINGO is Back! (See pg. 4)

September 6

Labor Day Mass 9am

September 8

Hearts of Hope Widows Support Group

September 11

Men's Breakfast 9am

9/11 Prayer Service 12pm

September 12

Grandparents Day & Donut Sunday

FIAT Confirmation Cookout

September 18

National Day of Remembrance

Golf & Give Golf Tournament

KofC & Saint Ambrose BBQ Chicken & Concert

September 19

Donut Sunday

Ministry Fair

September 23

Red Cross Blood Drive 3pm

September 24-26

Women's Cozy Cabin Retreat

September 27

Lovely Ladies' Luncheon

October 2

Autumn Harvest Festival

October 9

Polkafest

October 16-17

Men's Renewal Weekend

October 23

Neon BINGO

October 27

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

October 29

Trick or Treat Event

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

All Souls Day

November 6

Men's Breakfast

Night at the Races

November 13-14

Women's Guild Christmas Boutique

November 14-16

Fall Parish Mission with Dan DeMatte

November 21

Donut Sunday

"Actions speak louder than words."

But sometimes words are necessary!!!

Over the past three months, you have been seeing a few key words – phrases – on the bulletin and parking lot banners, in our email signatures and around our campus. **Over the past six months, hundreds and hundreds of our members have come together to 'put into words' the Saint Ambrose Way – the way Christ calls us to be as a community of faith:**

We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality

We Serve with the Compassion of Christ

We Engage and **Empower** Others

We Inspire with Prayer and Worship

We Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



This has been a blessed opportunity and experience of Kingdom Building for our parish leaders and pastoral staff. It's stirred deep conversations of faith, family and community; it has renewed and formed bonded friendships and inspired a deeper commitment to our parish family; and, it has engaged and strengthened our parish leadership to help walk our parish into a bright and hopeful future.

While these words and phrases are important and helpful, what is most important is that all of us – every member – **use them, live them, share them** so that we can be the community of faith that is called and focused on Christ – who is our everything.

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on these 'charisms' as the recipe – the way – for our community to live... and love... in the spirit of Christ.

Take some time to look through this edition of the Angelus. It's filled with many ways for all of us to center our lives on Christ, and strengthen the bonds of faith, family and community at Saint Ambrose.

Together - may we put these words and phrases – these charisms – into practice in our lives, homes and parish community. It's the recipe for a vibrant parish and a future filled with God's grace and hope.

God bless you.

Father Bob Stec

P.S. This year, more than ever, we need you to prayerfully consider and find one way to get involved in our parish. As we work hard to bring our parish back to life post pandemic, we need help in every ministry and program. We need YOU.

Kingdom Builder Upcoming Events

September 26: Strengths Workshop

October 27: Day Retreat with Dan

November 23: All Parish Staff Meeting

December 1: Advent Prayer Service



Best Wishes, Chris Becka!

We Thank You for Blessing our Community

Chris Becka has been a member of Saint Ambrose since 1992. In July of 1984 she married her best friend, Duane. Together they raised 3 amazing sons. Two attended Saint Ambrose school.

She and her husband enjoy boating, snow skiing, traveling, spending time with their family and 3 fun-filled, energized grandchildren. Chris and Duane have been truly blessed and give thanks to God for His many Blessings bestowed upon their family. Along with the love and support from our parish family and friends.

Retired from a Fortune 500 company, Chris joined the Saint Ambrose staff working part-time in our Front Office. This was the perfect place for her as she is so warm and welcoming to everyone she meets. At the end of August Chris is completely retired. She now will be traveling with her husband. When you see Chris, please thank her for her work at Saint Ambrose.



BBQ Chicken Dinner & Live Music!

Saturday, September 18

*Sponsored by Saint Ambrose Parish
and Knights of Columbus*

DINNER SERVED 5:30-6:45pm

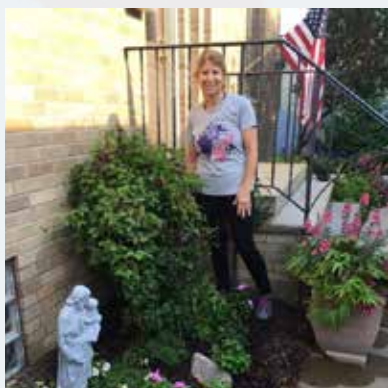
PRE-SALE ONLY. TOGO BOXES AVAILABLE.

Adult Meal \$10: BBQ Boneless Chicken Breast,
Corn on the Cob, Sweet Potato, Cole Slaw,
Roll & Butter, 1 Pop or Water

Kids Meal \$8: Choice of Hotdog or 3 pc Chicken
Tender, Corn on the Cob, Mac & Cheese, 1 Pop or Water

LIVE MUSIC KICKS OFF @ 7:00pm

Playing authentic rock featuring music of the
Doobie Brothers, Beatles, Eagles and more!



The Fab Four! Adopt-a-Patch Ministry

The Fab Four: Miriam Hopkins, Pat Ciekanski, Laura Jurcak, and Terri Blasko are the core and foundation of the Adopt-a-Patch ministry. They have been taking care of their garden patch since the ministry's development. When a special project arrives, you can count on them to help.

But, their love and giving goes beyond the garden ministry. They are there to help make cabbage rolls for the Women's Guild, provide comfort and prayers for those struggling with cancer, work the Summer Festival, give a "lift" to family and friends to their medical appointment, or just provide a hug when needed.

They are fabulous in sharing their love to our community in many ways.

welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

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!

Thomas Abella &
Jaimee LaGuardia
John Adamczak &
Lindsay Maron
Christopher Adams
Jacob Baker
Philip & Tina Brice
Daniel & Holly Brihan
Joseph & Janet Casaregola
Anthony & Lee Ann Case
Keith & Taylor Chandler
Mario & Carol Colangelo
Kayla Convery
Nicholas & Sheila Cook
Catherine Cooper
Robert Cosentino &
Kayla Tuma
Andrew & Melissa Costello
Cheryl Cramer
Maria Crookston
Christine Dabramo
Benjamin & Christine Davey
Patrik & Monika Demko
Michael & Caila Doty

Elaine Erskine
Austen & Danielle Faluski
Vasyl & Bogdana Ferley
Thomas & Laura Fisher
Brian Flemming
Adam George &
Hayley Georgia
Suzanne Gerstenberger
Stephen & Mary Halko
David Halle & Darlene Drum
Ryan & Allison Hengst
Brandon Holpuch & Nicol Ellis
Timothy & Brittani Horschler
Kenneth & Laura Hrabnicki
John & Rosemary Kalembo
Thomas & Rebecca Karns
David & Rita Kasayka
Charles & Sharon Kerschner
John & Donna Kestranek
Tracy Kichinka
Emmanuel Kidando
Greg & Trisha Kimnach
Francine Korpusik &
Frances Cowles

Stacey Kozel
Timothy Krall
Michael & Deborah Laird
Mike & Tanna Lanza
Thomas & Lynn Leonti
George-Ann Long
Sean & Brittany Lynch
Thomas & Denise Malinak
Kenneth & Kati Mann
Mary Lou Markowski
Kathleen Matsumoto
Orin & Vivian McMonigle
Anthony & Meghan Medlock
Jerome & MaryBeth Mehle
Kevin & Morgan Mementowski
Gina Monastero
Jason & Abigail Morgan
William & Deborah Moss
Joseph & Natalie Murray
Edward & Judy Nalepa, Jr.
Eric Neff & Jessica
Marchetti-Neff
Regina Ohlrogge
Marisa Pedraza

Michael & Lucia Pekar
Mary Jo Perrette
George & Erin Peters
Luis & Maria Pires, Dds
Julie Rimedio
Michael Rogala
Jeffrey & Skye Sandora
Zoe Schilling
John & Yanira Sedlak
Hany & Christina Sedrak
Chester & Corrine Skoczen
Michael & Kelly Spuzzillo
Joseph & Jennifer Stefanich
Burg & Darlene Stone
Bryce Suminguit
Emily Szabo
Andrew & Susan Szabo
Thomas & Trisha Valley
Victor & Angela Vilchez
Joseph & Colleen Webster
Shawn & Mariah Wright

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

- POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

As of May - August 22, 2021

Building the Kingdom!

FALL PARISH MISSION with DAN DEMATTE

Sunday, November 14 - Tuesday, November 16

Over the past six months, our parish leaders and pastoral team have been working with Dan DeMatte to renew, focus, and re-energize ourselves and our parish community as we walk into a bright and hopeful future. **Dan has GREAT energy, is a good spirit, and has a strong faith and life of prayer.** His energy is contagious, and his passion for the Gospel is inspiring. Hundreds and hundreds of our members will attest to his goodness and the impact he has had on our community.



EVERYONE now has a chance to join in the Kingdom

Building efforts. We've invited Dan to lead us in our three-night Fall Mission on November 14 -15-16. Each night has a unique focus. Join us for one... or all three. You will love the way God works and speaks through Dan's spirit.

SUNDAY: Lord Teach us to Pray

MONDAY: ALIVE in Christ

(special invitation to families with children/teens)

TUESDAY: Now and Forever

(includes the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Each night will have beautiful and inspiring music, a great message, and a time for fellowship.

kingdom builders

5 CHARISMS:

JOYFUL HOSPITALITY

**SERVING
WITH THE
COMPASSION
OF CHRIST**

**GRATITUDE &
THANKFULNESS**

**ENGAGING &
EMPOWERING
OTHERS**

INSPIRING
PRAYER &
WORSHIP

What are YOUR God-Given Strengths?

October 10, 17 and 24th | 7:00 PM -8:30 PM

Why are you the way you are? Why do some people act the way they do? Why some people are more disciplined than others? Or why some people are more responsible than others?

This class can provide you with the answers to these questions along with helping you recognize and experience YOUR unique strengths to use in your everyday life.

Unravel your God-given strengths and by attending the 3-session course, you will learn to use them!

REGISTER: Email Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7336.



Celebrating Sacraments Outdoors

Outdoor Masses & Drive-Thru Opportunities

Grotto Masses: Every Saturday evening at 6:30 pm through the month of September. In the case of inclement weather, the outdoor Mass will be cancelled. We will post updates on social media.

Drive Thru Communion:

Every Sunday at 1:00 pm in the PLC Parking Lot

Drive Thru Anointing of the Sick and Communion:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 11:00 am and 4:00 pm in the PLC Parking Lot



Welcome II, A Spiritual Renewal For Men

October 16-17, 2021

A great opportunity to socialize, meet other men and discover how prayer and good conversation can build a stronger faith. For a Christian, being mediocre is not an option. God created us to be full of zeal and strive for the heroic. We see this intense enthusiasm in many areas of life, sports business, politics, and entertainment. But what kind of energy and enthusiasm do we give God?

REGISTER FOR THE WEEKEND:

Ty Tyjewski: 440-867-4503

John Ballash: 330-419-0575

Deacon Tom Sheridan: 440-552-7473

Weekly Events

Please join us!

Adoration: Mondays,
8:45 am – 7:00 pm, Chapel

Benediction: Mondays, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Catholic Charities Counseling:
Tuesdays, at 2:00 pm in LC Matthew

Sitting with Scripture:
Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Virtual

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

Living Your Strengths: October 10, 17,
and 24, at 6:00 pm in Mother Teresa

Gospel of Life Study: September 7, 14,
and 21, at 7:00 pm in LC Matthew

Sarah's Circle:
Tuesdays, 9:30 am, LC Fr. McGivney

Legion of Mary:
Weekly Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry:
Prayer in the Chapel the first and third
Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm

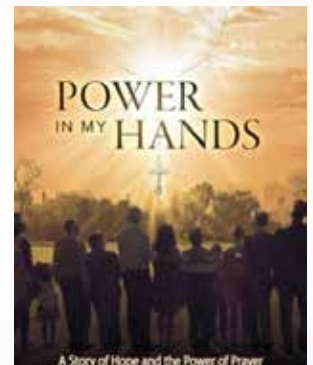
“Power In My Hands” Movie Night

October 9th, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

“Power In My Hands” is a film that uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the rosary. It helps viewers understand the power to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis, and instill an active response to the Blessed Mother’s plea for prayer. Hope through Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of this film.

Throughout history, humanity has been urged to respond to great needs and spiritual crisis. In modern times, this has been seen from the pleas of Mother Teresa to St. Pope John Paul II to Pope Benedict XVI to Pope Francis.

In Power In My Hands, prominent individuals and others will not only present the beauty and power of the rosary, but also share their personal witness to this power in one’s hands.



Catholic Works of Mercy

Recap from Some Special Moments!

THE ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF SANDWICH FUNDRAISER in March was a great success thanks to so many who supported it and enjoyed delicious sandwiches from The Hooley House! The funds helped those in our area who were in need.

OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION was enhanced in April during Holy Week. Needed items were added for the week and especially provisions for the Easter Sunday meal were supplied. Another special treat was the Women's Guild Nut Rolls. The close to 100 local families that received this delicious pastry really enjoyed it. The Easter candy and other goodies provided by the parish - assembled by the K of C - gave many reasons to smile on Easter Sunday morning. It was a blessed Easter.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY was a huge success due to the generosity of our parishioners. We were able to supply St. Rocco's school with all the needed items they wished for and then some. Thank you to our Young Adults group here at Saint Ambrose - they loaded up 4 vehicles full of the supplies and delivered to St. Rocco school.

OUR COMMUNITY MEAL continues monthly to reach the hungry who enjoy a different meal every month. As we look forward ... October will bring 'Blanket Sunday' of which new items such as towels and pillows seem to be a requested items. We are fortunate for the parish's continued and generous support.

Would you or someone you know like to receive a meal?

Please RSVP to Bill Zarefoss at 216.287.4552 for pick up only 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm, Hilkert Hall. September 19 (RSVP 9/16), October 17 (RSVP 10/15), and November 25 (RSVP 11/22),

OCTOBER WILL BRING "BLANKET SUNDAY". Many of the items being requested are new towels and bed pillows. Thank you for your preparation and generosity!



Get involved!

Many hands make for light work ♥

CARES FOOD SORT:

September 21,
October 19 and 28, and
November 16, at 4:00 pm,
Hilkert Hall Gym

PB&J BRIGADE:

Mondays - Thursdays,
at 4:30 pm in the PLC



MERCY MONDAY

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

PLEASE NOTE: With the Labor Day Holiday,
our next Mercy Monday will be on September 13.

Stay Tuned!

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR OTHERS

In early November, we'll be serving others by doing yard work, fall clean-up and more. We will need many volunteers to make it successful! More information and a sign up link will be out soon.



Our Community CARES

Concerned. Alert. Responsive. = Everyone. Safe.

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K)

New Series Starting October 5th

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm in Lehner Center

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K)

is a scripture-based program designed to help children (aged 6-13) of families



experiencing divorce and separation. Each session is full of games, fun activities, arts and crafts, stories, exercise, videos and music that is centered around a weekly theme.

Throughout Divorce Care for Kids, your children realize that they are not the only ones going through this. They develop friendships with others who understand how they feel. **They will learn how to sort through their feelings and will learn how to have healthy relationships – with you, your family and with God.** Best of all, children will learn how God's love can strengthen them and help them turn tears to hope and joy.

For more information or registration contact Jennie Porco at 330.460.7317 or JPorco@stambrose.us.

Be an 'Angel' to Moms in Need

The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project aims to assist pregnant women and their families in our community by providing emotional, material, and spiritual support. Gabriel Angels seek to plant the seed of God's love within the hearts of those facing an unplanned pregnancy who may feel lost or afraid by offering individual mentorship, advocacy and Christian friendship.

The following local pregnancy centers serve women in numerous ways, and you can support them with monetary donations, specific material needs or volunteering your time and talents.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, being trained as a Gabriel Angel or hearing about upcoming Life events, please contact Trish Shaw at 440-590-0083 or ohshaws@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drives

3:00 pm in Hilkert Hall

Sign up for one of the following dates to give a special gift that can be life-changing for someone. **Held at Saint Ambrose on September 23, October 28, and November 18**

lifting each other up

Financial Workshop

Helpful tips to manage money.

September 14, 7:00 pm, virtual

November 9, 7:00 pm, TBD

Hearts of Hope

Widows Support Group

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

Share conversation, prayer, and community.

Together with the Lord, our hearts will always find the help and the hope we need.

Email Lisa to RSVP at LCinadr@StASchool.us

Cancer Support Group

Wherever you are on your journey.

The first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm

Spend an hour with us as we share, support, and embrace our friendship with prayer.

This group is for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. Our group is an uplifting group where we pray and share our personal experience or that of a loved one. **Learn more and share a prayer request at www.StAmbrose.us/cancer**

Depression Support Group

You are not alone.

More than 21 million people in the U.S. struggle with their moods. There is a confidential support group here at Saint Ambrose that offers a safe place where you can learn coping skills and find hope among others who understand what you are going through. **The meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month.**

Contact Sue at 440.539.9358 or skir88_dbsa@aol.com for more information or if you have any questions. **Visit www.DBSAlliance.org for additional information.**

AA Meetings

Supporting one another.

Mondays, 6:00 pm, in LC John and Saturdays, 8:30 am, LC Matthew

We are here to relate and share experiences, strength, and hopes with each other in order to grow and help each other recover from alcoholism.

Meet Jason Monaco

Parishioner Spotlight

Jason Monaco has been an usher at our noon mass for 16 years and regularly fills in where he is needed. He is also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in the Brunswick Council of the Knights of Columbus. Jason goes above and beyond in his mission to demonstrate what it is to be a member of Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish in his involvement in our Men's Renewal Ministry and in helping Helen Lanzarotta plan and organize the gaming section of our annual Summer Festival. During the summer, you can also find Jason behind the grill, serving up smiles along with delicious burgers and dogs at many of our outdoor events.

Jason went to Saint Ambrose Catholic School and graduated in 2002. From there, he attended Holy Name High School and went on to attain a degree from John Carroll University. He now works for the Cleveland Clinic's Division of Finance. We are blessed to have him as part of our parish family and know that he is one of the very reasons why our Future is Full of Hope.



FIAT Kick-Off

Join us to kick off another great year on **September 19th** following the 5pm Mass until 8pm – check in at Hilkert Hall and then join us in the parking lot for a great evening!

FIAT Nights Every Sunday from 6-8pm starting with our kick-off on September 19th!

XLT October 24 & November 28 @ 7pm in the Church



Calling Athletic Volunteers!

Sign up for the Fall Season!

The Athletic Boosters needs your help! Our 2021 fall season will be the best one yet but we need many hands to make the work light. We need volunteers to fill the following roles:

- **Site Directors** for Football and Volleyball
- **Scorekeepers** for Football and Volleyball
- **Concessions** for Football and Volleyball
- **Set up crew** for games
- **Clean up crew** for Football and Volleyball

What a great way to give back to our young athletes and their families. **Please contact Ryan Harrington at ryanh@sales-team.biz to sign up!**

BINGO IS BACK!

Dates and Details
at StAmbrose.us/BINGO

September 3

WELCOME BACK!

\$3 Marker Madness!
FREE Hamburgers & Hotdogs Off the Grill

September 17

Free Bonus Jackpot with \$20 or more Package!
FREE Fried Chicken Dinner

5:00PM DOORS OPEN
7:00PM BINGO BEGINS

Please know we are opening up Hilkert Hall entirely to provide comfortable, safe spacing between players and tables.



Men's Rec Basketball

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 pm, Hilkert Hall Gym

Neon BINGO!

October 23

DJ and Music, Black Lights, Minute-to-Win-It Games & Instant!

TICKETS: \$35

Limited to 300 People
Includes all BINGO Games, Neon Dauber and Dinner

Autumn Dinner!

Pulled Pork, Corn on the Cob and your fall favorites!

Purchase tickets at Saint Ambrose Office.

Contact Lynn with questions at LRogers@StAmbrose.us.



ADDITIONAL FALL BINGO DATES!

October 1
October 15
November 5
November 19



Marriage Enrichment

SIX WEEK COURSE

"Beloved"

**2nd Tuesday of every month, beginning September 14
6:30-8 pm in the Lehner Center, Father McGivney**

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. We would love for you and your spouse to join us for a 6-session series where we meet monthly to tackle areas of marriage that include drawing on the graces available to you day-to-day in their marriages.

Confirm your spot at this amazing chance to enrich your relationship with your spouse by emailing Kim Nemet at KNemet@StAmbrose.us.

Saint Ambrose Music Ministry presents

POLKAFEST

MASS & DINNER

SATURDAY

October 9, 2021

4:30PM MASS FOLLOWED BY DINNER,
DANCING, RAFFLE BASKETS & MORE!

Kielbasa & Kraut, Stuffed Cabbage,
Cabbage & Noodles, 2 Pierogies, Green Beans,
Roll & Butter, Dessert

Enjoy live music by

Tom Mroczka & Band



TICKETS
\$25 per person

Purchase your ticket online or at the Front Office before October 2nd
Funds raised will help support our Music Ministry purchase new song books and choir shirts.

www.StAmbrose.us/Polkafest




MEN'S BREAKFAST
with Trapper Jack!
Saturday, September 11
9:00 am, in Hilkert Hall
Come for a great morning with other men from our Parish.



SAINT AMBROSE
"Cozy Cabin"
WOMEN'S RETREAT
September 24 -26, 2021
at Camp Damascus in Centerville, Ohio
Tickets on sale now! Limited space available.
www.StAmbrose.us/CozyCabin



CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY
AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD
C vs Sox
CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th 2021 AT 1:10 PM
11:00am Pre-Game Mass with Father Bob Stec
Use special code "mass" to get discounted tickets!
StAmbrose.us/Catholic-Family-Day



A new day, a new time, a new beginning...
Lovely Ladies' LUNCHEON
Presented by the Saint Ambrose Women's Guild.
Monday, September 27, 2021
10:00 am Welcome Prayer Service with Father Bob
11:00 am in Hilkert Hall Plated Lunch with Live Entertainment by Out of Eden (Eagles Tribute Band)
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Purchase them at the PLC Desk or online at StAmbrose.us/LovelyLadies



Music Ministry

Share Your Musical Talents!

There is a place for everyone!

- Adult Choir
- Angel Choir (Grades 2-6)
- Cantors
- FIAT Ministry (Band, Choir, and Cantors)
- Hand Bells
- Instrumentalists (*to become the Saint Ambrose Symphony!*)
- New Life Choir

Adult Choir Schedule

Weekly Practice: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Cleveland Chamber Choir Concert:

November 6, 7:00 pm

Calling all instrumentalists! We are closer to creating our Saint Ambrose Symphony! If you are interested in joining, please contact Travis Jürgens. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Liturgical Minister Outings

It's wonderful to see each other outside of Mass!

Catholic Family Day on September 26

Liturgical Ministers Gathering on October 3, 1 pm

More information to come!

Liturgical Ministry

Are you called to serve?

God designed the Body, the Church, to grow, as everyone does their part to minister. Saint Ambrose places a great emphasis on our Masses and liturgical celebrations.

These liturgical ministries include: **Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Funeral Acolytes, Music Ministry, Heavenly Angels, Linen Angels, Sacristans, and Art & Environment.**

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

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

- ST. JOHN MARIE VIANNEY



Altar Server Training

Are you calling to serve at the Altar of the Lord?

Join us for 2 sessions, choose from the following:

- September 17 at 7 pm and September 18 at 9 am
- October 22 at 7 pm and October 23 at 9 am
- November 12 at 7 pm and November 13 at 9 am

A Future Full of Hope The Lasting Gift of Endowment

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 and 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).



GriefShare

New Sessions beginning in September

Tuesday Mornings from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

September 14 – December 14, in Lehner Center, Matthew

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

September 8 – December 8, in Lehner Center, Fr. McGivney

If your heart is heavy with the 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". Share the story of your loved one or simply listen to others on this journey facing the challenges of grief, learning how to cope, finding your "new normal", moving from mourning to joy.

Start on week #1 or at any time during this series. Please bring your own beverage and/or snack.

Due to limited seating please register in advance by contacting Denise Golan; requesting day or evening meetings by Phone/Text to: 440.465.7813 |or E-Mail to: Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com



GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays Sunday, November 21, 2021 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

In celebration of your loved one's life, join us for a video and discussion where you can share your story. A light luncheon to follow.

Held in Lehner Center, Fr. McGivney. Due to limited seating please register in advance by contacting Denise Golan. Call or text 440.465.7813 or email Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com

rest in peace

Charlyne Abel
Joan Bekina
Kathleen Bevelacqua
David Carl Bland
Bernard K Cieslak
Carol Coughlin
Ron Culp
James W. Flanagan
Lillian Fleischer
Raymond A. Foos

Anne Gerres
Kathleen Girardi
Joseph Roy Green
Greg Gut
Annette Iorfida
Paula Karthan
David Killmer
Rita C Klein
Walter C Klein
George Anthony Lonero

Beverly Ann Marchand
Kenneth Richard Mayer
Marion McCloud
Jim Miles
James Erwin Nagel
Dustie Lynn Nichols
Boris Osadciw
Richard Phillips
Marguerite Prochaska
Susie Raney

Elizabeth M Robertson
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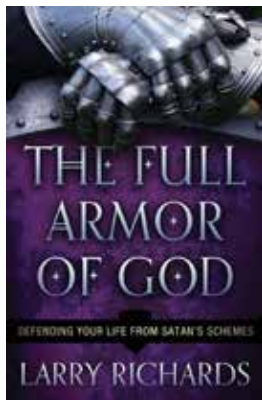
In loving memory of those who passed May - August 22, 2021

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

Please remember our military who lost their lives in Afghanistan.

adult faith formation

We have wonderful opportunities for all men and women to grow in faith!



Book Club

Enjoy reading and conversation?

We are a group of parishioners who read spiritual books and are led through relaxing fellowship and conversation. We will be reading *The Full Armor of God* by Fr. Larry Richards.

WHEN WE MEET: Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The book clubs meet in person and/or virtually through the Zoom Meeting platform.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: If you consider yourself a learner or love to read, contact Diane Heilman at 330.460.7320 / DHeilman@StAmbrose.us or Gayle Oboy at 330.460.7322 / GOboy@StAmbrose.us.

Alpha

Grow Closer to God

**Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
starting September 9th**

Alpha is designed to create conversation and is an opportunity for people to safely connect with others to freely explore the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each week the group will come together to examine different questions about faith such as 'where is God?' or 'what is the meaning of life?' and more. All sessions include a video segment and great discussions. Whether you are seeking to grow closer to God or to learn more about Jesus and the Christian way of life, Alpha is for you! **FREE SIGN UP at StAmbrose.us/Alpha**



Ladies First

Come together, grow in faith!

**Last Tuesday of Each Month (September to April)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

The ladies of the community come together the last Tuesday of every month from September to April for prayer, songs of praise, food, growth in faith, and fellowship. It's a welcoming, pressure free atmosphere.

Come & relax where you can enjoy inspiring speakers, great company, delicious food & refreshment. Each month there is a short presentation and guided discussion related to the topic of the month.

Watch the weekly bulletin for details, topics of discussion or contact Denise today!

Men's Fellowship

How to be a Catholic Man in the World Today

Join other men from our parish in discussions that concern men in the ordinariness of their everyday lives. The series is firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. These sessions cultivate fun and build friendships within the community. We learn from one another how to be a better husband, father, son and a single adult.

WHEN WE MEET: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Lehner Center-McGivney (Use side door for entrance.)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: Contact Deacon Tom Sheridan for information or watch the bulletin for details. TSheridan@StAmbrose.us

For information about any of these opportunities, watch the bulletin or contact Diane Heilman at 330.460.7320 / DHeilman@StAmbrose.us or Gayle Oboy at 330.460.7322 / GOboy@StAmbrose.us.



Legion of Mary Praying the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

You can become an active Legion of Mary member through a balanced program of prayer and service, advancing the growth of faith, understand and true devotion to Christ and His Blessed Mother.

Our Thursday Rosary is held in the Chapel. A full list of special dates are available at StAmbrose.us/AFF.

Consecration to Joseph

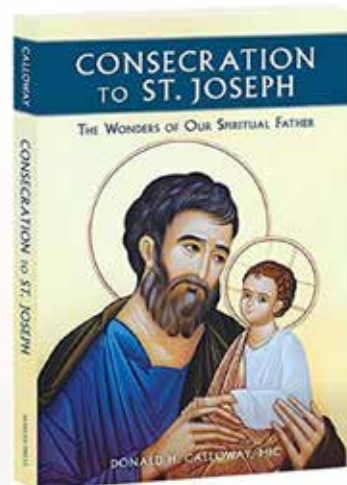
The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father Bible Study

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. September 30 - November 1

In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of Consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. 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.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: Contact Diane Heilman at 330.460.7320 / DHeilman@StAmbrose.us or Gayle Oboy at 330.460.7322 / GOboy@StAmbrose.us.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Walking with Purpose



Tuesdays, Starting September 21st!
Morning Group 9:00-10:30am or Evening Group 6:30-8:00pm
in the Mother Teresa Room

**Get together with other women to explore your faith...
see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life!**

Opening Your Heart, our 22-week foundational study is designed for women new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience.

Walking with Purpose aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more? Please bring a friend and join us at our 1st Coffee Connect! For questions or to RSVP, call or email Diane Heilman at DHeilman@StAmbrose.us or 330-460-7300.
Learn more at StAmbrose.us/AFF or walkingwithpurpose.com.



Faithful After 50

Planning for Fall

A ministry serving parishioners heading into their fifties and those enjoying life into their middle sixties. Our

members transition into the Route 66 ministry for seniors and the two ministries work closely together. We enjoy each other's company and maintain close relationships. Our participation in FAF makes us feel that much more a part of the Saint Ambrose community.



Last fall FAF enjoyed some diverse events including: **stargazing, wine and cheese trips, barbecues, guest speakers that told us about local history and local scary stories, hikes, bike rides and bonfires.** We are planning some great in-person and virtual events as we enter into this Fall season! Please look in the parish bulletin for details on upcoming events.

If you have any ideas of things we might do, an eagerness to get involved, a yearning to lead an activity or just have any questions for us, please email Jim Rauschenbach at jrauschenbach@stambrose.us or Joyce Osowski at jowsowski@stambrose.us



Our Dynamic Seniors Ministry!

Join us for Fall Opportunities!

Kayaking on Hinckley Lake, Saturday, September 11

Johnny Appleseed Social, Friday, September 24

Buffalo Day Trip with Fr. Rob, Wednesday, September 29

Collection Roadshow, Sunday, October 17

Day of the Dead Social, Tuesday, November 2

Health and wellness opportunities will be a painting session we are planning with the Kingdom Builders, Tai Chi was such a big hit we're working on getting more sessions set up, and a reprisal of belly dancing. **STAY TUNED!**



Almost every month we have a **Lunch & Learn** which can be a speaker on a topic like healthy eating for September, or a Fall craft we have planned for October.

Monthly coffee & donuts, weekly yoga, all this and more, so what are you waiting for? Swing by our booth at the Ministry Fair on September 19 to learn more about us and get ready to hit the road with Route 66!

Buffalo Day Trip with Fr. Rob Ramser

Wednesday, September 29th

Join Fr. Rob Ramser as we shuffle off to Buffalo, New York for a day of learning, faith and fun! We will visit **St. Stanislaus Church** with the celebration of daily Mass. For lunch we dine at **Pearl Street Grill & Brewery** (lunch is covered in the cost of the trip – any beverages besides soft drinks and water are the responsibility of the pilgrim). After lunch we will visit the breathtaking **St. Louis Church** in downtown Buffalo before a stop at the **Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica**.

We will leave St. Angela Merici's at 7:00am and return by 8:30pm.

Cost is \$65 per person with the check being made out to St. Angela's. Due to logistics of the bus rental, there can be no refunds. If you are unable to make it after your reservation is made, please find a replacement. Thank you for your understanding. Payment can be dropped off/mailed to the Parish Center at St. Angela's or put into the collection basket in an envelope marked Bus Pilgrimage.

Contact Fr. Rob at (440) 333-2133 with any questions!



Watch for Fr. Rob's most recent videos series "Our Parish Charisms, Connecting to St. Joseph". Available at StAmbrose.us/fr-rob-ramser-videos.

join the journey



Listen for the God Moments

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit

"One morning while I was placing Father Bob's letter into the bulletin, a sentence jumped out at me: ***"If you are an adult and have not been Confirmed, we can help [...] let us help you be Confirmed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit."***

This was a "God moment," as Father Bob refers to them. You see, while I was born and raised Catholic and was baptized and received First Eucharist and Reconciliation, I had not yet been Confirmed. Reading those words, made me feel like I needed to...and, not for anyone but myself and God which was how I knew it was the right time to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I went to an initial meeting in late January and met a number of other adults who wanted to go through Confirmation. I think what made me feel better was that it was a pretty good mix of adults who were new to the Catholic faith and those who were like me and just hadn't taken that last step of Initiation. No one judged and the roof did not cave in on my head. I learned so much more about my faith while preparing for Confirmation. And, I know that I actually appreciated the ceremonial rite for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation a whole lot more because my children were witnesses to that very important step that I needed to take to jump starting my faith journey again." - REBECCA KAAIKAULA

JOURNEY TO Emmaus

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH

*"With that, their eyes were opened
and they recognized him."*

- LUKE 24:31

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

**Invites You to
Join the RCIA Journey**

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

Questions & Information

If you would like to learn more, please visit StAmbrose.us/Journey-to-Emmaus or do not hesitate to contact Janet Majka at JMajka@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7321.

school news



Arise & Shine!

"Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!"

This year's theme song is a wonderful reminder of all of the blessings we enjoy and the gift of a brand new school year - **living, loving and learning in Jesus Christ as we give God glory, glory in true Saint Ambrose School style.**

We are ALIVE in Christ and were very excited to welcome school families to the 2021-2022 school year! Our team worked hard over the summer to prepare for a 100% student return to both campuses! We began the school year with a fantastic staff retreat mid August. **You can see from the pictures that we are OVERJOYED to be back together as a family of God.**

The school is continuing our successful health policies into the 2021-2022 school year, as we gently restore many of our traditions back to campus.

The energy, excitement, hopefulness and joy of putting last year behind us is everywhere! You can trust that we will continue to provide a loving and rigorous learning environment that is safe and secure, warm and welcoming.



*Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL
& LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL
2021-2022

School Open House November 7th

Contact our Admissions team for 2021-2022 enrollment information and questions. Admissions@StASchool.us.

We are already planning for our 2022-2023 school year! The timeline for admissions and enrollment kicks off in January each year. You can find more information at SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions.



Golf & Give Tournament

Saturday, September 18th

We invite all parish families to join us for our Fall Golf & Give Fundraiser on Saturday, September 18th. This fundraiser supports Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School to allow us to continue to provide the very best for every student.

Angels Golf & Give
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

For tickets to this sellout event or sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Michelle Brousek at mbrousek@staschool.us OR Michelle Dietrich at mdietrich@staschool.us

SAINT AMBROSE *Littlest* ANGELS PRESCHOOL

Welcome Back Littlest Angels!

Learning is Engaging and Fun!

We are excited to welcome students back to class in our incredible state-of-the-art environment! Our 5-STAR preschool team worked tirelessly to ensure a safe return to campus down to the smallest detail for our Littlest Angels.



Our Preschool Summer Camp was a wonderful, busy nine weeks of summer camp! Thank you to all of our LAPS children who joined us! It was fun to make new preschool friends, too! Some of the highlights were water days, crafts, devotions, singing songs, dance parties, playing in tents, Christmas in July, story time with Father Andrew, fun on the playground, water balloon Olympics.... all while preparing for Kindergarten and Pre K! Learning at LAPS is engaging and fun!

We are looking forward to continuing this positive energy, creative lessons and hands on activities with the start of a new school year! So exciting!



Saint Ambrose Students And Alumni Connect With Our Community Through Summer Internships

Students learn more about fields of their interest, and develop real-world problem-solving skills!

Saint Ambrose HSP Middle School Program has been connecting our students and recent graduates within the community for internships for the past several years. Students apply for internship opportunities with local businesses and companies to learn more about fields of their interest, and develop real-world problem-solving skills! These opportunities were shortened in person this past spring due to Covid, but we are thrilled that Brunswick Hills Fire Department was open to continuing our tradition for our students.

This past summer, one of our students, Vincenzo, had the opportunity to shadow with the Brunswick Hills Fire Department! Mrs. Angela Di Teodoro, Vincenzo's mother, said the response she saw from her son after the day of shadowing said it all. "When he came back, he was really happy," Di Teodoro said. "He had a great time and he said the guys were so fun and nice. I think it's great that they can do it as early as they can so they can see what a job really entails."

Saint Ambrose School is committed to continuing to provide real-world problem-solving opportunities and experiences to their students. If you would like to get involved and share knowledge of a trade, business, or service with students in our school, please reach us at Admissions@StASchool.us. We are blessed to have so many students seeking these opportunities, as well as area connections willing to provide these opportunities for our students! Special thanks to Chief Strazzo and the Brunswick Hills Fire Department for this special learning experience!



PSR - Family of Faith

Staying Centered on Jesus Christ...

who is *EVERYTHING* for us!

We know how important it is for you as a family to keep Jesus Christ at the center of your lives and are here to assist you with your family's needs. The Parish School of Religion Office is excited to offer a return to In-Person classes this fall, in addition to the Family Home School model.

IN-PERSON FAMILY OF FAITH

3 Sessions to choose from:

Mondays 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Wednesdays 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am – 10:30am

Our goal is to provide faith formation through the leadership of a Catechist, which has received training and guidance from the PSR leaders of our Parish. Students will receive a *Blest Are We* workbook and participate in class activities to enrich the faith formation experience.



*Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1

**SAINT AMBROSE PSR
2021-2022**

FAMILY HOME SCHOOL MODEL

The Family Home School model allows parents to be the primary teacher in their child's faith formation. Our goals are to assist families in 'seeding the Catholic Faith' into each child's heart and fully integrate the family and the child into the Saint Ambrose Parish Community! Families will receive a Family Home School handbook with instructions for the program along with books and online resources to utilize.

Junior High PSR News

All teens in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to join us as we continue to build the bonds of friendship through service and reflection.

Embark in the Service of God

Thursdays beginning on September 23!

4:00pm – 5:30pm in the Lehner Center

Embark Service Sessions offer activities for you to put your helping hands to use, which helps benefit our Parish and the community around us. You are welcome to bring a friend to any of these events!



Edge Social Nights

Mondays beginning on October 25!

6:30pm – 8:00pm in Hilkert Hall

Edge Social Nights are a fun way to explore the Catholic Faith while participating in group activities and of course, enjoying Edge Night snacks!

There is a faith formation program for every age!

If you have questions or need additional information about how we can help pass on our faith in Jesus Christ to your child(ren) or grandchild(ren), please contact Janet Majka at JMajka@stambrose.us or call 330-460-7321.



Meet Kevin Sedlacek

PSR Spotlight

Kevin Sedlacek grew up as a student and member of Saint Bridget's Church in Parma. He joined Saint Ambrose shortly after moving to Brunswick in 2007. Kevin's wife Heather shared Kevin's wish to raise their future children in the Catholic faith. In fact, Heather was so on board with this wish that Kevin ended up sponsoring Heather in the RCIA program at our parish! As a father of two and a teacher, Kevin wanted to do something to pay back all the opportunities others at our parish have given to him and his family. So, he started out by volunteering to help out at VBS. Kevin did not stop there though. His next big leap came when he was asked if he wanted to teach PSR classes and he has been a catechist for the past three years.



Kevin's best Saint Ambrose thought has to do with a slogan we hear a lot here, which is "Alive in Christ". He shares that "volunteering in the parish, I understand what that means. This parish is alive. This is not a parish you go to. It is a parish that you become part of. There are many opportunities to become more involved both large and small depending on your comfort level. I would encourage everyone to be involved. Start small and be the light."

Cub Scouts

Boys & Girls Grades K-5

Weekly Boy Scouts #513 Meeting: Thursdays, at 7:00 pm, in Hilkert Hall or Lehner Center

Join Scouting Night: September 8, 6:30 pm, Hilkert Hall

Flag Retirement Ceremony: September 15, TBD

Monthly Cub Scout Meeting: September 15, October 20, and November 17, 6:30 pm, Hilkert Hall

Grandparents are a gift from God!

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

- Psalms 145:4

NATIONAL Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 12

Join us for Mass & Donut Sunday!

We invite you and your Grandparents to join us for a special blessing, message and celebration at the 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, or noon Masses.

Saint Ambrose Parish
929 Pearl Road
Brunswick, Ohio



Everything.



2021-2022 Calendar of Events

Flag Retirement	Wed., Sept. 15, 2021
Camping/Halloween Fun	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021
Fall Campout	Fri., Oct 22-23, 2021
Skate Night	Wed., Nov. 17, 2021
Holiday Fun	Wed. Dec. 15, 2021
Golden Spoon	Wed., Jan. 19, 2022
Iditarod Trail	Tues., Feb. 16, 2022

Questions or concerns, contact Carla Karla at
216-401-7263 or ckarla2@icloud.com

* Dates and Events are subject to change



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SAINT AMBROSE Autumn Harvest Festival SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Great Family Event 5:00-8:00PM

5:00pm Outdoor Mass in the Grotto
Followed by outdoor fun & food!
Meal including hotdogs, chips and drink.

Corn Maze • Pumpkin Bowling
Inflatables • Music & Entertainment
Autumn Backdrop for Family Photos!

Please bring your own chairs and blankets.

**FREE
FAMILY
EVENT!**



Events and activities may
change depending on COVID-19
restrictions and best practices

