

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

# Annual Report 2021



## Building **THE KINGDOM**

JOYFUL HOSPITALITY

**SERVING**

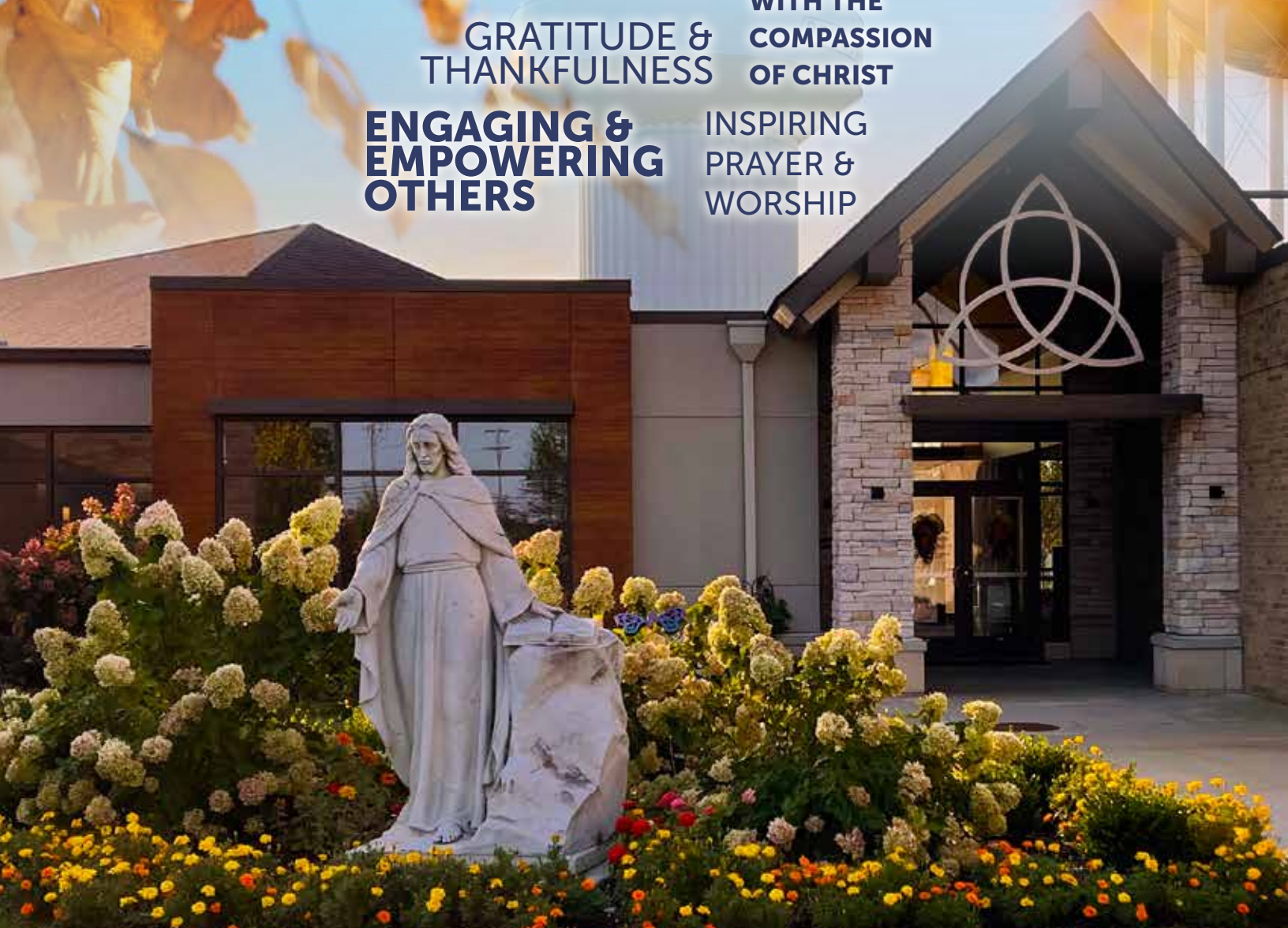
**WITH THE**

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



### Dear Members of Saint Ambrose...

This past year has been an amazing year...in so many ways. **The challenges and 'realities' that we all had to face were only outdone by the immense blessings and goodness of God.** You know that I could share a thousand examples, please let me share just one.

On Christmas Eve, I was walking up the aisle for Midnight Mass only to find that some 'elves' had placed in the sanctuary of the Church a new presider chair. As you can imagine, I was surprised, confused, and then overwhelmed. Some of our members wanted to do something 'special' for our parish for Christmas. On their own, they reached out to the company, put together a design and plan, and then made it happen. It was a perfect example of our parish at its best moment. **So many identifying needs for our members and our community, and working together for the glory of God and the good of our community.**

At every weekend Mass, wedding and funeral, I have the blessing of sitting in that chair. **It makes me so mindful of the goodness of our community – the blessing of God alive in our parish.** As I look out, week in and out, I see faithful, prayerful, wonderful members who are coming together at the Table of the Lord. I see sisters and brothers, with all sorts of realities, asking God for wisdom, grace, strength and peace. I see the Body of Christ – the Church alive and strong. It is a blessing to 'look out' and see you, along with your loved ones, family and friends, giving glory and praise to God.

While this has been a year like no other, what has been constant is God's grace and your goodness. **This year's Annual Report is also one more reflection of your goodness and your commitment to support our parish community as we continue to serve the Lord and bring the Good News of the Gospel to our community and those in need.** I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and the many ways you share your time, talent and treasure with the Lord and our community. We are alive in Christ and doing God's work in so many ways because of YOU. We walk together into a bright and hopeful future.

Every time we gather at the Table of the Lord for Mass, I hold you and your loved ones close to the Lord in prayer. May God bless you, your family and our parish community.

Father Bob Stec

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

**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)



### Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday, November 25  
Mass at 9:00 am**

As we celebrate this day of giving thanks, there is no better way to begin than by joining together in prayer and giving thanks to God – the giver of all good gifts.

Each family is invited to bring canned food item(s) that can be shared with the hungry in our region.



### kingdom builders 5 CHARISMS:

JOYFUL HOSPITALITY

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## BUILDING The KINGDOM

### We Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

**Meet the Levandusky family.** This family is an excellent example of how our *We Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* charism is lived out by our members.

Nathan is a lifelong member of our parish and his wife Samantha became a member after going through the RCIA program in 2009. Nathan and Samantha have been married for 8 years and have 2 beautiful children. Emily is in Kindergarten at Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Jonathan attends Littlest Angels Preschool.



**When they aren't attending events here at the parish, they are "working" the events as volunteers, always serving others with a joyful spirit.** This past summer, they especially enjoyed our Outdoor Summer Concert Series and worked right along many of our other members at our annual Summer Festival.

**The family is also a part of our Adopt-a-Patch Ministry.** When Collin Nemet passed, the Thomas', like so many others were deeply saddened. Nathan wanted to help the Nemet family in some way. Nathan shared his caring gift by planting orange flowers in honor of Collin prior to his funeral here at our Church. This was Nathan's way to comfort the Nemet family and our parish and the beautiful orange flowers were a sign of hope and reminded many of Collin's enthusiasm for his friend Jesus.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### We Have Broken Ground!

The Saint Ambrose community is truly blessed to be working with Habitat for Humanity of Medina County in order to Build a Better World for our brothers and sisters in Christ. This past Spring, we had our first faith build

with over 120 parishoners and members of the community coming together to build the wall panels in just under 4 hours. In August 2021, the second wall build took place with over 75 parishioners and community members completing the wall panels in just over 2 hours. What an accomplishment! The side-by-side home locations have finally broken ground on McKinley Avenue in Brunswick. Alleluia!!



**Volunteers will have the opportunity to work on the house(s) beginning in November. STAY TUNED!**



## Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 16**

Silent Sorrows Mass

**OCTOBER 16-17**

Men's Renewal Retreat

**OCTOBER 17**

Donut Sunday & Flu Shots

**OCTOBER 18**

Living Rosary

**OCTOBER 23**

Neon BINGO

**OCTOBER 24**

FIAT XLT

**OCTOBER 26**

Estate Planning Seminar

**OCTOBER 28**

Red Cross Blood Drive

**OCTOBER 29**

Trick-or-Treat at Saint Ambrose

**OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 7**

Raking Up Joy, Week of Service

**NOVEMBER 1**

All Saints Day

Mercy Monday

**NOVEMBER 2**

All Souls Day Mass

Mass of Remembrance

**NOVEMBER 3**

Monthly Reconciliation

**NOVEMBER 5**

Friday BINGO

**NOVEMBER 7**

New Driver Blessing

Saint Ambrose School Open House

**NOVEMBER 6**

Men's Breakfast

Athletic Boosters' Night at the Races

CCC Gratitude Concert

**NOVEMBER 11**

Veterans Day

**NOVEMBER 13-14**

Women's Guild Christmas Boutique

**NOVEMBER 14-16**

Fall Mission with Dan DeMatte

**NOVEMBER 20-21**

Anointing of the Sick

**NOVEMBER 21**

Donut Sunday

**NOVEMBER 25**

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9am

Thanksgiving Community Meal

**NOVEMBER 28**

Advent Begins



## PB&J BRIGADE

Delivering over 2,500 sandwiches per week



Every week for the past 18 months hundreds of volunteers have helped us make, pack and deliver over 2,500 sandwiches a week to people in need in the Cleveland and Akron areas. Members meet Monday - Thursday in the Women's Guild Kitchen at Saint Ambrose Parish to pack sandwiches and snacks that are delivered to homeless shelters and organizations that assist those in need. Members have made sandwiches, donated supplies, and packed bags to help feed the hungry.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach Ministry has been busy this year!

Projects are completed each month at members' homes including painting, yard work, minor home repairs, and countless other tasks to help keep our members safe and comfortable in their home. Community Outreach is always looking for projects! Contact Gail at GEichman@StAmbrose.us if you have a project you need help with.



## BUILDING The KINGDOM

We Serve with the Compassion of Christ

Dan and Anne Lewanski joined Saint Ambrose Parish in January 2021 and have truly embraced the calling to Serve with the Compassion of Christ. The call to serve involves the whole family with their daughter Mary Lou Edwards also volunteering so much of her time and talents to make all things an act of service in the spirit of Christ.

In their short time as members here they are regular contributors to our PB&J Brigade, they assist at the CARES monthly food sorts, help make our Fish Fry Fridays run smoothly, and are right alongside our Women's Guild to make stuffed cabbage and nut rolls. During our Summer Festival, they saw the need for extra hands and did not hesitate to fill that need by volunteering every night! What a blessing to have all of them as part of our Saint Ambrose Family.



## COMMUNITY MEALS & OUTREACH RECAP

### Catholic Works of Mercy

Catholic Works of Mercy was fortunate to have many support the Saint Patrick's Corned Beef sandwich fundraiser in March. These funds helped those in our area who were in need in various ways. In April, an added bonus to the weekly Wednesday food distribution was held during Holy Week to give extra food and paper products for a delicious and ample Easter meal, along with Easter baskets that were specially prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

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 on their wish list. We were also able to meet the needs of close to 50 local students and various teachers in the area.

Mercy Monday is always a success on the first Monday of the month thanks to the kindness of our generous parishioners. Community meal continues monthly to reach the hungry who enjoy a different meal every month. Over 4,600 meals have been served through our Community Meals ministry in the last year.

Blanket Sunday in early October brought new items such as towels and pillows to bring warmth and comfort to those in need. We are so very blessed by the parish's continued and generous support.

Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021  
Meals Served = 4,608  
Upcoming  
Community Meals  
October 17  
Thanksgiving Meal  
December 19

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

Thanksgiving Day,  
November 25

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

To reserve a meal for pick up or delivery please call the office at 330-460-7300, RSVP by Monday, November 22.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

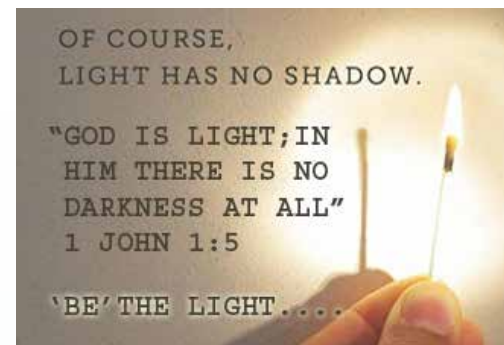
Someone to talk to through life's challenges.

We are blessed to collaborate with Catholic Charities for Outpatient Mental Health Services to Provide Hope & Create Hope right here at Saint Ambrose. They have licensed staff trained to assist in the healing and recovery process associated with depression, anxiety, stress, and relationship issues, including family and marriage counseling. Space is reserved at Saint Ambrose every Tuesday from 2:00-5:00 pm. You can also contact Catholic Charities at 330.723.9615 to schedule another time and we will reserve space for you.

## DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

Many people are struggling with depression and/or anxiety, you are not alone.

Talking with others who understand what you are experiencing can help. There is a confidential support group which meets monthly here at Saint Ambrose. It offers a safe place where you can learn coping skills and find hope among others who understand what you are going through. Meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in Lehner Center. Masks are required and we will practice social distancing. Contact Sue at 440-539-9358 or skir88\_dbsa@aol.com with questions.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Team #3 of Stephen Ministers Commissioned!

We are so blessed by our Stephen Ministers!!! Our Team 3 of Stephen Ministers have recently been commissioned and have joined Teams 1 and 2 in walking with others during a difficult time. We are so excited for them to start using their wonderful skills and compassionate hearts to those in need. All of our Stephen Ministers listen to, explore feelings, pray, and share Christ's love to those individuals who may be hurting. They bring care and support to people who need a little extra hope and healing in their lives. We are so fortunate to have so many caring and faithful individuals. God Bless our ministers, and may God keep them in His care while they are being the hands and heart of Christ to so many.



Please help us in congratulating Team #3:

Vonnie Beamer, Donna Cash, Joe Gendron, Peggy Hibler, Joan Hovan, Maryann Mackey, Terri Parker, Richard Renz and Terry Scully.

Interested in joining Stephen Ministry? We are starting a new training session for TEAM 4 in January 2022. We would love to have you join! If you find yourself needing a little extra care and support, please reach out - we are here to help and our ministers have full hearts to offer their care and compassion to you. CONTACT: Carol at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336 or Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7315.

## Divorce Care

Are you suffering or hurting from a separation or divorce? If you are in need of support please contact Diane Capretta, 330.351.5471

## Divorce Care For Kids (DC4K)

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 pm, Lehner Center, John Designed to help children (aged 6-12) of families experiencing divorce and separation. To register your child, please contact Jennie Porco at 330.460.7317 or JPorco@StAmbrose.us.

## Hearts of Hope

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:00 pm Meeting for widows, our hope is always in the Lord! Contact Lisa Cinadr at 330-460-7350 or LCinadr@StASchool.us for more information.

## GriefShare

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

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join a caring group of people to walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. You are not alone. You are welcome any time. To register, please contact Denise Golan at 440.465.7813 or Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com

## GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 21, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Celebrate your loved one's life by sharing your story. Come for discussion and a light luncheon. Register in advance by contacting Denise Golan at 440.465.7813 or Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com

## Ministry of Consolation

Hope for the Holidays

Friday, November 12 & Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. Please contact Monica Kortan at 330.460.7304 for more information.







## RAKING UP JOY

**October 30 - November 7...a dedicated week of service!**

The week of October 30 - November 7 is dedicated to a week of service! Help us Rake up Joy by volunteering to rake the leaves at a home of someone in our community who is unable to rake their leaves. Get your family, friends or organization you belong to together and sign-up to rake leaves at your convenience during the first week of November.

**Sign-up information is on the website.**

## SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

**Feed Thousands on November 25**

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

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



## WARMTH PROJECT

**Clean out your closets to bring warmth to others.**

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



## WE GIVE CATHOLIC

**November 30 - A Day of Giving!**

We Give Catholic is just around the corner. It is a 24-hour day of giving on November 30. Proceeds raised will fund the 12 Days of Christmas Ministry which provides 12 days of gifts to those individuals who have experienced a hardship during the past year. Donations help these individuals. We are planning some fun activities throughout the day for those people who come to drop off donations.

**If you would like more information about We Give Catholic,** contact Jane Baldwin at [Jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us) or 330.460.7381.

**If you know someone who has had a difficult year,** contact Lisa Homady at [LHomady@StAmbrose.us](mailto:LHomady@StAmbrose.us) or 330.460.7315.

#weGIVECATHOLIC  
with the Catholic Community Foundation on **NOVEMBER TUESDAY**  
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30**



## BUILDING The KINGDOM

**We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality**

**WOMEN'S GUILD!** The Women's Guild Board members took on the challenge of reimagining their annual Salad Luncheon and created an absolutely memorable, and truly welcoming, Lovely Ladies Luncheon.

First-time visitor to Saint Ambrose and luncheon attendee Pat Q. said, "coming to a big church like this [one] and as a stranger can be scary. But, the minute we pulled into the parking lot of Saint Ambrose, seeing the beautiful flowers and then coming into the hall and being greeted with smiles, I didn't feel like such a newbie."

Rebecca Kaaikaula shares that as a witness and participant of how the event came together, "the ladies of the Women's Guild made this event a successful one by truly living out the 'Welcome with Joyful Hospitality' parish charism." From engaging others when asking for donations for raffle baskets to leaving the place better than you found it, members of the Women's Guild did not miss a beat in setting the example of what is considered as necessary actions in our SA way.

There were other very obvious ways in which the Women's Guild exemplified the "Welcome with Joyful Hospitality" charism. The lunch menu itself consisted of homemade food cooked in our own Parish Life Center kitchen by our own members - and it was delicious! Students from Saint Ambrose School were on hand to serve the lunch and the way that they approached the attendees with a joyful, welcoming, and positive attitude truly made the experience an extra lovely and memorable one.



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

**95 Families Touched by your Care**

This past year, because of all of our wonderful volunteers, we were able to touch the lives of 95 families in delivering extra care and love throughout the Advent season- that's a lot of families; that's a lot of buying and planning and wrapping; but more importantly, that's a lot of lives that have been touched because of our members' goodness and caring hearts.



**Each of our families that we adopt has suffered some type of hardship this year, perhaps the death of a loved one, an illness or hospitalization, perhaps they don't have anyone else visiting them during the Holidays, or with the craziness of the past year, they've been lonely and isolated and haven't been able to see anyone in months.**

"I was sick and you visited me..." - Matthew 25:36  
THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for living out the Gospel every day!!

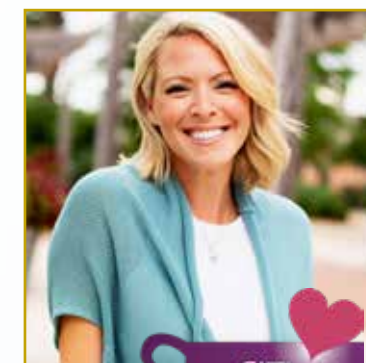
**We are looking for volunteers again this year to be part of our 12 Days of Christmas.** If you are interested, please contact Lisa at [Lhomady@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Lhomady@StAmbrose.us) for more information.

## ADVENT TEA

**We welcome Brooke Taylor back!**

**Saturday, December 4th**

Brooke Taylor was our very first Advent Tea speaker, and we are beyond blessed to be having Brooke join us again this year for this very special event.



Take some time for yourself, invite your family and friends, and spend an afternoon celebrating the true meaning of Christmas... the Blessings of Loved Ones, our Parish Family, and the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Stay tuned for more details and how to reserve your tickets for this very special event! [StAmbrose.us/Advent](https://StAmbrose.us/Advent)**





SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 and 2021

PARISH RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022
Offertory Collections	\$1,805,892	\$1,849,412	\$1,869,500
Other Collections	\$3,054	\$6,168	\$3,750
Donations & Bequests (1)	\$253,237	\$76,113	\$2,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$108,556	\$45,144	\$101,840
Net Fund Raising Income (2)	\$10,404	\$172,255	\$105,500
Income from Parish Programs	\$67,766	\$39,532	\$72,150
Unrealized Gain from Investments (3)	\$6,622	\$29,534	\$0
Net Rental Income	\$325	\$2,442	\$1,500
Miscellaneous Receipts (4)	\$56,452	\$66,549	\$92,250
Capital Campaign Income (5)	\$659,317	\$46,111	\$0
Designated Collections (6)	\$10,978	\$13,732	\$0
Other Extraordinary Receipt (7)		\$1,055,066	
<b>TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,982,604</b>	<b>\$3,402,059</b>	<b>\$2,248,490</b>

PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:

Clergy	\$121,256	\$86,578	\$82,330
Staff: Pastoral/Parish/Liturgy/Music	\$410,646	\$462,078	\$476,850
Maintenance Staff	\$79,466	\$76,505	\$85,600
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$140,711	\$117,071	\$125,751
Rectory & Household	\$15,504	\$20,551	\$20,000
General Administrative Expenses (8)	\$275,671	\$323,840	\$267,700
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$70,491	\$44,679	\$58,150
Community Outreach	\$71,747	\$67,186	\$112,570
Religious Education & Evangelization	\$54,091	\$70,275	\$65,250
PSR Instructional	\$21,803	\$17,104	\$27,100
Other Teaching Programs	\$25,502	\$24,710	\$30,300
Youth Ministry (FIAT)	\$11,614	\$11,931	\$19,700
Utilities	\$70,179	\$72,115	\$74,000
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$18,144	\$18,788	\$20,000
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$70,439	\$71,568	\$75,550
Diocesan Assessments	\$201,918	\$204,588	\$205,000
Designated Collections (6)	\$10,978	\$13,732	\$0
Capital Disbursements (9)	\$924,649	\$255,762	\$135,000
Building Fundraising & Support	\$25,830	\$10,323	\$10,000
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$6,622	\$29,534	\$0
<b>TOTAL PARISH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,627,262</b>	<b>\$1,998,916</b>	<b>\$1,890,851</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$355,342</b>	<b>\$1,403,142</b>	<b>\$357,639</b>
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(351,267)	\$(349,850)	\$(349,923)
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$4,075</b>	<b>\$1,053,292</b>	<b>\$7,716</b>

NOTES:

- Represents restricted income used for the designated expense purposes, Liturgy Items and Misc
- See Event detail for support on page 11.
- Current stock market fluctuations impacting income
- Easter/Christmas Flowers, Votive Lights, Bulletin, Book/Pamphlet Rack, misc
- Represents income taken to offset the Church renovation expense.
- Income and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.) Thank you.
- Represents PPP forgiven loan. (See page 9 for more information.)
- Includes interest expense on the construction loan and COVID-19 related expenses.
- See Parish Capital Expenditures section for further detail on page 11.

Due to rounding to the nearest dollar, some totals may be off by \$1.



SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 and 2021

SCHOOL RECEIPTS

	PRIOR YEAR 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022
Tuition & Fees	\$1,994,297	\$2,127,245	\$2,210,550
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$181,637	\$199,988	\$200,000
Fundraising & Donations (1)	\$166,315	\$135,247	\$120,500
Other Student Receipts	\$14,659	\$3,231	\$53,550
Other School Income	\$50,325	\$6,704	\$54,825
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,407,233</b>	<b>\$2,472,416</b>	<b>\$2,639,425</b>

SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,779,746	\$1,765,726	\$1,802,913
Instructional	\$123,617	\$146,129	\$157,850
Preschool & Guardian Angels	\$256,460	\$326,679	\$414,835
Library	\$1,903	\$1,834	\$1,000
Utilities	\$57,596	\$54,527	\$59,000
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$118,595	\$133,425	\$141,950
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$18,144	\$18,788	\$19,000
Student Services	\$47,061	\$29,874	\$73,800
Administration	\$117,693	\$123,058	\$114,000
Capital Improvements (2)	\$237,685	\$222,228	\$205,000
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,758,501</b>	<b>\$2,822,266</b>	<b>\$2,989,348</b>

<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$(351,267)</b>	<b>\$(349,850)</b>	<b>\$(349,923)</b>
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NOTES:

- Thanks to the wonderful support of our school parents, the total fundraising in fiscal year 20-21 was \$172,127 of which \$37,000 has been set aside for projects which are paid for in the upcoming school year.
- See Page 11 for detail of School Capital Expenditures.

Due to rounding to the nearest dollar, some totals may be off by \$1.

Thanks to your continued support always and especially throughout the pandemic.

Your generosity and goodness allowed our parish to operate in 'the black' for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Our PPP loan was also forgiven which helped our parish community stay steady through the past 18 months. **Thanks to your faithful and consistent support, the extra income will be used to address these extraordinary expenses:**

- The Diocese of Cleveland is asking each parish to conduct a capital campaign called the Heart of the Shepherd.** Funds raised will be used to renovate the seminary and fully fund the Priest Retirement Fund. Since we recently had a capital campaign for the Church renovation, and so many of our members are faithfully fulfilling their pledges, our parish has chosen to make a pledge of \$150,000 towards this Diocesan appeal.
- Our goal is to have the construction loan for the Church renovation of \$713,309.38 paid off in full by June 30, 2022 (the end of the fiscal year).** The pacing of our fulfillment of this loan is to avoid early payoff bank fees. The goal is for our parish to be debt free by June 30, 2022. As our members continue to fulfill their pledges (approximately \$1,000,000), we will return to our parish savings the money that we 'borrowed' for the Church renovation.
- Our parish has been working hard to bring our parish back to life post pandemic.** We have sponsored a wide variety of programs and events to bring our members back 'home' to Saint Ambrose. These events, programming and extra staffing will continue in this fiscal year as we resume our ministries and parish events and fundraising (e.g. Bingo, Fish Fry, etc).

In the 2020-2021 school year, Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool raised over **\$200,000!** (before expenses & disbursements)

key fundraisers:

Angels Golf & Give 2020 **\$49,895**

Virtual Angel Gala 2021 **\$61,760**

Angels Read & Give 2021 **\$51,934**

We Give Catholic 2020 **\$7,538**

(Supports Angels Annual Fund)

FUNDRAISING PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

Saint Ambrose School: \$127,384

Littlest Angels Preschool: \$29,623

Angels In Need Scholarship: \$15,475

Angels Annual Fund: \$8,893 (\$7,538 +\$1,355 additional cash donations)

We were able to continue to enhance our school with the following:

- Continual Covid-19 Enhancements for Technology & Safety (Thermal Scanners, Air Purifiers, Room Partitions,
- All Building Upkeep Initiatives (New Classroom Cabinets and Desks, Continued Locker Expansion for Grades 3 & 4)
- Next Generation Education & Learning Programs (Swivel Cameras, Additional Chromebooks, Campus Wide WiFi)
- Tuition Assistance
- Principal Programs





## PARISH STATISTICS

<b>As of October 5:</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Number of Households	6,032	6,365
Number of Parishioners	17,342	17,734
<b>Parish Stats*</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Baptism	103	139
First Eucharist	32	112
Confirmation	22	147
Marriage	30	41
Students (PSR)**	915	750
Students (Day School)**	477	482
Littlest Angels Preschool**	122	162
*FY 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021		
**Enrollment for PSR/Day School is for current year.		

## GRATITUDE & THANKFULNESS

### Reflecting on a year gone by...

Over the past six months, our parish leaders have been working on a Kingdom Building process; part of which we outlined key themes and charisms of our community. One of the five charisms is gratitude and thankfulness. As we reflect on the year gone by, our heartfelt message to you is one of gratitude and thankfulness. Our parish is alive and strong by God's grace and because of your continued involvement. Our parish is blessed with the resources and financial support we need because of your generosity and commitment. Take some time to read through the Annual Report ([www.StAmbrose.us/annualreport](http://www.StAmbrose.us/annualreport)). Know how deeply grateful we are for all you do for our parish community. God bless you abundantly.

**Parish Pastoral Council  
Finance Council**

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

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

ACTUAL FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 and JUNE 30, 2021  
NEEDED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

PARISH:	PRIOR YEAR 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022
Land Improvement (1)	\$5,251	\$9,059	\$10,000
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep	\$4,586	\$8,875	\$40,000
Parking Lot (2)	\$76,288	\$29,450	\$30,000
Church Renovation/Liturgical (3)	\$659,317	\$70,976	\$0
Parish Veh, Eqt, Furniture (4)	\$0	\$15,807	\$35,000
Lehner Center (5)	\$223	\$4,794	\$0
Machinery and Equipment	\$1,238	\$0	\$0
Music/AV Equipment	\$1,470	\$2,732	\$0
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen (6)	\$0	\$70,479	\$0
Parish Office Furn/Equip (7)	\$818	\$2,331	\$0
Computers & Equipment	\$17,696	\$33,239	\$20,000
Other (8)	\$157,762	\$8,021	\$0
<b>Parish Total</b>	<b>\$924,649</b>	<b>\$255,762</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>
<b>SCHOOL:</b>			
Parking/Land Improvement (9)	\$7,250	\$23,399	\$30,000
Building Renovation (10)	\$151,410	\$51,242	\$75,000
Computers and Related	\$32,096	\$21,168	\$45,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (11)	\$46,930	\$126,419	\$55,000
<b>School Total</b>	<b>\$237,685</b>	<b>\$222,228</b>	<b>\$205,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH &amp; SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$1,162,334</b>	<b>\$477,990</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>

### NOTES:

- Parking Lot repairs
- Replacement of cement in all parking lots
- Church liturgical items (funded by donations)
- Backup generator to maintain critical parish tech and security, misc.
- Duct work, carpeting, misc
- Roof, HVAC, Electrical, Washer/Dryer hook ups, repairs
- Fireproof filing cabinet, misc
- Water heater, PA System, Digital Sign
- Parking Lot repairs, Landscaping
- HVAC, cabinets, painting, doors
- Workstations, Thermal Imaging System, Lockers, Security System, Swival Cameras, Wifi Expansion (offset by school fundraising and Covid grants).



## PARISH EVENTS

	2020	2021
Summer Festival (1)	\$77,393	\$141,175
Bingo	\$108,556	\$45,144
Fish Fry	\$9,282	\$31,031
Misc/Recycling	\$4,213	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$217,400</b>

### NOTES:

- The 2020 Summer Festival profit was for raffle sales only. The profit was recorded in the 2021 fiscal year, but shown here for comparison.

**Many thanks to those who lead, work and participate in our parish events.**

They contribute greatly to the support of our parish community. The totals listed are 'after expenses'. Thanks again for all you do in support of our parish community. God bless you.





### AFF PROGRAMS ARE GROWING & VIBRANT!

We have something for everyone to help them grow in their faith. It is never too late to join. There is always a seat open for you. Information, contact information and signups are available at our website. [www.StAmbrose.us/adult-faith-formation/](http://www.StAmbrose.us/adult-faith-formation/) or contact Gayle Oboy at [Goboy@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Goboy@StAmbrose.us).

**Walking With Purpose, a Catholic Women’s Bible Study**  
**IN-PERSON: Tuesday mornings or evenings. 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Mother Teresa Room. OR 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Hilkert Hall**  
**VIRTUAL: Thursday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

This 22-week study includes individual lesson at home each day and our group comes tougher weekly in small groups to share, learn and discuss. Each month we have a coffee connect, sharing a meal, watch a video and have small group discussion. *All are welcome!*

**Mark Oldfield Scripture Study**  
**Weekly meetings on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.**

A study on the Gospel of Mark, a vivid account of the ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus. Enter into a rich encounter with our preacher, wonder-worker, and messiah, whose very life delivered an urgent message about repentance, transformation, and the meaning of suffering in a life poured out for others.

**Denis Koeth Scripture Study**  
**3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:15-8:45 p.m. in Hilkert Hall**  
 Discussions on an array of topics and look to the Bible for answers. Each meeting begins with prayer as we ask for the Holy Spirit to guide our discussions. Participants are asked to bring their Bible.

**Men’s Fellowship**  
**2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Lehner Center, McGivney**  
 Based on a series of topics on how to be a Catholic Man in the World today. Discussions focus mainly on issues of concern to 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.

**Armor of God Book Club**  
**Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in John Paul II**  
 We read spiritual books and are led through relaxing fellowship and conversation. We will be reading The Full Armor of God. By Fr. Larry Richards starting October 27th.

**Consecration to St. Joseph**  
**Thursdays at 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the PLC, John Paul II Room. Consecration held on November 1st.**  
 In this year of St. Joseph, consecrate yourself to him by acknowledging he is your spiritual father and look to him for guidance. You entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so he can help you become holy and closer to his son.

**Small Faith Groups**  
**These groups are flexible and work around your schedule. The coffee shop, at church or your home – connect anywhere!**  
 Connect with other women, men, couples in your faith and form strong bonds and friendships that can last years! Consider joining or starting a small faith sharing group. We will provide you with the material and resources and work with you each step of the way.

**Alpha**  
**Thursdays at 6:30-8:30 p.m. IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL**  
 Alpha is a conversation. It is a chance for people to safely connect with others and freely explore our Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each week the group comes together to examine different questions about faith such as ‘where is God?’ or ‘what is the meaning of life?’ and more.. 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!

**Legion of Mary**  
**Join us in praying the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**  
 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.



**Sarah’s Circle**  
**Tuesdays from 9:30 – 10:30am in LC, Fr. McGivney**  
 Meet weekly in faith, prayer and sharing. Through a 1-hour meeting, you will grow in insight into the Lord working in your life and will experience a renewed spirituality. For information on how to deepen your relationship with God the Father, our Brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, please contact Cathy Clapper at 330.225.3973 or Mary Stickney at 330.220.2212.

## BUILDING *the* KINGDOM

### We Inspire with Prayer and Worship

**JOYCE OSOWSKI** is a co-leader of our Route 66 Senior and Faithful after Fifty ministries. These ministries are made up of our very loyal parishioners, the members of the parish from ages 50 - 100. Joyce loves getting to plan events and activities to enrich the members’ lives individually, connecting them in fellowship, and drawing them deeper into the Saint Ambrose parish community. In doing these things, Joyce remembers to **spread the Gospel** as well. Every month, Joyce puts together a Coffee & Donut Social that includes the invitation to join her and other members at the first Tuesday of the month Prayer Service. **She helps to fill our church pews by centering many of the other Route 66 and FAF events on our Masses and services.** For example, Route 66’s upcoming Collector’s Showcase is being held on Donut Sunday so that members can take the time to pray for and with each other at any of the morning Masses and then come together to enjoy donuts and to see what cool collections our fellow members want to share.



Joyce shares that one of her favorite perks about being involved in faith sharing at Saint Ambrose is **“when I look around the church at Mass, I love how many faces I know and can offer a hello to all of them!”**

## What's your legacy? ESTATE PLANNING TIPS ...Everyone Needs to Know!

**Join us! Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30pm**  
 Hilkert Hall at Saint Ambrose Parish

### THIS SEMINAR WILL COVER:

- Why Everyone should have a Will.
- How Durable Powers of Attorney can benefit You.
- Why proper ownership of your assets is critical.
- The importance of proper Beneficiary Designations.
  - Trusts: are they appropriate for You?
  - Planning for Your Legacy.



Presentation by parishioner Michael Koler, CFP and John P. Koscianski, Attorney at Law.

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

**All Saints Day: Monday, November 1**  
 Mass at 8:15am; 12:00pm & 7:00pm

**All Souls Day: Tuesday, November 2**  
 Masses at 8:15am; 12:00pm

**Mass of Remembrance: Tuesday, November 2**  
 7:00pm, Please join us as we remember all of our loved ones who have been called home to the Lord this past year.

## *Lasting legacy* BUILDING THE KINGDOM

### ENDOWMENT GIVING 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021

**A heartfelt thank you to the following who have made contributions to our Endowment Fund.**

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## WE CELEBRATE OUR FACULTY AND STAFF!

**Our deeply caring and highly qualified faculty and staff rose to the challenge again!** We were able to provide consistent, in-person learning through the entire 2020-2021 school year. In addition, we provided a dual remote-learning synchronous live option for students to join us from home. We continued to lead our Diocese and assist other schools with technology and education to reach their students. Our LAPS faculty also worked hard to provide a safe, in-person learning environment for students. While other schools shuttered their doors, we opened our doors and hearts to our Littlest Angels!

## A BANNER YEAR OF GIVING!

**We celebrate and thank our incredible and generous families!**

Saint Ambrose School raised over \$135K this past year through school fundraising and giving. Thank you for your generous support that enabled us to provide updated Next-Generation seating, mini STEAM Labs for our 3rd grade with additional storage cabinets; new lockers; updated Promethean ActivPanels, and the beginning of our project to outfit classrooms with new safety blinds.

## SAINT AMBROSE STUDENTS EXCEL

**Over 197 students finished this past year with high awards for excellence in academics!** We also have alumni who earned Valedictorian for Holy Name High School (Daniel Stracensky, SA class of 2016) and National Merit Scholars. Our fifth-grade students also worked with a special needs school in New York to build and develop an app for their students and teachers to assist with learning in the classroom. Our students are ALIVE and using their TALENTS for Christ!



*"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."*

- SAINT AMBROSE

**Thank you to our incredible school and parish families for EVERY way you support our school and students!**



Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. ISAIAH 60:1

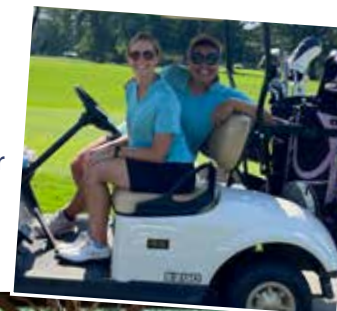
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## ANGELS GOLF & GIVE 2021

**Our first key fundraiser of the school year was a HUGE success.**

The annual Angels Golf and Give 2021 sponsored by Mazda of Bedford took place on Saturday, September 18th at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Over 100 supporters came out to our event for Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose Catholic School. Our school families participated in the Angels Golf Ball Drop sponsored by Cirino Eye Center and Hoffman Tree Service. Our event raised over \$50,000 for our Angels! We would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors and families for their continued support. God bless you!



CONTACT US TODAY!

Please email [Admissions@StASchool.us](mailto:Admissions@StASchool.us) | By Phone: 330-460-7318  
[www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us)

Save the Dates

November 7

**Fall Open House & Tours**

SAS and LAPS Campuses  
Appts. available 10am-12:30pm  
by reservation only.

November 17

**2022-2023 Kindergarten**

**Parent Information Night**

VIRTUAL Event and Classroom Tour  
6:30 pm meeting by reservation only.

December 1

**2022-2023 Preschool Parent**

**Information Night**

VIRTUAL Event and Classroom Tour  
6:30 pm meeting by reservation only.

January 9, 2022

**2022-2023 Priority Enrollment**

**Begins ONLINE**

For Preschool-8th grade at 12am.  
[www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us)  
(reservation only)

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**330-460-7318**

## CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY THOMPSON!

**Saint Ambrose Educator Receives National Recognition For Her Dedication To Catholic Education**

Kelly Thompson, a first-grade teacher at Saint Ambrose School in Brunswick, was one of three educators nationwide who were recognized by the National Catholic Educational Association with the prestigious Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award. The award was presented as part of the NCEA 2021 conference.

A teacher in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for 15 years, Thompson has been at St. Ambrose School for three years. St. Ambrose is a K-8 STEAM school, offering programs in science, technology, engineering, art and math for its students.

The award highlights the work being done in Catholic education communities across the country. In addition to educators, three principals and three pastors were honored.

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 at St. Ambrose. Leading by example, she said she strives to be a loving Christian "through my service to others and the kindness I show to all." She ties faith into her classroom activities, sprinkling in faith learning experiences and conversations of love, service and morals.

Frank O'Linn, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Cleveland, also offered his congratulations to Thompson.

"We at the Office of Catholic Education are delighted to see Mrs. Thompson recognized by the NCEA for her excellence in forming young people. She provides a shining example of the dedication and care that all Catholic educators are called to emulate," he said.





## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

We are excited to begin a new PSR year for all of our students from pre-school –to eighth grade. Our Catechetical team and PSR catechists have worked hard over the past few months to be able to offer our students and families the best faith formation programming.

It is not too late to register for our programming. You will find more details and registration information on our parish website. [www.StAmbrose.us/PSR](http://www.StAmbrose.us/PSR)

### PSR Sessions

**Choose what works best for your family:**

Monday evenings 6:30pm-8:00pm-Grades 1-8

Wednesday afternoon 4:30pm-6:00pm-Grades 1-8

Saturday morning 9:00am-10:30am

### Our Family Home School Program

The Home School Program assists families in seeding the Catholic Faith into each child's heart and allows parents to be the primary teacher.

We provide instructions for the program along with books and online resources to use at home.



## JUNIOR HIGH PSR

The theme for our first semester is "Calling all Superheroes". Each week will focus on one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and through prayer, team building and small group discussion will engage our young teens in living their lives centered on Jesus Christ.

### Edge Social Nights

**Monday Nights 6:30-8:00pm!**

Monday, November 22nd

Monday, January 24th

Monday, February 28th

Monday, April 25th



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

## CLOW | Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

We all know young children can have trouble sitting still during Mass. At CLOW, they can listen and ask questions while we discuss the readings and Gospel. *It's amazing to see them engage!*

The priest will invite them to come forward after the Opening Prayer, receive a blessing and head to the chapel with our catechist. They'll return right after the homily...giving you a chance to really listen, too.

**No need to sign up! Just tell your children and grandchildren about CLOW and encourage them to join.**

There's a faith formation program for the children of God of every age. If you have questions or need additional information about how we can help pass on our faith in Jesus Christ to your child(ren) or grandchild(ren), please contact [Janet.Majka@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Janet.Majka@StAmbrose.us).



## FIAT NIGHTS

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

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

**Website:** [StAmbrose.us/FIAT](http://StAmbrose.us/FIAT)

**Facebook:** [Facebook.com/stambrosefiat](https://Facebook.com/stambrosefiat)

**Instagram:** [@stambrose\\_fiat](https://www.instagram.com/stambrose_fiat)



## YOUNG ADULTS

**Join us for fun fall events!**

Come lend a hand with friends while we clean up some leaves for others and rake in the fun for our **Fall Service Day on October 30** at 10am.

Coming on **November 11 at 7pm** is our **Young Adult Friendsgiving!** Come, give thanks, eat great food.

*All in their 20's and early 30's will enjoy this group!*



## BUILDING The KINGDOM

**We Engage and Empower Others**

**ANDREW ZENCZAK is a member of Saint Ambrose and an instructor at Brunswick High School.** He was recently recognized for receiving both state and national recognition for his work in the Brunswick City School District's Biological and Medical Education STEM Program. Chris Monsour, a former student and president-elect of the National Association of Biology Teachers presented the "2021 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Ohio" to Andrew.

The praise for Andrew as a teacher does not stop at that award. **Andrew has also been named the "PTLW Outstanding Teacher of the Year" by the Brunswick City School District.** The award recognizes excellence in instruction and student achievement from Project Lead the Way, the curriculum framework used by the school district. The national PreK-12 program "creates an engaging, hands-on classroom environment" placing students in a learn through discovery and laboratory setting. Leilani K. is currently taking Andrew's Principles of Biomed course at BHS and shares that "Mr. Zenczak is one of my favorite teachers. You can tell he loves his job because he comes into class every day determined to get us [students] involved in what we are learning. I actually didn't know he was a member of our parish until now. But, then I think about the 'Saint Ambrose Way' and how he encourages his students and recognizes the uniqueness in us, it makes complete sense now."

Andrew is a 2010 graduate of Brunswick High School and attended Heidelberg University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology / Life Science in Education. He has taught at Brunswick for seven years and helped launch the district's STEM science program at the high school. **His wife Sarah is also a STEM and biology teacher at Brunswick High School.** The couple has also served as science ambassadors throughout the community. Andrew and Sarah each year have helped produce a "Biomedical Education Day" at the high school attended by students, educators, and administrators from neighboring school districts.

**We are blessed and proud to have Andrew and Sarah Zenczak as members of Saint Ambrose Parish.** Through their ability to recognize talents, compliment gifts, and foster leaders, they both are excellent examples of how members live out our Engage and Empower Others charism, in all aspects of their lives.



ANDREW AND SARAH ZENCZAK





## NIGHT AT THE RACES

### Supporting our Young Athletes!

**Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 6:00 pm**

Our Fall CYO season is coming to a close, and our winter CYO seasons are fast approaching. During 2021, nearly 800 students participated in a CYO sport, conditioning, or a skills clinic. **Our participants came from 18 area parishes and 39 different schools!** Mark your calendars and join us for the Saint Ambrose Athletic Boosters Night at the Races! The Saint Ambrose Athletic Boosters thank our parish family for your support and hope you will come out to a game this year! **GO ANGELS!**



## MINISTRY FAIR 2021

### Over 100 people signed up for something new!

Hundreds of parishioners attended our Ministry Fair in September where they could learn about our ministries. It was wonderful to see over 80 ministry leaders attend and representing their "super-powers". On November 3, the Stewardship Commission will be holding their annual phone-a-thon where they call all the new volunteers to see how their new role is going.

**Guidebooks and Stewardship Commitment forms are still available.** Please reach out to Jane Baldwin at Jbaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381 for additional information.

## INFANT OF PRAGUE PRAYER GROUP

### Meets the Second Thursday of the Month 5:00 pm in the Chapel

The Infant of Prague prayer group was formed this year under the leadership of Christine Sherman and Karen Taylor. Many of the original members from St. Martin of Tours are providing guidance and support. **The group prays the Chaplet of the Holy Infant Jesus at each meeting.** They are also available to pray the Chaplet at funeral homes. They provide support, prayers and cards to infants who have been baptized. Please join!

## LOOKING FOR GABRIEL ANGELS

### Helping women face an unplanned pregnancy

The Culture of Life Committee has completed a year of service with Walking with Moms in Need in 2020/2021. Through this, we have researched and found over 135 services in 19 categories to help moms continue their pregnancy in confidence.

We will be looking for "Gabriel Angels"; volunteers who are willing to assist in many ways. In addition we will be working with existing ministries and organizations to provide the needed services for these women to choose life.

**To become a Gabriel Angel,** contact Marissa Welsh at 440-537-7073 or marissa.welsh@hotmail.com.

**Join the email list for upcoming events and news about Life Issues** by contacting Trish Shaw at 440-590-0083 ohshaws@gmail.com.

**For info for the March for Life bus trip in March 2022** contact Marty Shaw at 216-533-7737 or mshaw603@gmail.com.

## LIFE CHAIN 2021

Each year on Respect Life Sunday (the First Sunday of October), the Culture of Life Committee holds an event called Life Chain on the Parish Campus. We stand on the sidewalk by Pearl Road praying for one hour with signs that support Life.



This year we had 12 people participate. **It is not the number that matters but the solidarity of those praying together for the protection of Life from Conception to Natural Death that matters.** Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20 NABRE. While peacefully praying we trust that God will change hearts and minds of those driving by and that they will be reminded of and recognize the sanctity of LIFE.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Seeking Hand Bell Ringers!

The Saint Ambrose Hand Bell choir is seeking ringers to join our group. If you have a love of music and enjoy hearing the bells, but are not quite sure if you can do it, the answer is YES! Basic knowledge of music is a plus, but not required. We can help you get started! The bells play approximately once a month at weekend masses and also for some holy day masses. We rehearse every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:45pm. If you have any questions, contact Diane Haley, handbell director at 440-554-9580 or dianepiano@hotmail.com. You can also speak to Travis Jurgens, Music Director. Please consider joining this beautiful music ministry!

The Saint Ambrose Angel Choir rehearses on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the church. Any child in grades 2 through 6 are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Haley at 440- 554-9580 or dianepiano@hotmail.com.

### Cleveland Chamber Choir Gratitude Concert

**November 6, 7:00 pm**

Members of the Cleveland Chamber Choir, under the direction of Corey Fowler, are pleased to appear at Saint Ambrose with their program, A Season of Thanksgiving. This program presents works that celebrate life and gratitude, as a way of marking the tribulations experienced by musicians and audiences over the last year.

The Cleveland Chamber Choir presents exceptional performances of unique and diverse repertoire, blending music by living composers with the choral classics, and emphasizing works of composers historically excluded, offering a vibrant and thought-provoking listening experience as diverse, innovative, and as varied as our audience. Read more at clevelandchamberchoir.org.



## JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

### The BEST journey of my life...

*It seemed like it was just yesterday when I met Father Andrew for the first time. He asked me if I would be interested in joining the RCIA group called Journey to Emmaus. I knew right then and there that this was an invitation from God calling me to join the Church. Every single week I went to class for RCIA, I knew that this was the right decision. I don't exaggerate when I say that this was the best experience of my life. I have been extremely blessed to be here at St. Ambrose to be a part of Journey to Emmaus and I will never forget it. I had plenty of questions about the faith that were always answered and explained. I always wanted to know I was doing right by God and the team leading showed me the blueprints on how to do so. It had always been there, but they helped me open my eyes to see the journey ahead of me and how to walk the path marked out for me. The Journey to Emmaus changed my life for the good and it'll be a time I hold very dear to my heart. - Matthew Rairdon*



If you are interested in learning more, or you know someone who might be, please contact us for more information! **Janet Majka** (JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321) or **Fr. Andrew Hoover** (AHoover@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311)



### Please keep our RCIA Candidates in your prayers!

Arika Bateman  
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Ariel Hofer  
Garrett Mosback  
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**TRICK-OR-TREAT!**  
**Friday, October 29**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Music, warm cider and more to keep you and your family entertained!**

Saint Ambrose is excited to host our 2nd annual trick-or-treat event! Visit dozens of candy stations throughout our campus.

Please RSVP online for details and further directions as the event nears!

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**SAFETY FIRST!**

We will follow best guidelines and practices from state and local authorities during the event.