

For Immediate Release

Saint Ambrose Parish will donate a parish fish fry net's proceeds to support Brunswick City + Brunswick City Schools All-Inclusive Playground Project.

February 9, 2022 (BRUNSWICK, OH) – The annual Lenten Fish Fry season begins at Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish on Wednesday, March 2 and continues every Friday evening during Lent 2022 with Saint Ambrose hosting a dine-in or to-go Fish Fry at Hilkert Hall from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Saint Ambrose has announced that the evening of March 18 will be dedicated to supporting the All-Inclusive Playground Project, a current collaboration between Brunswick City Schools and the City of Brunswick, Ohio to create a playground here in Brunswick where everyone can play together. All of the net proceeds from that evening's Fish Fry will be donated to the project.

The Saint Ambrose Lenten Fish Fry is a long standing tradition at the Brunswick, Ohio parish. Every year, thousands of people, both parish members and non-members look forward to the start of the Saint Ambrose Fish Fry season. In fact, Joleen Cunningham, a resident of Brunswick says, *“while I am not a parishioner of the church, my kids and I always countdown to when it is Fish Fry time at Saint Ambrose and, more Fridays than not, we end up eating Saint Ambrose fish and their mac-n-cheese!”* Approximately 600-800 meals are sold at each Friday Fish Fry at the Brunswick parish. Last year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the parish offered carry-out meals to keep the tradition alive. The parish is excited to announce that dine-in will be back this year, in addition to a to-go option.

Over 100 Saint Ambrose volunteers remain dedicated throughout the entire Lent season to ensure that each and every Fish Fry runs smoothly. During the March 18 Fish Fry, in conjunction with the evening being dedicated to supporting the All Inclusive Playground, some of the Brunswick High School sports teams have the option to volunteer at the parish Fish Fry. Father Bob Stec also encourages everyone coming to the Fish Fry that evening, *“whether they are dining in with us or taking their meals home, to wear their Brunswick Blue!”*

Since many of the members of Saint Ambrose reside in Brunswick, the parish prides itself as being a pillar of the Brunswick community which makes the decision to support the All Inclusive Playground project an easy one for the parish. Additionally, according to Rebecca Kaaikaula, a Saint Ambrose member and Brunswick resident, *“much of what the All-Inclusive Playground project stands for aligns with ‘the Saint Ambrose way’ and how we as Christians are called to live out our daily lives in service to God and others while we build the Kingdom of God. Supporting the collaborative nature of making the All Inclusive Playground Project a reality for the benefit of all and the reasons why this playground should exist allows us the ability to define, name, and affirm how we live out the Saint Ambrose Way and we [Saint Ambrose] appreciate the honor and opportunity.”*

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