



THE ANGELUS

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

*"In a little while the world will no longer see Me,
but you will see Me, because I live and you will
live. On that day you will realize that I am in my
Father and you are in me and I in you."*

- John 14:19-20

Love is alive!

SUMMER NEWSLETTER + MAY/JUNE 2022

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



Alleluia...love is alive!

Our parish is alive in Christ and filled with God's mighty Spirit. You can see it...feel it...hear it...all over the campus. These past few weeks have been filled with wonderful, grace-filled moments of God's presence and activity in our lives and in the life of our parish community.

- Over the past few weeks, **145 second graders have come to the Table of the Lord** to receive their First Holy Communion. What a blessing for each of them and their families.
- **On Mother's Day the Church was filled** for the weekend Masses as so many moms were blessed to be joined by their children (of every age).
- **Saint Ambrose School received word that it has been re-accredited for the next six years.** This word came without any notations (meaning the plan was accepted without any areas of concern). **Littlest Angels Preschool also received word that it has been re-certified as a FIVE Star Step Up to Quality preschool** by the State of Ohio. Praise God and congratulations to our faculty and staff.
- **Our gardeners are out and about bringing our campus to life.** Every day there are people walking the campus and journeying down to the grotto for physical and spiritual exercise.
- As we wrap up the school year, our school, preschool and PSR programs have done wonderful celebrations from May Crownings to Ice Cream Socials. **There are lot of reasons to celebrate and rejoice!!!**



We are ALIVE in Christ!!!

This is an appropriate reflection as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (the birth of the Church) **on Sunday, June 5** and the **65th Anniversary of Saint Ambrose Parish on June 13.** It is God's Spirit calling each of us to a fullness of life in Christ. It is God's Spirit that is strengthening us as we do the work of the Lord in our community and across our region. It is the mighty Spirit of God that is leading our parish and drawing us forth to Build God's Kingdom.

Happy Anniversary. Thank you for all the ways you allow God's Spirit to enter into your life and into our community. **May we use the Feast of Pentecost, and our Parish Anniversary as a moment to renew our community to the Lord** – to be ALIVE and filled with God's Mighty Spirit.

A few ways we can celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and mark our 65th Anniversary:

- **Wear RED to Church** for Mass on Pentecost (June 4/5). It's a moment of solidarity.
- **Say 'hello' to people** as you walk in/out of Church.
- **Introduce yourself** when you come into Church for Mass and find yourself seated next to people you do not know by name.
- **Renew your commitment to weekly Mass** during the summer months. We all need God more than ever.
- **Find a way to get involved** in our community (read through this newsletter for many opportunities).

Alleluia! God's love is alive. Thank you so much for all you do for our parish community. Let's walk together into a great summer at Saint Ambrose!!!

Father Bob Stec

Bee Hive Buzz

Saint Ambrose was known as the honeycomb preacher. He is the patron saint of bee keepers.



Every newsletter will have a Bee Hive Buzz column sharing some of the good news – the buzz – about our members.

- **Congrats and God's blessings to Father Bob Wenz** who will be celebrating his 45th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, June 12 for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 am. Ad Multos Annos!



- **God bless eighth grader, Ellie T.** She is an active part of our parish community as a Mass Server, CLOW leader, and PSR and Embark Service Camp volunteer. Even more, she always has a smile on her face and is eager to 'serve' and help our parish. At the Closing PSR Mass, she was presented with the Saint Therese of Lisieux Award recognizing her generous heart in service to the Lord. God bless you Ellie!



- **Congratulations to Maria Crookston & her husband, Olivian Grama.** Maria is on our pastoral staff working with our Junior High students and evangelization efforts. God bless the newlyweds!
- **Father Carlin shared with us that Saint Ambrose Bingo started on June 10, 1977. Happy 45th Anniversary!!!** Many thanks to Father



- Carlin and all who have spent Friday nights working and supporting our Bingo Game. "It's the Friendliest Game around" because of our wonderful members. Over the years, bingo proceeds helped build the Church, support our school, maintain our campus and parking lots, and makes it possible to support so many family-friendly events and activities.



- **Congrats to Deacon Ian Kelly.** He graduated from Saint Mary Seminary in mid-May. He will be spending his pastoral year with us at Saint Ambrose. God bless Deacon Ian.
- **Congrats to Deacon Matt Harley** who also graduated with his Masters of Arts degree from Saint Mary Seminary. Deacon Matt continues his great work at Padua Franciscan High School and ministers at his parish – our parish – Saint Ambrose.
- **Congrats to Emma T.** She received the "Most Spirited Person" award in her Freshman Class at Padua by attending and actively participating in her school community. Way to go, Emma!



SHARE THE BUZZ! Help us by sharing significant moments, milestones, and accomplishments in your life, your family, and members of our parish family.

Go to www.StAmbrose.us/milestone-moments.

upcoming

JUNE 5
Pentecost Sunday

JUNE 6
Mercy Monday

JUNE 12
Donut Sunday

JUNE 13
Saint Ambrose Parish's 65th Anniversary

JUNE 15
Healing Night of Prayer

JUNE 19
Father's Day...attend Mass with your Dad!

JUNE 23 – 26
Summer Festival

JUNE 26
Grand Raffle Drawing

JULY 4
Independence Day!

JULY 11
Mercy Monday

JULY 11 – 14
Vacation Bible School

JULY 29
Wine Tasting & Summer Concert Under the Stars

AUGUST 1
Mercy Monday

AUGUST 7
The FEST

AUGUST 14
SAS Sunday Celebration

AUGUST 26
Wine Tasting & Summer Concert Under the Stars

AUGUST 27
PSR Tailgate Kick-off

SEPTEMBER 11
Concert for Peace

Get your Summer Festival Raffle Tickets!

The Summer Festival helps us raise the funds we need to support our parish community and especially helps us meet the costs of ongoing Church repair and renewal. Your help would be greatly appreciated with the Festival Raffle. You can win GREAT prizes and thanks to our wonderful friends, all the proceeds support our parish community.

www.StAmbrose.us/Raffle





WELCOME TO OUR PARISH *community*

Drive-Thru Holy Communion:

Sundays, at 1:00 pm,
PLC Parking Lot

Weekly Adoration:

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

Weekly Benediction:

Mondays, 7:30 pm,
Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Sitting with Scripture:

Thursdays, 6:15 pm,
Virtual

Holy Hiking:

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

Outdoor Mass:

June 4, June 18, July 2,
July 16, July 30, August
13, August 27, Sep - 9/11
concert, Grotto

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

April 1, 2022 - May 16, 2022

Matthew & Andrea Bujorian / Javor
Charles & Robin Cangelosi
Brian & Alyson Connelly
Kevin & Christine Corsi
Alexis Csizmadia
Olivia D'Amico
John & Amy D'Amico
David Drum
Brian & Lisa Gregg
Michael Gregg
Fred & Glenna Heppner
Colleen Hofer
William & Lynda Kalembe
Jeff & Kathy Karakul
Breanna Kekic

Makenna Knight
Carol Kulczycki
Deborah Marchetti
Kyle & Sara Marianut/Lowman
Edina Moore
Joseph Myers
Richard & Jessica Perez / Szabo
Frank Petrich
Dina Pinera
Thomas & Colleen Rundle
Ryan & Erin Sarnovsky
Bradley & Linda Sieber
Mark & Shannon Tracy
Patrick & Shannon Walsh



Welcoming Committee News & Events

Parish Tours

If you are new to the parish or would simply enjoy seeing our beautiful parish campus in its entirety, we encourage you to go on a parish campus tour on Donut Sundays (June 12, July 17, or August 21) during the summer months or before Grotto Masses on June 4. Additionally, all who attend a New Member Dinner will be given the opportunity to take a guided tour. **Sign up to take a tour at StAmbrose.us/Welcoming-Committee.**

Recruiting New Members

Our Welcoming Committee is a group of members who provide a warm and hospitable welcome to all new parishioners. If you are personable and want to help new members feel at home and get involved in our vibrant parish, please reach out to Rebecca Kaaikaula at RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us.

Reminders for Current Welcoming Committee Members

Our quarterly meeting will be held on June 15 at 5:30 pm in John Paul II. Please RSVP for the meeting at StAmbrose.us/Welcoming-Committee.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

BBQ & CONCERT

Welcome to our parish!

Please join us for a great BBQ
followed by an outdoor summer concert
with a fun band, *Funkology*!



VISIT [STAMBROSE.US/](https://StAmbrose.us/Welcoming-Committee)
[WELCOMING-COMMITTEE](https://StAmbrose.us/Welcoming-Committee)
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO RSVP BY MAY 24.



Summer Fun

with **FATHER ANDREW**

Father-Son Breakfast: June 11, 8:30 am

Guy's Night Mass & Bonfire: June 18, 6:30 pm

Red, White, & Brew: July 9 at 6:30 pm

Men's Breakfasts: July 9 and August 13



To receive information on men's events, please reach out to Father Andrew at AHoover@StAmbrose.us.

we walk by faith...

Spiritual Life Connection Corner

As summer **HEATS** up...don't let your faith grow **COLD**.

Here are ways you can keep your faith on **FIRE** this summer:

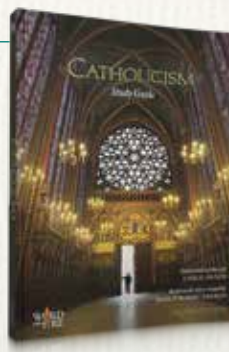
- **Women...Walking with Purpose sign up is open!**
StAmbrose.us/womens-ministry.
- **Gather some friends or family to start a Faith & Fellowship group** over the summer. If you need ideas or resources, contact Gayle Oboy at GOboy@StAmbrose.us.
- **Join Travis Jürgens as he leads "Catholicism: Word on Fire,"** every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. See below!
- **Grandparents Retreat Day coming soon!** A special retreat day to equip you to evangelize your children and grandchildren so you can pass on your faith. *Stay tuned for details.*
- **We have collected wonderful resources to help you grow in faith!** Explore how easy it can be to stay connected to God through various apps or websites. Visit our web page StAmbrose.us/AFF and scroll to the bottom.



Catholicism: Word on Fire

Learn more about your Catholic faith with Travis Jürgens

Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith, join Travis Jürgens as he leads "Catholicism: Word on Fire," **every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm starting June 14** in the John Paul II room. Email Travis at TJurgens@StAmbrose.us to register.



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Join David and Catherine Gleason for a Faith & Fellowship group at their home.

Together you'll study "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained," a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed as the guide.

Join every other Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

For a start date and the Gleason's address, please contact Dave at djgleason1@juno.com.



spiritual life

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

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

Infant of Prague Prayer Group: second Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, Chapel

Legion of Mary Rosary Prayer: Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Chapel

Men's Fellowship Meetings: second and Fourth Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, LC Fr. McGivney

Men's Breakfast: Second Saturday of the Month, 8:30 am, Hilbert Hall

Men's Renewal Team: First and third Sunday of the month, 6:00 pm, LC Fr. McGivney

Healing Prayer Ministry Night of Healing Prayer: June 15, 6:30 pm, Church



care events

PB&J Brigade:

Mondays – Thursdays,
4:00 pm, Hilkert Hall,
Room 4

Mercy Monday:

June 6, July 11, August 1,
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm,
CWM Outreach Center

Catholic Charities

Counseling: Tuesdays,
Call Parish Office for Appt.

Depression Support

Group: First Saturday of
the month, 2:00 pm,
LC John

Catholic Works of Mercy

Community Meal
Third Sunday of the
month 12:30 pm –
1:00 pm, Carryout from
Hilkert Hall

Canned Food Sorting:

June 21, July 19, and
August 23, 4:00 pm,
Hilkert Hall Gym

CARES Spotlight: Lisa Homady Bringing God's Light and Love to Others



Almost 10 years ago, Lisa Homady asked Father Bob for a reference – she'd worked as an aide at the parish school, and was looking to go back to work in the social work field, specifically in the adoption and foster care sector. **That conversation led to the creation of the position of Care and Compassion Ministry Coordinator** – helping to support and grow all of the parish's existing ministries, and to initiate and begin new ministries to bring God's care into the lives of others. Ten years later, Lisa continues to be a support to all of these ministries, along with the great help of the CARES team, which includes **Jennie Porco** and **Gabby Moss**.

The goal of all of the Care and Compassion ministries is to **"bring God's light and love into the lives of others through acts of care and compassion."** There are over 30 ministries to choose from in this area, but three that Lisa wanted to highlight.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Christian one-on-one caregiving for those experiencing life's challenges and struggles. Ministers receive 50+ hours of training to learn how to walk alongside someone in need. This ministry will soon be recruiting for Team #4, with training starting in the fall! (See page 9). Need care? See below.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY: a resource for those struggling with mental illness and/or their family. There are three subgroups of this ministry – education, networking and resources, and individual and family support. Join us for our monthly meeting where we coordinate our efforts, along with additional planned events each month.

GABRIEL PROJECT: a nationwide program that ministers to pregnant mothers and collaborates for resources like diapers, gift cards, rides to appointments, and other supports. The group is always looking for new Gabriel Angels to walk alongside pregnant moms.



Four Courageous Conversations

For Mental Health Awareness Month in May, we teamed up with **Dr. Edgardo Padin-Rivera** and **Dr. Dobie Moser** to bring you a series of 4 videos sponsored by the Saint Ambrose Mental Health Ministry.

Please watch the video series at StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health.

Peter's Shadow Healing Prayer Ministry

"And these signs will accompany those who believe...
they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."
Mk 16:17-19

Night of Healing Prayer



Wednesday, June 15, 2022
6:30PM - 8:30PM

Worship
Exposition
Reflection
Individual Prayer

No matter which ministry you choose, your time and talents will be put to good use with these Care and Compassion ministries or any others that fall under the CARES team.

Stephen Ministers are here for you. Stressed? Lonely? Sad? Do not Suffer Alone.

We often try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not what God wants for us. Galatians 6:2 says, **"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."** God wants us to care for others - and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

Our team of Stephen Ministers is ready to provide confidential care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. **Please talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Lisa Homady at LHomady@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7315, or Carol Maline at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7336.



Angels on Wheels

Shine God's love upon those who need it and fulfill Christ's mission of taking care of others!

The Saint Ambrose "Angels on Wheels" Ministry offers care, compassion, and a home-cooked hot meal to our families that may be experiencing joy, or loss, or suffering. **If you are interested in preparing and delivering a meal to a parish family in need, please contact Jennie Porco at JPorco@stambrose.us or 330.460.7317.**

A simple act of kindness, a couple of times per year, is all we need to resume and help grow our Angels on Wheels Ministry!



MERCY MONDAYS

— SAINT AMBROSE —

Food Collection

June 6 and July 11, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

On Mercy Mondays, our team will be outside the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center collecting food. Stay in your car – we can take the items from your trunk! Or, drop off items during the day to the bins located in the Narthex.

For our next Mercy Monday on June 6, we are in need of **canned fruit, canned tuna fish, canned Chef Boyardee, and boxed Jiffy muffin mix.**

Families need your care!

Our Family Life Ministry is looking for volunteers to help boost our parish families.

We are working hard to set families up for success in our community...whether they are a young family, in the midst of a growing family, or working to reconnect as a family. We invite you to learn more about our **Baptism Ministry, Tender Hearts Ministry** and **Marriage Enrichment Ministry** below.

Baptism Ministry

The Sacrament of Baptism welcomes the littlest members of our parish into God's Family. **See how you can be a part of this special sacrament by assisting the presiders on the day of Baptism.**

Education on the sacrament and training will be provided. Being a part of these children's special day brings joy and peace to your heart.



Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Now, more than ever, we need to support the marriages of our parish families.

We have many opportunities for enrichment, education, and entertainment for our married couples...and would love to have a core team of people to help us extend our programs to our parish family. We offer marriage enrichment programs and couple's nights out and would love to put additional programs in place with the help of a team.



Tender Hearts Ministry

Walk with Families that have Children with Chronic Medical Issues



As we shape what our training will look like for our ministry members, we want to ignite a fire in our parishioners to consider being a part of this ministry as well. Even small involvement makes a huge impact. We are looking for people with any type of talent that would be willing to extend a little help occasionally to our families in need...be it baking, cooking a meal, cleaning, yard work, medical massage, essential oils, scrapbooking, card making, medical or insurance knowledge.

Every talent is appreciated by our families.

Tender Hearts

Holding you in prayer as you place your child in God's tender care.

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Please contact Kim Nemet at 330.460.7316 or KNemet@StAmbrose.us if the Holy Spirit is calling you to work with the families of our parish!



Planting Life

Cub Scout Pack 3513 takes care of the Pioneer Garden at Heritage Farms

Every year the Scouts work hard preparing the garden by pulling weeds and turning over the soil. From there, they plant corn, squash, and green beans. Each Scout family takes a few weeks through the summer to water, pull weeds, and then eventually, harvest. Our Scouts and their families work very hard and even take the time to decorate the garden for the season.



Garden Party Coming!

Adopt-a-Patch Ministry

The blossom of color around our campus comes with warmer weather as our Adopt-a-Patch members start the growing season. We still have several patches anxiously awaiting adoption. If interested in adopting a patch or assisting with watering, please contact Bernie Zavada at berniezavada@gmail.com or 330.461.1795.

We would like to thank a couple of our ministry members who dedicated considerable years to the gardens and are unable to continue this year. **A grateful thank you to Nancy Lewis and Mike Rieger.**

We also would like to welcome and thank new members: Joe and Jan Casaregola, Trisha Kimnach, Lou Miller, and Kathy Pearl. Plans are in progress for the Adopt-a-Patch member's summer garden party. The garden party is a way to celebrate our hard work and come together as a group. **Save the date – July 24. Invitation coming soon.**



YOU'RE INVITED TO FAMILY FUN NIGHT

HOSTED BY CUB SCOUT PACK 3513 AND TROOP 513

JUNE 4

St. Ambrose Church (By the Barn) 6:30pm

Join the Cub Scouts of St. Ambrose as they kick off the summer with some family fun! The evening will start off with a game of kickball behind the barn, followed by scout activities. The evening will end with some popcorn and a showing of Encanto in Hilbert Hall. So don't forget to bring a blanket and/or some chairs.

Please Register Below
for the Event!

Interested in your son/
daughter joining a fun and
rewarding program? Scout
Leaders will be available to
tell you about our great
Scouting program that
includes:

- Day Camp - Swimming, Archery, BB Guns, fishing, canoeing
- Residency Camp
- Pinewood Derby
- Boat Regatta



SCAN ME

music ministry

Music Ministry Spotlight

Meet Deb Maciejewski

Deb Maciejewski is one of the founders of the Saint Ambrose Handbell Choir, playing for 16 years! She enjoys the heavenly sound of the bells, has learned to read music, and treasures



the comradery and friendships she has developed through the Handbell Choir. Deb has also served in many other capacities at the church, such as singing in the FEST Choir, being an usher, serving as a PSR assistant, and participating on the Women's Renewal Team. Deb loves the wide array of opportunities available and has called Saint Ambrose her church home for 36 years!

Deb has been married to her husband Mike for 46 years. They have two adult children and two adorable grandbabies! She leads a busy life, working at the Brunswick Cleveland Clinic, staying active at Jazzercise, attending polka concerts, and spending time with her family. She is also a third-year member of the Cleveland Cavalier's Wine and Goldie's Senior Dance Team, which performs at the basketball team's home games! In addition to dancing, the group also volunteers in the Cleveland community and speaks to seniors about health, fitness, and nutrition. **If you see Deb around, be sure to say hello!**

Summer Concert Series Free Concerts this July & August

We look forward to hosting our couple concerts with wine and cheese! Join us on **July 29** and **August 26** for **Wine Tasting & Summer Concert Under the Stars**. Similar to our great outdoor events last year!

Also, we are happy to welcome the Medina Community Band who will perform a **Concert for Peace on Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 pm**. This program will include patriotic selections and our music ministry will also join them. I will be conducting one of the works: Songs of America by Irving Berlin. I hope to see you there!

Travis Jürgens, *Director of Music Ministry*



Stephen Ministers are Care-Givers, God is the Cure-Giver. Is God calling you?

Our Stephen Ministers listen, emphasize, encourage, pray with, and provide emotional and spiritual support to hurting individuals. They bring care, compassion, and support to people who need a little extra hope and healing. They provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words. **Does this sound like you?**

In Stephen Ministry, our members are trained and equipped to meet with those going through a difficult time. **Training for our next team of Stephen Ministers will be starting in September 2022, and we encourage you to pray to see if it might be a good fit for you.**

We would love to talk with you more about Stephen Ministry and answer any questions you have, so please contact Carol at CMaline@StAmbrose.us or Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us for more information, or see the website to fill out an application.

Angels Choir Spotlight Elizabeth V.

Elizabeth is 9 years old and will be going into 4th grade next August at Saint Ambrose School. She loves to write and she has won the Handwriting Contest at school 2 years in a row! Elizabeth loves singing in the Angels choir as well as the school choir. She is in Girl Scouts; has 2 brothers – Lucas and Caleb. Her favorite pass time is reading, singing, loves to draw, and playing outside. **Thank you, Elizabeth, for sharing your talents!**



Art & Environment Ministry An atmosphere to invite & inspire!

The purpose of the Art and Environment ministry is to decorate, create an atmosphere within the liturgical space (the Church and campus) that invites and inspires the assembly to a full and conscious participation in our Mass celebrations. The primary purpose is to show honor and respect to what occurs during our liturgical celebrations.



We are blessed to have a wonderful group of ministers who help with our Art & Environment. **If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Helen at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us.**

Holy Infant Jesus of Prague Guild News

Join us the 2nd Thursday of every month (June-August) at 6:00 pm in the Lehner Center, Luke room to learn more about this special devotion.

"The More You Honor Me, the More I Will Bless You"

You have likely encountered a statue of the Child Jesus wearing a golden crown and royal garments, but do not know the story behind this devotion. In 1556 a Spanish princess brought a little wooden statue with her to Bohemia, now part of the Czech Republic, where she married a Czech nobleman. Then, in 1628 the princess presented the statue to the Discalced Carmelite friars in Prague with these words: "I give you what I prize most highly in the world. As long as you venerate this Image, you shall not want!" Since that time many that have honored and devoted prayers to the Child Jesus, God has provided in unbelievable ways.



40 Days for Life 365 Campaign Mark your Calendar for Fall Campaign September 28 - November 6, 2022

Sign-up to pray in Cleveland on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday during the 40 Days for Life 365 Campaign at Preterm!

Contact Tim Garrity for more information
Timary6445@hotmail.com or 216.253.0002

Legion of Mary Bowing Ceremony August 15 at 6:50 pm

In early Church's history, the Feast of the Assumption was a day of great religious processions. The fascinating custom for this feast day is called "the bowing procession." The statue of Mary is carried through the church symbolizing her journey to heaven. The statue of Jesus is also carried through the church. Jesus is coming to meet his mother. The procession with the statues of Jesus and Mary meet under an arch of flowers and bow three times. Mary is met by Jesus as He welcomes His mother at the gates of heaven where our Lord will lead His mother to her throne in heaven. **This simple ceremony is a striking way of expressing our belief that after her life on earth was finished, Mary was taken up bodily into heaven symbolizing her entrance into eternal glory.**



Women's Guild Executive Board Election Results of the May 11 Election

On May 11 the Women's Guild held a committee meeting that included the annual Executive Board Election. **Kathy Jake, Linda Chesnik, and Barb Ortiz** all stepped down from their positions. We appreciate the efforts of those who stepped down from the Executive Board this year. Without their many years of dedication, our parish would not be the vibrant place it is today.

New positions elected on May 11 will begin June 8:

Laurie Zarefoss will assume the role of president and Marcia Beck will be the vice president. **Bernie Zavada** won the election of recording secretary and **Gayle Zevchik** will be in charge of Guild correspondence. By majority vote, **Mary Lou Edwards** was elected to the position of treasurer.

Save the Date! President's Dinner, June 8 at 6:00 pm at Hilkert Hall.



Consider joining this wonderful group of ladies who serve our Lord and parish, visit StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild for more information!

Prayer for The Gabriel Project

God, our Father, who is wonderful in giving life and even more wonderful in recreating it, grant that all people, especially those facing an unplanned pregnancy, may be open to the beauty of life. Let the women we serve know of the support they can receive through the Gabriel Project and our community to bring their children into a safe and peaceful home.

We ask that You bless the Gabriel Project volunteers, leaders, and Gabriel Angels. May they gain the strength and wisdom to assist these women in their time of need. Help us be a beacon in the darkness and hope for those in need.

We ask this through the intercession of our Mother Mary who said, "Let it be done to me according to Thy will", the Archangel Gabriel who told her, "Be not afraid", and Your Son, Jesus who said, "Let the children come to Me."

In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen



We need your help.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Help others in their time of loss and farewell.

We are looking for members to serve at funeral lunches here at Saint Ambrose.

Duties include setting the tables, putting cookies on trays, serving, and cleaning up.

If this is something you would like to help with, please reach out to Mary Jo at 330.460.3339 or email Chrissy at CBalentine@StAmbrose.us.

We Serve with the Compassion of Christ.



Define Your Legacy

Saint Ambrose Endowment Committee

The Saint Ambrose Endowment Committee will be hosting events to help you and your family reflect on and define your legacy. We each have specific thoughts and ideas on our last wishes. This process is designed to help you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider all those things, from final arrangements, to your will, QCDs and more.

If you are interested in learning more and would like to sign up for our mailing list, please reach out to: JBihari@StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015.

A FUTURE
full of
HOPE

rest in peace

Michael J. Abella Sr.
Ruth Badaczewski
Doris Barlock
Lawrence Barty
William Baum
Earl Betz
Patrick Butas
Stephanie Byczek
Peter Caso
Thomas Chase
Joseph Cilibraise
James Cinadr
Dolores Clayo
Sally Lee Clinton
Juanita Cordery
Shirley Craft
George Cron
George Shirilla
Bela Czikesz
Richard DiSalvo
Dorothy Divis
Steve Dobransky
John Domasky
Christopher Drager

Marie Dugan
Jeffery Fedor Sr.
Robert Freiburger
Edgar Gelarden
Anna Mae Glaeser
Edward F. Greenhouse
Donald Grieder
Robert P. Guddy
Gloria Gungl
Alyce Hanlon
Hanneh Harb
Robert Henderson
Antoinette Herbst
Bernadette Hughes
Charles F. Joy
Eleanor Kamczyc
Thomas Killoran
Patrick Kinney
Betty Kobak
Russell Kocka
Virginia Koenig
Elaine Koty
Mary Kozel
Ardello Kreps

Evelyn J. Krisco
Patricia S. Krystosik
Virginia Kuharcik
Diane Lapp
Judith Leonti
Rose Lonero
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In loving memory of those who passed December 21, 2021 - May 8, 2022

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



**Arise
& SHINE**

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

A Strong Finish & Exciting New Beginnings! We praise and thank God for a truly blessed school year!

We grew closer to Jesus Christ Who is Everything for us as we R.E.A.C.H.ed to learn, love and play together in amazing ways!



We are so excited to welcome Mrs. Shelly Schenek, our new Assistant Principal, on July 1! She and I cannot wait to be together to collaborate and plan for what promises to be a blessed, bold and bright new school year! Once you have the pleasure of meeting her, I am sure you will agree with the search committee that she clearly is an experienced administrator who is a dynamic, innovative, and creative educational leader. She comes to Saint Ambrose School with seven years of teaching experience and has served most recently as Principal of her school for the past five years. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Schenek to our school community!

Joyfully,
Lisa Cinadr, Principal



"God sees things totally differently than we do. When we look at a person, we may think he is just a good sports player, or she is so smart, but what God sees is a couple of lost lambs in need of a revelation. God doesn't abandon people, and He won't ever start to. If you can't feel His presence, then that means your walls are still up. It might be because of a lack of faith or maybe personal issues. But I can tell you that, when you believe in Him and when you choose to go with Him, He doesn't look at you with disgust. He looks at you crying, he looks at you and says: you have come home to me, for which I am most grateful. All you need to do is let down your walls and open your arms for Him. I have learned from this year at Saint Ambrose that God is here, God is there, and God is in our hearts."

- Logan D, 6th Grade, Saint Ambrose School

Our Students Grow in their Faith

Our students are challenged to grow in their faith and deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ. We are blessed to incorporate retreats, both on and off campus, in addition to our Summer Bible Study and strong support through our parish to continue to provide opportunities for our students to center their lives on Jesus Christ who is EVERYTHING for us.



Oh, the places they will go!

**We are so proud of our 8th Grade
graduating class of 2022!**

**May God bless these students as they continue
forward to over 17 schools in Northeast Ohio!**

More than 50% of this class will be attending Catholic high schools. and many have received scholarships and additional support to continue their Catholic education. We honor all of our graduates and are so proud of EVERYTHING they have accomplished. We look forward to watching them take Jesus and all they have learned here at Saint Ambrose School with them into their bright and hopeful future!



preschool

Arise & Shine LAPS!



We lived up to our school theme this year!

Our Littlest Angels Preschool students always came to school with tons of energy ready to pray, play and learn. We rejoice in all that the children have learned, how they have grown in their faith and the friends they have made. All are prepared for the next step in their education.

Happy Summer! Arise every day with a happy, grateful heart and shine for Jesus all summer!

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell
Littlest Angels Preschool Director



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



Faculty & Staff Members of the Year

Our School Advisory Board, Father Bob and Principal Cinadr would like to recognize our teachers, aides and staff for all of the special work they do for each and every child every day. *Congratulations to both of these very talented, faith filled members of our faculty and staff!*



**St. John Baptist de La Salle
Excellence in Teaching Award
2022 Winner**

Mrs. Wendy Parente
Fourth and Fifth Grade Teacher



**St. Teresa of Calcutta
Staff Excellence Award
2022 Winner**

Mrs. Amanda Sass
Kindergarten Aide

*"A teacher
affects
eternity: she
can never
tell where
her influence
stops."*

—HENRY ADAMS



Faculty Years of Service Awards

Join us in celebrating our seasoned faculty members for their service anniversaries in Catholic Education!

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell, 20 Years of Service in Catholic education

Mrs. Laura Cole, 15 Years of Service in Catholic education

Mrs. Kelly Thompson, 15 Years of Service in Catholic education



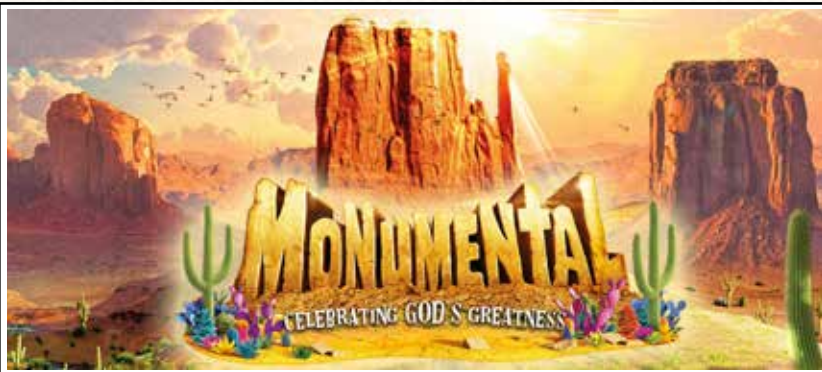
Our SAS Alumni Shine!

We are so inspired by our students who continue to thrive, lead and shine in high school and beyond. Congratulations to the graduating high school class of 2022. **These SAS 2018 graduates are making a difference and leading the way!**

Holy Name High School 2022
Valedictorian: **Mollie Stracensky**,
Class of 2018

Padua Franciscan High School 2022
Valedictorian: **Matthew Harley Jr.**,
Class of 2018

**Brunswick High School 2022
"Top 30 Graduates":**
Arianna Maur, Class of 2018
Tyler Hovanec, Class of 2018



Vacation Bible School 2022 July 11-15, 2022

MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness!

Your children will go off-road on a monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest, exploring God's awesomeness while forming a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Campers will experience the Bible with all five senses, dig into surprising and authentic discoveries, play high-energy games, and discover God's Greatness.

We invite your family to join us for a faith-filled, fun and adventurous week that serves to support families as you work to help your children learn about Jesus.

Spots are going quickly! Sign up at StAmbrose.us/VBS

Children's Offertory Envelopes The Joyful Giver!

Children can share with their artwork and how they are using their God-given gifts to serve others. When we share our gifts with others, Christ's love into the lives of others. Say 'YES' to God and offer up your time, talent, and treasure to serve others.

Student offertory envelopes are available to pick up at the exits of the church. Pick up the envelopes for all children and teens in your family. We look forward to featuring collected envelopes in our bulletins and/or newsletters.

"There is nothing like watching my child run to the altar with their envelope...the true example of a joyful giver!"



SAINT AMBROSE COMMUNITY

SUMMER CAMPS 2022

Two Fun Camps...All Are Welcome!

SUMMER TO GROW READINESS CAMP @ AMBROSE CROSSING JUNE 6- AUGUST 5

Preschool Age 4 - Kindergarteners MONDAY - FRIDAY

Readiness Camp: 8:00 am - 11:30 am
All Day Camp: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Age 4 by June 7. Must be potty-trained.

Engage in learning fun to further prepare your child for school in the fall! Students will be learning in small groups with teachers. A social, emotional, and academic readiness camp for age 4 preschoolers through children preparing to enter Kindergarten.

REGISTER ONLINE!
SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Summer-Camp

SUMMER CAMP EAST @ SAINT AMBROSE CAMPUS JUNE 6- AUGUST 5

Incoming Grades 1-8 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

We look forward to another wonderful summer camp season at Saint Ambrose Campus! Join us for the week or part-time by-the-day!

WEEKLY THEMES

- JUNE 6: God's World is A Rainbow
- JUNE 13: It's A Bug's Life
- JUNE 20: Summer Celebration Summer Festival June 23-26
- JUNE 27: Down on the Farm
- JULY 5: America the Beautiful
- JULY 11: Dr. Seuss
- JULY 18: Wide World of Sports
- JULY 25: It's A Zoo In Here
- AUGUST 1: Under Construction

Parish School of Religion First Eucharist Celebration!

We were blessed to celebrate First Eucharist with our second grade students and their families during May. What an amazing and joyful celebration for our parish community.



PSR 2022-2023

Registration is now Open!

You can find information on all programs as well as required registration forms at StAmbrose.us/PSR or stop by our Parish office.

Kudos to Alex Keller!

Eagle Scout Project provides a fire pit officially open for the summer season!

It needs to be said that completing an Eagle Scout project is not an easy endeavor. In fact, according to Frank Gati, the Charter Organization Representative for Troop 513, the Eagle Scout Project "gives the Life Scout a chance to demonstrate leadership of others while giving back to the community in a meaningful way." The reward of a successful project is evaluated on the benefit to the organization being served and the leadership that is demonstrated by the Eagle Scout candidate.

When it came time for Alex Keller, a life-long member of our parish and a Scout from Troop 513 to choose his Eagle Scout project, there were many challenges presented.

For one, the Ohio weather has been even more notoriously uncooperative in the last several months. Additionally, according to Father Bob, Alex is "a top student at Brunswick High School and is recognized for his outstanding State achievements" as an athlete on BHS's Cross Country and Track teams, unwavering dedication and project, nothing was going that our parish community

There is no doubt that Alex's "fire pit will burn bright as a reflection of the Light of Christ [that is] strong in his heart."

So, Alex took on his Eagle responsibilities in his life. **community would enjoy** to announce that we have our Outdoor Stations. Our faith and fellowship around a bonfire situated at one of the most peaceful places on our parish campus – the Grotto. Father Bob says that there is no doubt that Alex's "fire pit will burn bright as a reflection of the Light of Christ that is strong in his heart."

Moreover, as one of the leaders of Alex's Boy Scout Troop, Frank says that "in carrying out this project, and in his scouting career, Alex has lived the Scout Law." Father Bob reiterates Frank, saying, "Alex exemplifies the quality of people in scouting and more importantly is close to his family, his parish, and to our Lord."



Holy Hiking with Deacon Matt

June 11 at Plum Creek
2390 Plum Creek Pkwy, Brunswick, OH

August 20 at Princess Ledges
4361 Spruce Ave, Brunswick, OH

All hikes begin at 9:00 am. Please meet in the parking lot of the park.

For more info, contact Deacon Matt Harley at MHarley@StAmbrose.us.



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

JUNE 3

Celebrate SA Bingo 45th anniversary with a **FREE Summer BBQ** (burgers, potato salad & trimmings)
Free small Lightning with two or more 9-ons.

JUNE 17

45th Anniversary Cake & Ice Cream Treat
Free extra coverall with two or more 9-ons.

JULY 1

\$1 French Fries or Onion Rings
Buy 1 large lightning get 1 small free lightning.

JULY 15

Free Ice Cream Treat
Buy 1 Marker madness, receive 1 small lightning.

AUGUST 5

\$4 Chicken Tenders & Fries
Free small Early Bird with any Early Bird Special.

AUGUST 19

FREE Strawberry Shortcake
1 free 9-on with the purchase of 2 or more 9-ons.



www.StAmbrose.us



Junior High Summer Service Opportunities

Embark Service Camp: Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24

Helping at the Summer Festival: Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15

For the Embark and/or VBS opportunities, please contact Janet Majka (JMajka@StAmbrose.us) and to help at Summer Festival, contact Maria Crookston (MCrookston@StAmbrose.us)

Thank you in advance for "Serving with the Compassion of Christ!"

Adult Volunteers Needed for Junior High!

Thank you to all of the adults who have made this year possible! We couldn't do it without your help. If you would like to join this amazing team and help put on great events for our junior high students, please contact Maria Crookston at MCrookston@StAmbrose.us.

For our Junior High Friends!

Do you like Disney? Want to learn more about how the Bible and some of your favorite Disney fairytales are related?

THEN, DON'T MISS SAINT AMBROSE'S

Summer Bible Study

JUNE 2, 9, 16, 30 | 1:00 PM

JULY 7, 21, 28 | 1:00 PM

AUGUST 4, 11, 18 | 1:00 PM

IN LEHNER CENTER, MATTHEW OR AT THE GROTTO

Please note: You do not have to be able to make all of the dates to join the group! Come when you are able and it is promised to be a good time!

More details at
StAmbrose.us/
Bible-Disney.



THE FEST

A DAY OF FAITH, FAMILY, & FUN

The FEST returns HOME to the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe!

featuring live music from

Crowder • We The Kingdom

Phil Wickham • Micah Tyler

Rhett Walker

Homecoming
THE FEST RETURNS

August

Save the Date for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Join Bishop Malesic for Mass at 8 pm

Check out the details at **TheFEST.us!**

EMBARK
in the Service of God
Saint Ambrose Junior High Summer Adventure
June 20-24, 2022
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Engaging Service Activities
Daily Reflections, Prayer Journaling
and Peer Affirmation
Fun Activities at Cleveland Metro Park Zoo,
Cedar Point and Hinckley Lake
SIGN UP at **STAMBROSE.US/EMBARK**

Fiat events

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Steubenville Youth Conference: June 17-19

Cedar Point Day: June 21

Summer fiat Nights: June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27; 7-9pm

Summer XLT Night: July 17, 7pm

The FEST: August 7, 12-10pm

Alive Day Retreat: September 10



Young Adults

Help us put the "fun" in funnel cake!

Calling all young adults – looking for a fun way to serve the community this summer? Join the Saint Ambrose Young Adults in working the Funnel Cake booth at our summer festival June 23-26. Sign-ups are on the parish website. Questions? Contact Caitlin at 330.460.7387 or CARbogast@StAmbrose.us!

SAINT AMBROSE

**YOUNG
ADULTS**



Cedar Point Trip

June 21, 2022

open to all high school students

details can be found at
www.StAmbrose.us/fiat



Grotto XLT

JULY 17TH | 7PM

All are welcome to join us for Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship Music in the Grotto - bring a chair & spend some time in prayer in the beautiful outdoors!

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

JUNE 23-26



1 weekend = HUGE IMPACT!

Our parish festival is the largest annual community event and fundraiser our parish holds!

In order to make it possible and successful, it takes hundreds of volunteers and 30 captains to run specific areas of the festival.

It takes a few hours of planning now until June, and then the days of the festival, overseeing the area, setting it up and coordinating volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about this and what it would take, please reach out to Jake Bihari!

JBihari@StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015

StAmbrose.us/festival-volunteer

Summer Festival 2022

Our Summer Festival, as always, will be a great moment to bring our community together!

As always, you can expect wonderful music, great food, and amazing people. There truly is something for everyone of all ages. **Please invite your extended family, friends and neighbors to share in this wonderful celebration!**

Thank you for your support for our Summer Festival Raffle. The proceeds from the raffle and festival will help to replace HVAC in Hilkert Hall, boilers in Lehner and school building, and south parking lot renewal. Expected 3 year time line to accomplish all. Your support is so appreciated and needed.

Special thanks to our festival sponsors and community partners. A faithful friend is a friend indeed. They have so faithfully been supportive of our community. Please join me in thanking them for their continued support.

special thanks!

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

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

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



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



**SAINT AMBROSE
SUMMER
FESTIVAL**
June 23-26
Thursday - Sunday

SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2022 GRAND RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE
WIN A NEW CAR! FROM **Brunswick**
AUTO MART
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**\$2,000
BONUS CASH**
for the Grand Prize
winner if present at the
time of drawing!

Win a new 2022 Jeep Renegade 4x4,
Toyota Corolla, or Volkswagen Jetta
A \$25,000 VALUE!



GRAND PRIZE

A BRAND NEW CAR!

Win a new 2022
Jeep or Dodge
vehicle!



2ND PRIZE

Disney Vacation for up to Four People!

PLUS up to \$500 in airfare!
Restrictions apply. See our
website for details.



3RD PRIZE

\$4,500 New Home Entryway Door

Check the ticket box and
have your UWD prize
doubled if you win!



4TH PRIZE

\$1,500 in Home Depot Gift Cards

Thanks to our friends at
Engelke Construction!



5TH PRIZE

\$500 Marc's Gift Cards

Thank you to
Marc's for this
awesome gift!



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

Raffle Grand Drawing: Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 9:30pm

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

Skip the writing! Buy all your tickets online at **StAmbrose.us/raffle**.



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OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL IS ON!

June 23-26

Live Music, Great Food & Outdoor Family Fun

We are excited to celebrate our community with you and your family this year for our annual Summer Festival!

Thursday, June 23

6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

CALIBER BAND

Country Cover Band

FAMILY NIGHT!

\$1 Burgers and Hot Dogs

\$10 Ride Wristband

Friday, June 24

5:30 - 11:00 P.M.

OUT OF EDEN

Eagles Tribute Band

*Casino Opens
for the Weekend!*

Saturday, June 25

5:30 - 11:00 P.M.

ALT95

Alternative Rock & Pop Radio
hits of the 90s and 2000s

**TIM MOON presents
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**

Queen Tribute Band

Sunday, June 26

5:30 - 10:00 P.M.

DIAMOND PROJECT

Neil Diamond Tribute Band

*Raffle Drawing
& Fireworks Show!*

Get all the details online at StAmbrose.us/Festival

