

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Members of Saint Ambrose:

In a few weeks, we, as a parish, will celebrate our 66th Anniversary. On one hand, what's the big deal...on the other hand, it is a big deal!! That's

66 years 24,106 days 578,544+ hours

24,106 days – 578,544+ hours – of time when thousands of members - over and again - have come to the Lord and continued the work and mission of Jesus Christ. That's thousands and millions of 'yes' responses to the invitation of the Lord. That's thousands... and millions... and millions of prayers offered and heard by God. And, the challenge, on this anniversary and always, is to choose God every day. Every Day God. One day, one choice, one 'yes' at a time.



In Mercy Chapel, there is a new statue of the Christ of Mercy. It's soul-stirring and inspiring. The outstretched arms of Jesus reminds us of His invitation every day to 'come to me (Him)" and find from the Lord – our fount of mercy – everything we need. Take some time to stop in and spend a few moments in prayer asking God for His mercy, and peace, and healing in your life.

While in the chapel, spend a few minutes in prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In this year of Eucharistic Revival, we come before the Lord in prayer and Adoration. He is our living bread – He is our strength. He is the one who can encourage us as we build up the Body of Christ. **Can you imagine that thousands of people who, over 66 years, have come to receive Holy Communion at Saint Ambrose?** Imagine all those weekend Masses, and those thousands of people coming again and again. The numbers have to be staggering. Even more, the witness should be inspiring. Over all these years, people, like you and me, keep coming here because we know we need Jesus Christ in our lives and hearts. We come to the Table of the Lord to receive the Body of Christ – the Bread of Life – because we hunger for God in our lives. Jesus nourishes us. He is our strength for the journey.

As we walk through the summer months, renew your commitment to come to Mass – the Table of the Lord – for one hour a week. It makes

One hour per week!

all the difference. It is at the Lord's Table that God can best nourish, heal, and strengthen us. As we journey into the Fall season, we will be inviting all of our members to commit to an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be an opportunity for all of us to find strength in the Lord and center our lives on Jesus Christ – He is our everything. Watch for more details. In the meantime, the Chapel is open for you to find the mercy and peace of Christ in your life.

An anniversary is an anniversary!!! It's also a moment to reflect and celebrate the blessings of God. Over and again, God bless you for all the ways you help continue the mission of Jesus. God bless you abundantly for all your help and support. Together we radiate the light, love and mercy of Jesus Christ to our community and across our region. God bless you.

Father Bob Stec



Spend an Hour in His Presence

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend time with His true presence in the Eucharist and grow in your relationship with Christ.

Join us for Adoration as we begin our 2nd year of Eucharistic Revival! June 10th & 11th

The Feast of Corpus Christi: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Adoration is held every Monday in the Chapel from 9:00 am - 7:30 pm with Benediction at 7:30 pm. We are working offer it 24/7.

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

Every newsletter will have a Beehive Buzz column sharing what's happening – the buzz – with some of our members.

- A warm welcome to Father Dan Samide. Father Dan was appointed to our parish by Bishop Ed Malesic and officially joins us in early June.
- Our parish is alive in every season. God bless Gayle Oboy and Diane Heilman who provide wonderful programs, like Paint & Sip, for us to come together to nurture our faith and stir God's creative spirit. Check out all the opportunities by going to: www. StAmbrose.us/AFF.
- God bless our Adopt-a-Patch Garden Team. They are 'buzzing' around the campus planting wonderful Petitti's flowers. We are so blessed by their ministry and service so that our campus is a glimpse of the glory of heaven. God bless our friends Petitti Garden Center for helping us make sure we have beautiful flowers to give glory to God.
- **Congrats to Tyler O.** for being recognized for academic achievement and service to the community. An Ohio Connections Academy sophomore, Tyler was also inducted into National Honor Society.
- A word of welcome to Michelle Cha who is joining our parish pastoral team. Michelle will be working to especially engage our junior high and high school students in using their musical gifts and talents to praise God. Michelle is an accomplished music teacher, vocal coach, and liturgical musician. She will be leading our Sunday 5 pm Mass, along with many of our student liturgies. She, along with Travis Jurgens, will work to help us all sing and pray at Saint Ambrose. Inspiring prayer, and joyful worship, are charisms of our parish community. Welcome Michelle.
- Our prayers are with LTJG Shaun Krall and his loved ones Fas LTJG Krall prepares for deployment to Bahrain with the U.S. Navy next month.
- If you liked Mother's Day (which was wonderful), you will love Father's Day. God bless our friends from The Human Bean for helping make our celebration of Mother's Day so special. Watch for Father's Day plans. In the meantime, invite your dad, grandfather, godfather to join you for Mass. Let us pray to our Heavenly Father for our earthly fathers.

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.



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JUNE 5 Mercy Monday

JUNE 11 Donut Sunday

JUNE 13 Saint Ambrose Parish's 66th Anniversary

JUNE 17 Healing Prayer Service

JUNE 18 Father's Day...attend Mass with your Dad!

JUNE 22 – 25 Summer Festival

JUNE 25 Grand Raffle Drawing

JULY 4 Independence Day!

JULY 10 Mercy Monday

JULY 10 – 14 Vacation Bible School

JULY 28 Music Under the Stars Concert & Wine Tasting

AUGUST 6 The FEST

AUGUST 7 Mercy Monday

AUGUST 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 20 SAS Sunday Celebration

AUGUST 25 Music Under the Stars Concert & Wine Tasting

"I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with My eye upon you." - PSALMS 32:8

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNIA

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!

February 1 - May 19, 2023

Joshua Anderson & Taylor Letterle Joel & Lindsay Andexler Sarah Arth Erhardt & Denise Bell **Brittany Bica** Wes Bombik & Katie Benz **Taylor Brodie** Todd & Heather Bucy Holly Chakan Connor & Megan Charbat Jimmy Cifani & Mariela Costillo Ann Conrad **Debbie Corsi** Nancy Danisek **Dominique DiNardo** Kevin Fink & Rachel Martin Mary Anne Frank Chris & Lesley Friedman Jamie Germuska Gary & Lenore Gregg WilliamHerceg Daniel & Mikalea Heydinger Patricia Hilko Josh & Railie Holley Steve & Dita Hupp

Kevin & Sarah Jackson Jon & Gina Kostandaras Kevin & Donna Kucera Lurii & Olena Kyryk **Brenda Lang** Dan Langshaw Brian & Andrea Lemmer Brian & Caitlin Livingstone Everett & Claire Logue Christian & Rachel Lopez / Huttner Dan & Cindy Masterson Ben & Nancy Matras **Tim & Jackie McGinty** Kevin & Anna McHugh Jim & Lynn Medlock Luke Mennen & Ellen Carabin **Debbie Mercurio** Rob & Sheri Mier **Rick & Lisette Mohos** Bill & Cindi Mozes Zachary & Tiffany New Jason & Kristen Niedermeyer Dany & Carine Nikengafac Michael & Katherine Nowesnick **Tabitha Oliver**

Eleanor Paganelli Tom & Joanne Porvaznik Sean & Kara Rawson **Karen Roberts** Nick & Danielle Robertson Patricia Romanovich Larry & Marti Rufin Brian & Alaina Saksa **Cameron Sasala** Greg Scaccia Linda Scott Khadar & Amanda Soussou David & Terrie Stiles Dave & Judy Sulzer Bryant & Katie Jo Swindle Tom & Kim Tenhagen Dan & Debbie Thornsberry Morganne Turk Jason & Alison Turk Steve & Kristen Tyneski Alex & Robin Urban Allen & Denise Weaver Jonathon & Brittany Wick Steve & Marguerite Wyderka



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, **JUNE 18, 2023** SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Outdoor Concert & Wine Tasting! Friday, July 28 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Come for wonderful music, flavorful food, and amazing people. The Tangled Vine returns to bring you three wine samples for tasting. You can purchase your favorite wines from the Tangled Vine. No outside beverages are permitted.

6:00 pm Seating Opens 6:30 pm Wine Tasting 7:00 pm Concert Begins

TICKETS: \$10 per person



Includes a delicious dinner, wine tastings and concert. Enjoy a date night, ladies' night out, guy's night or just gathering a group of friends!

Save the date for our next Outdoor Concert & Wine Tasting event on Friday, August 25!

nspiring with prayer & worship.

Spiritual Life Connection Corner Keep your faith on FIRE this summer:

Gather some friends or family to start a Faith & Fellowship group over the summer. If you need ideas or resources, contact Gayle at GOboy@StAmbrose.us. We have collected wonderful resources to help you grow in faith! Explore ways to stay connected to God through various apps or websites. Visit StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation and scroll to the bottom.

Summer Faith & Fellowship Groups Metanoia & Believe in the Gospel

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary.

While this group may have seen the first episode or two, fellow parish member, Dave Gleason encourages all to join him on any of the following dates at his home every other Tuesday at 1:30 pm to view these remaining episodes:

RSVP at StAmbrose/Adult-Faith-Formation or call Dave at 440.669.3740.

May 23: Death & Life June 6: Sin & Mercy June 27: Jesus Prays July 11: Hunger & Thirst July 25: Jesus Calls & Empowers August 8: Jesus' Power Over The Evil One August 22: This Teaching Is Hard September 5: Do You Love Me?

Women Walking with Purpose Our Fall Session is now open for sign ups!

Hundreds of women have completed the Walking with Purpose Catholic Bible study program here at Saint Ambrose.

After a year in the program women said:

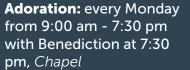
- My Catholic faith is stronger: 84%
- My relationship with Christ is stronger: 91%
- Prayer lives have improved since starting WWP: 84%
- My appreciation for the sacraments has grown: 73%
- Would recommend WWP to a friend: 90%

Experience this kind of improvement in your faith and prayer life and make amazing, authentic connections with other women at the same time. We will be offering 2 different studies:

Opening Your Heart and Touching the Divine

Walking with Purpose begins September 19, 2023. Register now at StAmbrose.us/ Walking-with-Purpose.





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

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, *Hilkert Hall*

Outdoor Mass: every other Saturday starting on May 27, 6:00 pm at the Grotto

Healing Prayer: Third Saturday of the month, following 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, in the church

serving with the Compassion of Christ

CARES Spotlight: Rosie Daddario One Who Has Championed the Father Bob Challenge

When the Daddario family moved to Brunswick some years ago, they decided to join Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish. During their new member meeting with him, Father Bob asked them what they enjoyed doing. Rosie looked him in the eye and knew as the response rolled off her tongue that Father Bob was actually challenging her to take the things that she liked doing and use them to serve God and His Great Kingdom.

One of Rosie's favorite places to be has always been in a kitchen. Rosie brings a unique talent to the Saint Ambrose kitchen. She genuinely enjoys making soup, all types of soup - which is how she became involved with CARES Soup Suppers. Many who have had any of Rosie's soups agree that they aren't only delicious, they also provide a sense of comfort. This nicely complements the format of our Soup Suppers since the dinner is accompanied by presentations regarding situations that impact our community such as homelessness, the rising need for foster parents, and many other social issues that need our attention and prayer. Rosie shares that she is "passionate about helping others, especially kids [and] wants to bring positivity to the people around" her. So, not only has she championed Father Bob' challenge of doing something she enjoys as a way to serve our parish and God's Kingdom, her involvement with Soup Suppers allows her to help others in wonderful ways.

Rosie is humble and genuine and the service she does in the name of our Lord is as much a gift to her as it is to others. When she learned that sharing her story might inspire others to accept the actually-not-sodifficult "Father Bob Challenge" of using what they are good at in service to God and His children, she was happy to be a "CARES Spotlight." In fact, she went over and beyond that and even before this story was published, she was able to motivate some of the players from the Brunswick High School Girls' Soccer team to volunteer at the parish's most recent Soup Supper. As you can see from the image, not only was a beautiful memory created, it presented a wonderful opportunity for the girls to champion the "Father Bob challenge" by giving back to their community as well.



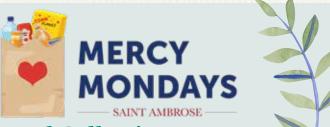
Rosie, 2nd from the right, and Brunswick High School students volunteering at a recent CARES Soup Supper.

Catholic Works of Mercy Ongoing Food Distributions Open to All

Our Catholic Works of Mercy holds a weekly food distribution on Wednesdays, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on the third Tuesday of the month, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Both distributions are drive-through and held at the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center. All are welcome to take advantage of these distributions.

For more details, call the Parish Life Office at 330.460.7300 and ask to leave a message for our Catholic Works of Mercy ministry.





Food Collection June 5 and July 10 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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

For our next Mercy Monday on June 5, we are in need of 64 ounce bottles of **apple juice**, **boxes of Tuna Helper, cans of pork and beans, Chef Boyardee cans, and bottles of liquid dish soap.**

Service Opportunites

We often say "*There is something for everyone!*" And, it's really true. Opportunties to celebrate with family, grow in faith and come together. This also applies to serving with the Compassion of Christ.

For All / Family

- Summer Festival
- Arts & Environment
- PB&J Brigade
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Music Ministry
- Offertory Gift Bearer
- Military Messaging Ministry
- Ukraine Family Care
- Monthly OneHope NEO Food Sorting & Distribution

- Youth
- Faith in Action: Junior High/Middle School Summer of Service
- Mass Server
- Teen VBS Leaders
- fiat Choir & Instrumentals
- PB&J Appreciation Cookout
- Military Messaging Ministry

Adult

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- PSR Catechists (VIRTUS)
- Photography Club
- Building & Grounds Ministry
- New Life Choir
- CWMCommunity Meal
- CWM Food Distributions
- CWM Food Collections on Mercy Monday
- Baby Sitting Ministry (VIRTUS)





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.

care events

PB&J Brigade: Mondays – Thursdays, 4:00 pm, Hilkert Hall, Room 4

Women's AA Meeting:

Mondays, 6:15 pm, Lehner Center John Room

Weekly Food Distribution:

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm -7:00 pm, CWM Outreach Center

Catholic Charities Counseling: Tuesdays, *Call Parish Office for Appt.*

Catholic Works of Mercy Community Meal

Carryout: third Sunday of the month, 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm, pick up in Hilkert Hall

Mercy Monday:

June 5, July 10, August 7, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, CWM Outreach Center

Monthly Food Distribution:

third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:00 am, CWM Outreach Center

OneHope NEO Food Sorting: third Tuesday of the month in Hilkert Gym, at 4:00 pm

OneHope NEO Food Distribution: third

Wednesday of the month, at 3:30 pm at International Newcomers Academy



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We are part of the universal Church. And, we are called to build up the Body of Christ here, there and across the world. Here are some highlights and updates on the work we are doing to care for our sisters and brothers across the globe.



...Last summer we were blessed to meet Fr. Don Bosco and welcome him at our parish. Father Bosco is a priest in the Diocese of Vijayawada, India. We continue to partner with Fr. Bosco and Talitha Cumi Unati (www.tcuindia.com) to keep high school girls in school preventing them from being sold off as a wife or trapped in human trafficking. The efforts have been so effective that Father Bosco and TCU were invited to present at the G-20 summit on Human Rights Issues in April of 2023.

Talilha Cumi Unnali

Arise Together

...When Fr. Bosco came to Cleveland, we met Meghana.

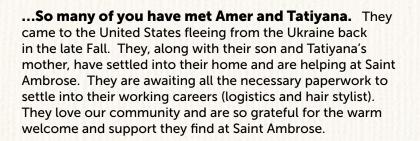
Meghana came to the United States to pursue her college degree and, even more importantly, to be a role model to the other high school girls in her hometown of Vijayawada. Meghana is boasting a 3.4 average at Kent State University and has one more semester to complete her degree in business analytics. God bless Bob and Patrice Downs who have been so helpful and supportive of Meghana. Our prayer is that she will inspire other young women in India to see the hope of a better path for their lives through faith, family and education.





...Our mission outreach in the Dominican Republic continues to do great work to care for about 135 families. We are excited to send our first full mission team to the DR in three years (COVID) in June. This group of mighty missionaries will work to complete five homes along with a long list of community repairs. Watch for pictures and full details of the important work they will do: www.missionpossible. us. In July, we are blessed to partner with MedWish International to lead a Medical Brigade to the poorest outreaches of the Dominican. Please keep these important efforts in your thoughts and prayers.





...As you have been reading, we are ready to welcome another family from the Ukraine in early June. Soon you will meet Andrii, Viktoriia, Arsenii, Kyrylo, and Ernest. We are looking for some members who can assist them in their transition into the United States (e.g. show them where/how to shop, making them a meal, etc.). If you want to learn more or sign up to help, please contact Father Bob (frbob@StAmbrose.us).

...In the final weeks of May, our parish community and our Outreach Team were blessed to set up homes for another 10 families who have arrived in Northeast Ohio. They come fleeing difficult situations in their homelands. They come looking for safety and the hope of a better life. Many thanks to our outreach team and to all who have offered/donated gently used furniture and financial support to help us turn a house into a home for those who are new to our community.



MAKING MISSION POSSIBLE GRAND SLAM GALA SATURDAY AUG. 26 | 6PM

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WE ARE THE Gody of Christ

It is so important for all of us to realize that we all participate in worshiping God during the liturgical celebrations; we are all the Body of Christ.

(Pope Francis, July 15, 2022)

We are so blessed, as a community of faith, to have inspiring and joyful worship when we gather for weekend Masses. What a blessing and miracle that our Church is full and Mass attendance is strong. As we continue to 'heal' from the pandemic years, we are looking to return and grow our liturgical and music ministries. It's important for the prayer life of our parish. It's also meaningful for those who choose to serve at the Table of the Lord. Pope Francis reminds us that all of us have a role and a way that we can actively participate when we gather in prayer. Here are some of our liturgical ministries where we really need some help – we need YOU!!!

USHERS AND GREETERS. Who doesn't like a warm welcome when you walk into the Church, or a friendly goodbye with a bulletin as you head home?? We need to rebuild our usher and greeter teams. Our hope and goal is to have a 'team' for each Mass so no one has to serve every week. We need to add about forty ushers/greeters to our faith core team. It basically requires fifteen minutes before Mass and the same afterward. You welcome, greet, make sure everyone has a comfortable seat/place in Church, and help reset the Church after Mass. Again, if we build a team, you can serve once or twice a month at your convenience. Ushers/greeters are so important because they remind all of us of the welcome we want to receive at Heaven's Gate. To learn more, or to sign up, contact Dyan Beder at patanddy@zoominternet.net.

CLEANING ANGELS. There's a mighty group that helps take care of God's House – our Church. They roll in on Thursday for a few hours. Many hands make for light work. Come once a month – come every week – we need your help. Contact Amanda McCrary at AJMM18@aol.com for more information.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER. Our Eucharistic Ministers serve both at Mass, and some go and visit our homebound and those in care facilities. Believe it or not, every weekend we need almost 100 members to assist/serve. Talk with anyone who serves in this very special ministry and they will tell you 'what a blessing' it is to share the Body of Christ with our members (both at Mass and in their homes). Open your heart to serve as a Special Minister of Holy Communion and the Lord will fill your heart with overflowing blessings. Contact Vita Schmidt at VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us for more information or to sign up.



MUSIC MINISTRY. We are so blessed as a parish community to have 'inspiring and joyful prayer and worship.' Our music ministry helps us when we gather together in prayer. There's a place for everyone. Join the choir. If you play a musical instrument, we would love to have you share your talent. Our New Life Choir brings comfort to families at the time of the loss of their loved ones. There's a place for all. Music stirs the soul. Joining the music ministry will nourish your soul and be such a blessing to our parish community. Contact Travis Jürgens at TJurgens@StAmbrose.us for more information.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT. Our Church always looks beautiful - and fresh - and alive...thanks to our A/E team. They care for the plants, decorate for the seasons, and make sure that God's house is filled with beauty. This effort takes many hands...and many hands, make for a beautiful church. If you are crafty and can help make wreathes for the doors...or good with plants... or just a great helper, the A/E Team needs you. The commitment is an hour or two a month that will make all the difference for our parish community. To learn more, please contact Helen Lanzarotta at HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us.

> LECTORS. Proclaiming God's Word at Mass means you have to prepare -- read, reflect and practice - the scripture passage. Lectoring is a great way to deepen your understanding of God's Word. We live what we proclaim. Please consider serving as a lector for our community. It will enrich our prayer as it feeds your soul. Contact Mike Mascio at mmascio668@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

SACRISTANS. We are looking for a couple of people who can assist in helping make sure we are 'set up' and 'cleaned up' from each weekend Mass. The sacristan helps make sure that everything is set for a beautiful liturgy (cruets, vessels, etc). Our goal is to have 12 trained sacristans so there's flexibility in the scheduling and commitment. Contact Anne Behrend at annembehrend@aol.com.

All of us can actively participate when we gather for Mass – at the Table of the Lord.

When all of us sing, pray, respond and participate our Worship is alive – you can hear, see, sense, feel the presence of God as we gather and pray. Jesus said, *"wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."*



Liturgical Ministry Spotlight Perry & Liz Starcovic

Almost a year ago, Perry and Liz Starcovic became Saint Ambrose members because of the warm welcome they received when they entered our parish's doors. They were impressed with how engaged the members of Saint Ambrose are and eagerly contributed to the parish's vibrancy by becoming involved as well. Liz says, "Because the [Mass] greeters were the first impression that we had of the church, we decided to give back and became greeters ourselves." Both Perry and Liz share that getting to make others feel comfortable and at home by offering the kind of wonderful welcome they had is what they love most about being Saint Ambrose Greeters. Additionally, Perry tells us that "being a greeter is a perfect opportunity to get to know other parishioners. Taking 15 minutes at the beginning of Mass to hand out bulletins and to say a quick hello with a smile, really costs me nothing but is most rewarding."

When they had their New Member meeting, Perry and Liz truly appreciated that Father Bob took so much time to meet with them. They also noted that it was a great way of learning about all the things going on at the parish. Now, along with being greeters, Liz is also a part of our Walking with Purpose women's ministry and Perry is involved in Men's Renewal and the Knights of Columbus. He also enjoys the parish's monthly Men's Breakfast and both of them really enjoyed attending our parish's annual Polka Mass. For the both of them though, they note that no matter what event or program it is or when it happens, Father Bob and/or Father Andrew make it a point to show their support for the groups and express their gratitude for the help of the parish members who are really what makes Saint Ambrose such a vibrant and life-giving parish.

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Our Story is a Bible Refresher for Catholics to reacquaint one with the general makeup of the Bible and the Catholic approach to it. This experience will empower you to look inside the Scriptures for yourself.

Join us for a basic video introduction to the Bible followed by a few short exercises to engage with the Scriptures based on what interested you most during the video.

Mondays: July 31 - August 21 Four sessions offered at two different times: 10:00 - 11:30 am: Home of Gayle Oboy in Medina OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Saint Ambrose Church

No cost to attend! Registration is required at StAmbrose.us/AFF.



HOLY HIKING WITH DEACON MATT

> June 17, 9:00 am Plum Creek

Stay tuned for future dates to be announced!

Contact Deacon Matt at MHarley@StAmbrose.us for more details.





It's a Revival!!! What's in the tent?

Many have asked about the tent south of our parking lot. It is one of ten across Northeast Ohio. It's an invitation to the entire region to come together in prayer. We need a revival of centering our lives and country on the Lord. The tent has always been a symbol of 'revival'. Every day there are programs and people who can pray with you and help offering Christ's healing, hope and grace in every situation.

> We need a revival!!! We need God. Stop by the tent and pray with others.

Details, daily schedule & ministry focus of the day at StAmbrose.us/event/path.

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May 9th through June 16th 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Experience God's love in practical ways, such as help and prayer for addicts, the mentally ill, marriage and families etc., and during times of gentle praise, worship and prayer.

Events take place in four time slots each day. The daily schedule is as follows:

9:00 – 11:30 am: Specialist Care & Prayer 12:00 – 2:30 pm: Praise & Worship 3:00 – 5:30 pm: Specialist Care & Prayer 6:00 – 9:00 pm: Praise & Worship



Mulic minis/ry Happy Summer!

Happy Summer! Outdoor Concerts this July & August

The Lord has blessed us with a very joyful Easter season and now we are grateful for the warmer weather which brings many opportunities for outdoor activities. Mark your calendars for our summer Music Under the Stars Wine and Cheese concerts on Friday, July 28, 7:00 pm and Friday, August 25, 7:00 pm. These will be outdoors (weather permitting).

If you've been thinking about joining the Music Ministry, August will be the perfect time to join. Feel free to contact me with any questions and keep an eye out for the Music Ministry kick-off date. May God bless you and your family with a restful summer!

Best, Travis Jürgens Director of Music Ministry



Music Ministry Spotlight Meet Daniel Vavrek

Daniel Vavrek and his wife, Robyn joined Saint Ambrose Parish in 2013. They have two children, ages 16 and 21 who they love spending time with. Daniel attended the Men's Renewal weekend



this year and he shares that it "influenced me to deepen my faith by getting more involved in some church ministries." One of those ministries is our Men's Fellowship and Daniel is now on the 2024 Men's Renewal Weekend team that will organize and plan next year's retreat.

Another ministry Daniel became involved with is the Saint Ambrose Adult Choir. Daniel says, "The songs I heard performed by the Music Ministry calm my heart down and make me feel closer to God which is really what inspired me to join the choir. I very much enjoy helping other parishioners to experience a more spiritual Mass through Adult Choir."

Waters of Baptism Welcoming with Joyful Hospitality

We are blessed at Saint Ambrose to be able to bring so many babies and children to the Waters of Baptism. This past year we had over 170 baptisms!

When a child is baptized at Saint Ambrose, many of our ministries prepare and pray for that child.

- Our Legion of Mary, during their weekly Rosary Devotion, will pray for the child and their families.
- The Infant Jesus of Prague ministry has a gift bag with items and prayers to place your child under the protection of the Infant Jesus.
- **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** prays for the soon to be baptized child while crocheting a white blanket given to the child at their Baptism.
- Our Baptism Coordinators greet and assist the Priest or Deacons during the day of the baptism.

It is often said that 'it takes a village to raise a child', and at Saint Ambrose we are part of that village!



"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." – Galatians 3:27



"With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized him." - LUKE 24:31

Journey to Emmaus Summer Inquiry Sessions

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? New this summer is our Journey to Emmaus Summer Sessions. There are three to choose from:

- Sunday, June 18, 10:30 am
- Sunday, July 16, 10:30 am
- Sunday, August 20,10:30 am

To learn more, contact Janet Majka at Janet Majka at 330.460.7321 or email JMajka@StAmbrose.us.

Women's Guild Executive Board Election You're Invited!

The Saint Ambrose Women's Guild is inviting women of the parish (of all ages) to our July 12 meeting in the Mother Teresa Room at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about our ministry, meet our great members, and will be followed by an Ice Cream Social. No

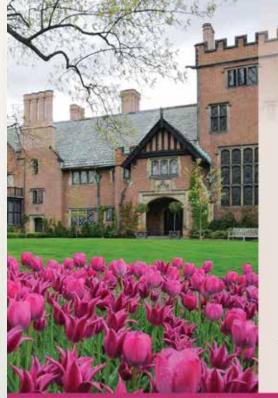


need to RSVP, just come as you are and ready to experience all this great source of sisterhood offers.

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

Save the Date!

Our annual Fall Luncheon will be on September 25 at 11:00 am. "T" and Rich Dueling Piano Show will once again be the entertainment!



Register online by July 10! www.StAmbrose.us/bus-trip

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\$65 per person 7:45 am Depart from Saint Ambrose | **6:00 pm** Return to Saint Ambrose

- Mass at the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Catholic Church with our very own Fr. Dan Samide presiding.
 - · Guided Tour of the Nativity Museum.
 - Sit-down lunch overlooking beautiful Portage Lakes.
- Stan Hywet Mansion & Gardens visit with limited walking guided tour of the Mansion. Then, sit and relax or explore the gardens on your own.

Registration can also be completed at the Front Office by cash or check only.

Questions? Contact Vita Schmidt at VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us or 330-460-7300 ext. 382





Define Your Legacy Saint Ambrose

Endowment Committee

Over the past year or so we have worked hard to strengthen our **Endowment Committee to ensure** our parish, school and outreach ministries have the resources available to grow and thrive for generations to come. Also, over the past year, we have been blessed to receive several gifts from our members who left the **Endowment Foundation in their** will or made a gift in memory of a loved one. These gifts have ranged from \$250 to \$75,000 but each of them have been important in revitalizing our focus and commitment to our parish Endowment. If you have guestions about the Endowment Foundation or would like to make a gift, reach out to Jake Bihari – JBihari@ StAmbrose.us or 216.215.5015

"We must understand then, that even though God doesn't always give us what we want, He always gives us what we need for our salvation."

- SAINT AUGUSTINE

United States Flag Code: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."



Flag Retirement Ceremony

17 June 2023 | 5:30 pm | Saint Ambrose Parish

Experience this moving ceremony of respectful treatment of our national symbol. American flags needing to be retired can be brought to the ceremony or dropped off to the collection boxes at Saint Ambrose Parish or the VFW Post 9520 before June 15.



StAmbrose.us/Flag-Retirement-Ceremony PRESENTED BY



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In loving memory of those who passed December 21, 2022 - May 8, 2023

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

school news



As we move into the summer months, may we all remember... *"In Him we live and move and have our being".* - ACTS 17:28

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 Welcome Our New Assistant Principal, Mr. Tom Krebs, M.Ed

We are blessed to welcome Mr. Tom Krebs as the new assistant principal for Saint Ambrose School 2023-2024 school year. Tom will bring some very special gifts to Saint Ambrose School from his background in law enforcement to his many years of teaching special needs students in Brunswick City Schools. He is an active member of our Saint Ambrose community and a strong man of faith and family. Thank you to Mrs. Shelly Schenek for your service to our school community for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our Students Grow in their Faith

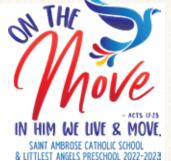
At Saint Ambrose School, students are challenged to grow in their faith and deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ. Below are excerpts from some of what our Eighth Grade students shared about the Blessed Mother, and special people in their lives.

"My mom is caring and loving, just like Mary. I also think of her as an amazing, comforting person that I can go to when something is wrong. My mom is very calm and accepting of everything, which can help me to get over things. She prays that everyone will do great things, during that time she also asks me to join her in prayer."

– Nathan S.

"To me, Mary is a gentle breeze. She is the butterflies you get in your stomach when you're on a roller coaster or the calm after a storm. Mary the Mother of God is the simple fresh smell after it rains that we often don't notice. My relationship with Mary is one of my favorite things. She isn't somebody that waits for her turn to talk when I am saying how I feel. Instead, she listens to whatever I have to say." - McKenna B.













Oh, the places they will go! We are so proud of our 8th Grade Graduating Class of 2023!

> "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" -St. Catherine of Siena

May God bless these students as they continue forward in high school and beyond! We cannot wait to see what God does next! You will always be Angels and find home here.

LAPS was On the Move!



Our preschool children were definitely "On The Move!" They moved, explored, laughed, learned, sang, danced, played, and prayed! The children moved forward in their education, friendships, skills, development, and most importantly on their faith journey. With Jesus at the center of our school and our lives, we live and move in the right direction! Some of our little ones are on the move to Kindergarten and some are on the move to their next preschool class! All are prepared and ready for the next steps in their early childhood education.

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





Faculty & Staff Awards

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.



Saint John Baptist de La Salle **Excellence in Teaching Award** 2023 Winner

Catherine Mitchell Preschool Director and Teacher



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Staff Excellence Award 2023 Winner Mrs. Maryellen Newrones Administrative Assistant

Faculty Years of Service Awards

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



Mrs. Nicole Shreve, Second Grade Teacher, 10 Years

Mrs. Stacey Gove, Kindergarten Teacher, 20 Years



Saint Ambrose School 2023 Partner In Education Thank you, **Dobie Moser!**

Our SAS Alumni Shine!

We are so inspired by our students who continue to thrive, lead and shine in high school and beyond. These SAS 2019 graduates are making a difference and leading the way! Our Angels keep REACHING after their SAS years!

Saint Ignatius High School

Congratulations to SAS Class of 2019 alum, Ryan O'Donnell for being in the top 5% of his Saint Ignatius graduation class of 2023. He was also a nominee for Valedictorian of his class!

Brunswick High School

Congratulations to SAS class of 2019 alum, Michael Mog, for finishing in the top 30 students of his graduating class of 2023 at Brunswick High School.

Padua Franciscan High School

Congratulations to SAS class of 2021 alum, Tessa Brousek, for winning the OHSAA 2023 Ohio State Gymnastics All-Around Title.





FREE & fun for the whole family!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation

CYO Sports at Saint Ambrose Parish Registration for Fall 2023 is Now Open! We will be offering:

Cheerleading • Cross Country Flag Football • Tackle Football • Volleyball

Register by June 16, 2023 at StAmbrose.us/Athletic-Boosters!



FALL Cross Country Football Volleyball Cheer

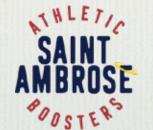
WINTER Basketball

SPRING Track and Field Lacrosse Baseball



SKILLS PROGRAMS: offered for golf, volleyball, baseball, lacrosse, and football.

NOW OFFERING: various speed and agility and weight training.



Saint Ambrose Baseball Diamond Special thanks to NEO Landscaping for caring for our baseball field! JUNE 3 - AUGUST 26 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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Save the Date for Sunday, August 6, 2023 12:00 pm Faith, Family, & Fun + 8:00 pm Outdoor Mass Find the details at TheFEST.us!

Held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, Ohio



Vacation Bible School July 10-14, 2023

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Morning Session: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-thisworld adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

\$35 for the first child,

\$30 for the second and \$70 for Family 4 years of age by September 30, 2023



Participant & Volunteer Registration online at: www.StAmbrose.us/VBS



Parish School of Religion Registration Open for 2023-2024

Registration is open for all PSR programs. You can register online at StAmbrose.us/PSR or stop by the Parish Office to pick up the forms.

2023-2024 PSR will kick off on Wednesday, September 6 and Monday, September 11.

PSR Needs You!

We are blessed to facilitate all of our PSR programs with an army of volunteers who share their time and gifts to guide our students in their faith formation. Planting the seeds of faith in our young members is the call for all of us. **We could use a few more catechists, teen catechists, and volunteers in the variety of programming.**

2023-2024 Programs that need YOU!

- PSR-Grades 1-5
- Jr. High PSR Core Team
- Family of Faith Formation
- Journey with Jesus Sunday Morning Preschool
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

If you are interested in being a part of one of our ministries, reach out to Janet Majka at JMajka@ StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7321.

 Congrats to Lyla S. who is our Saint Terese of Lisieux award recipient for 2023. She is one of our eighth grade PSR students. We thank her for her leadership and committment to service in our parish community. and keep her in our prayers as she begins the new chapter of starting at Brunswick High

of starting at Brunswick High School. Congrats to Landon Z., one of our eighth grade PSR

 Congrats to Landon 2., one of our eighth grade PSR students. He received the Saint John the Apostle award this year for his is leadership and committment to service in our parish community. We will keep him in our prayers as he begins at Padua Franciscan High School in the fall.

> "You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love."

- St. Catherine of Siena

Junior High Summer Service Opportunities

Starting June 13, our service days will be every

other Tuesday. The first one is going to Salvation Army in Wooster, Ohio. Service days will include a couple hours of service and then time for fellowship with ice cream, dinner, or even going to a Guardians Baseball game on August 8.

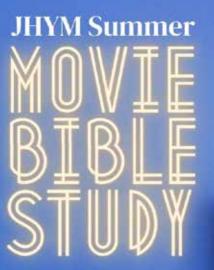
For more information, contact Maria Grama (MGrama@StAmbrose.us) or Rafe Lewis (RLewis@ StAmbrose.us).

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 Grama by at MGrama@StAmbrose.us.





Thursdays, 12:00 pm Lehner Center John

Discover the Christian messages that are in YOUR favorite movies!

Email to MGrama@StAmbrose.us or RLewis@StAmbrose.us for more information and to sign up.

Boy & Girl BSA Scout Troops Open House on June 3, 6:30 pm

Youth ages 11 to 17 are invited to explore the world outside of their family, their school, and their neighborhood and challenges them to grow into exceptional women and men. Scouts BSA has had a home at Saint Ambrose for over 50 years. In addition to our Boy Troop, we are excited to welcome and support a new Girl Troop.

PAST ACTIVITIES: hiking the Appalachian Trail, backwoods canoeing in the Adirondacks, repelling, chili cook-off, and trips to Henry Ford Museum and Wright Patterson Airforce Base.

UPCOMING EVENTS: a trip to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky, Canoeing at Mohican Wilderness, Survivor Style campout, and Chopped Cook-offs.

Get started on your next adventure by attending our open house or email fggati1@hotmail.com or scouts7513@gmail.com.





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Summer Lock-In

All high school teens are invited to join us for our annual Summer Lock-In starting at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, June 28 until 8:00 am on Thursday, June 29. Bring a friend and join us for an incredible night including an outdoor movie, bonfire,

games, snacks, dodgeball tournaments, activities, and so much more! Details and the link to sign up can be found at StAmbrose.us/FIAT!



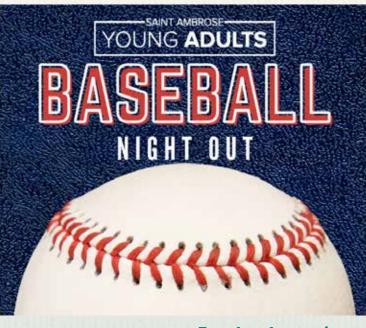
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Baseball Night Out June 8 at 7:05 pm Lake Erie Crushers vs. Windy City Thunderbolts Join us for a night of baseball, friends & fun. RSVP at StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults.



Cedar Point Trip

June 20, 2023







2ND ANNUAL!



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JUNE 22-25

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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 The Walbolt Family!

An invitation can make everything different. Back in November and December, one of our members invited Steve Walbolt to check out Saint Ambrose. What followed was transformational!

Steve and his wife Christine have been looking for a church they can attend...they've been looking for a school their kids can learn, grow and thrive in... and they've been looking for a community they can be a part of.

Since that initial invitation, Steve and Christine's children enrolled at Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool, they have been baptized and they attend Mass regularly. Steve and his company MDG Flooring America are also 'all in' on helping us with our festival raffle, as well as our flooring needs throughout our campus.

A simple invitation can make a big difference!



Our Community Partners' 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 your business would like more information please reach out to Jake Bihari today (216.215.5015 or JBihari@StAmbrose.us)!



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\$2,000 BONUS CASH for the Grand Prize winner if present at the time of drawing!

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Win a new 2023

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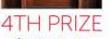
PLUS up to \$500 in airfare!

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

Raffle Grand Drawing: Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 9:30pm

\$5 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25. Skip the writing! Buy all your tickets online at StAmbrose.us/raffle. Saint Ambrose Parish 929 Pearl Rd Brunswick, Ohio 44212 www.StAmbrose.us

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June 22-25

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* Fresh Cut French Fries * Root Beer Floats
* Italian Sausage * Cotton Candy
* Snow Cones * Homemade Stuffed Cabbage
* Top Sirloin Kabobs * Margarita Booth

all ages enjoy GAMES & RIDES!

Instant Bingo * Casino * Table Games
Wheels * Games of Chance * Skill Games
* Raffle Grand Drawing * Beer Garden
* Fun Rides for All Ages * Kids Area
* Family Friendly Pricing
KIDS AREA WILL CLOSE AT 10PM EACH NIGHT





StAmbrose.us/Festival

💡 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio • 330.460.7300

Thursday, June 22

JERSEY BEAT BAND Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute \$1 Burgers & Dogs \$12 Ride Wristband (\$10 Pre-Pay!)

Friday, June 23

THE RAZZZ British Invasion & Raspberries Tribute Band Casino opens for the weekend!

Saturday, June 24 5:30 - 11:00 pm DISCO EXPRESS

Put your boogie shoes on! Visit with your favorite Disney Characters!

Sunday, June 25 5:30 - 10:00 pm DIAMOND PROJECT Neil Diamond Tribute Band Grand Raffle Drawing & Fireworks Show!

★ All Are Welcome!
★ Free Admission!
★ Free Parking & Shuttles!



