



Thank you!

Saint Ambrose Summer Festival Wrap Up Newsletter!

A CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

"The energy is energizing!" "This is just so wonderful for my kids – my family." "The food is great – everything is great!"

These are just a few of the hundreds of comments we received during our summer festival. It truly was a celebration of our community and a powerful reminder of "church" at its best moments. Hundreds and hundreds of our members worked together – each sharing their gifts – doing their part. **God took all of the efforts and offerings and created not only an amazing summer festival but even more, a celebration of our parish community – Church – strong and alive and filled with God's mighty Spirit.**

This summer newsletter highlights some of the best moments and factoids of our summer festival. Thank you to all who planned, worked, and joined us. **Special thanks to all of our community partners who believe in the goodness of our community and the important work we do for the Lord.** Their partnership makes all the difference.

Special thanks to the **Panteck Family and Brunswick AutoMart** for the amazing Grand Prize. Thanks, too, to our member **Steve Walbot and Kiba Studios/MDG Flooring**, our member **Bill Coyle and Encompass the World Travel**, our member **Mike Strmac and Universal Windows Direct** and our member **Eric Engelke and Engelke Construction**. We had the 'best' raffle prizes and we have the best members, like you, who were so supportive of our summer festival raffle.

This newsletter highlights some of our other summer gatherings and celebrations. Please join us at Saint Ambrose. **You can see all the details by going to: www.StAmbrose.us/summer.**

May God bless you and your loved ones. Thanks for a wonderful summer festival and for all you do for our parish community. Over the next few months, you will be seeing some of the capital repairs being made possible by your constant support and our summer festival.

May God continue to fill your heart and our parish community – every day – with the love and peace of the Lord.

Father Bob



Many, many

THANKS!



THE FESTIVAL CAPTAINS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Each year there are 40+ festival captains and booth leaders along with our Buildings & Grounds Team who really make it what it is. They spend the entire week setting up, running the booths and really make the difference! Each and every year, these folks spend countless hours making the festival possible. Thank you!



812 VOLUNTEERS! Whether it was parking cars, making funnel cakes, wiping off tables, picking up trash or working a game - you made the difference and really set a welcoming and gracious tone for everyone who attended the festival. Thank you!



"Great event for the entire city. **St. Ambrose is the best parish with the best people!** I'm so happy to be a part of the volunteers!" – Sue D.

"It was a lot of work but so much fun too. **The volunteers I worked with were the best!**" – Linda C.

"We would like to thank you for having us out to entertain Saturday Night. **The crowd was amazing. We had as much fun as they did!**" – Disco Express Band

"**Love volunteering at the festival!**" – Ann F.

"Wonderful food and festival all around. **We love how organized, family-friendly and affordable it is.** The abundant seating and live band every night is fantastic! Good Job St. Ambrose!" – Marie P.

"Food was all awesome...**Wonderful festival!**" – Maria O.

"**Our favorite night!**" – Erin N.

This was our first year coming to the festival and my family had a great time! Great food and entertainment! **The volunteers were all so friendly, which speaks to how welcoming St. Ambrose is.** – Brittany L.

"Your Summer Festival was nothing short of amazing! Our family came up all 4 nights and we never ran out of things to do. **It was wonderful reconnecting with school families and seeing familiar faces.** Thank you to all of the volunteers for being so helpful! The kids had so much fun playing games and we got to try different foods every night - top favorites were the steak kebabs, festival fries and funnel cakes :) **Saving the dates for next year!**" - Jess W.

Save the Dates!

Our 16th Annual Festival!
June 20-23, 2024



Festival Raffle Raised **\$112,550!**

before expenses



☀ The raffle team – and all those who purchased tickets set a record! The raffle was a huge success and is a gamechanger for us! The proceeds from this year's raffle will continue to allow us to repair and upgrade some aging HVAC equipment. **A special thank you to our amazing sponsors who donated these prizes!**



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS! From June 22 – June 25, our Facebook and Instagram posts reached **83,579** people, and we had **9,988** NEW users on our website!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

☀ BRUNSWICK AUTO MART

Someone has to go first... every year since the very beginning, Brunswick Auto Mart has been the first to step up – and go first! Having a car as the top prize in the raffle is an incredible blessing for our parish.

Thanks to the Panteck family for their continued support.



☀ BEYOND JUICERY & EATERY

Another game changer for our raffle this year was the early bird prize of the \$20 BEYOND JUICERY & EATERY! So many people took advantage of this opportunity – thank you! **Be sure to stop in and thank them for their help and support of our parish!**



☀ ABC EQUIPMENT RENTALS & SALES

From generators to light towers during the festival...To lifts, tractors and more throughout the year, our friends at ABC are incredibly generous and helpful every time we call. **If you need to rent any equipment – please make ABC Equipment Rentals & Sales your first choice.**



By the NUMBERS

Volunteers	812
Tents	54
Tables	200+
Chairs	850+
Signs	184+
Potatoes	4,000+ potatoes
Lemons	3,000+ lemons
Skill Games	6,831 people played
Kids Games	1,000+ kids played

TOTAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH...

Any way it adds up the Summer Festival was a great blessing for our Parish! We will receive remaining bills shortly, please watch for a final report.





Join us!

SUMMER AT SAINT AMBROSE!

- JULY 16**
Donut Sunday
CWM Community Meal
- JULY 19**
Military Messaging Ministry Cook-out
6:00 pm, Hilbert Hall
Weekly Summer Youth Fitness
(Thursdays), 7:00 pm, SA Fields
- JULY 20**
Weekly Confession (Thursdays), 6:00 pm
- JULY 21**
Friday Night Bingo, 5:00 pm, Hilbert Hall
- JULY 22**
Outdoor Movie Night, 6:00 pm,
Boosters' Field
- JULY 28**
Wine Tasting & Concert, 6:00 pm
- JULY 29**
Outdoor Mass, 6:00 pm, Grotto
- AUGUST 2**
Dance Fitnezz begins (Tuesdays),
6:00 pm, Hilbert Hall

- AUGUST 4**
Friday Night Bingo, 5:00 pm, Hilbert Hall
- AUGUST 6**
The FEST
- AUGUST 10**
Young Adult Sippin' with Saints, 7:00 pm
- AUGUST 12**
Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am
Outdoor Mass, 6:00 pm, Grotto
- AUGUST 18**
Friday Night Bingo, 5:00 pm, Hilbert Hall
- AUGUST 20**
Donut Sunday
CWM Community Meal
- AUGUST 25**
Wine Tasting & Concert, 7:00 pm
- AUGUST 26**
Outdoor Mass, 6:00 pm, Grotto
- AUGUST 27**
K of C BBQ
- SEPTEMBER 1**
Friday Night Bingo, 5:00 pm, Hilbert Hall

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