

*“God will provide
for all that we need,
here at the
Table of Plenty.”*

EVERY DAY
GOD
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

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

fall events

September 2

Taste of India Dinner, 5:30 pm

September 4

Labor Day Mass, 9:00 am

September 9

Called by the Holy Spirit Retreat
KofC Steak Roast

September 10

Grandparent's Day

9/11 Concert, 2:00 pm

September 12

Mass of Remembrance, 6:30 pm

September 16 & 17

Ministry Fair Weekend

September 17

Catechetical Sunday

September 23

Polkafest, 5:30 pm

September 24

Guardians Catholic Family Day

XLT Night, 7:00 pm

September 25

Women's Guild Fall Luncheon

September 29

Couples Night Out, 6:00 pm

October 2

Parish Bus Trip

October 7

Autumn Harvest Festival

October 8

Noah's Ark Pet Blessing

October 14

Brunswick Chili Cook Off

October 21

Couples' Night Out, 6:00 pm

October 22

World Mission Sunday

XLT Night, 7:00 pm

October 27

Trick-or-Treat at Saint Ambrose

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 2

All Souls' Day

November 3-5

Raking for Joy Service Weekend

November 5

School Open House

November 11 & 12

Turkey Bowl

Christmas Boutique

November 12 & 13

Parish Fall Mission

There's something for everyone! Find more details and see our full monthly calendar at StAmbrose.us/events.

Every Day God!!!

Way back in January we introduced a simple phrase and song that was repeated over and again... **"Every Day God...Every Day God."** The message was simple: we have a God that can relate to our every day life (He came and dwelled among us.) and **Every Day**, we need to be so wise to consciously choose to walk with God. If we choose to walk with God, every day God promises to give us the grace, wisdom, strength and help we need. **Every Day God.**

A few weeks ago, I was in a conversation with someone who 'stopped by' the Church. Back in January they saw that message and read the explanation and, from that day, they have made a conscious choice to walk with the Lord. In the conversation, I asked, **"does it make a difference?"** **They looked up and smiled and said, "It has made all the difference in my life."**

As we walk into the Fall season, how do we make a conscious choice each day for the Lord. God promises to make all the difference in our lives. This newsletter is filled with wonderful opportunities to help you deepen your faith, walk more closely with the Lord, and put your faith into action/practice. Take ten minutes to consciously walk through it. **Find one way, one program, one activity, one something that you can choose to do this Fall at Saint Ambrose.**

As you will read, we are working hard to be a parish community that is welcoming, caring, and supportive of you and our members. Invite someone to join you at Saint Ambrose. A personal invitation can make all the difference.

In a special way, as we enter the autumn season, the one thing we can all do is make a conscious effort each week to come to Mass – join us at the Table of the Lord. Over and again, we sing this most beautiful song, "God will provide for all that we need, here at the Table of Plenty." This conscious, intentional choice will make all the difference.

Every Day I see God active, present and alive in our community of faith.

I witness so many of our members growing in faith and doing the work of the Lord. Every Day I witness and am blessed to see God's presence in our parish. May God bless you abundantly. Please let me know how I can be of help and support to you and your loved ones.



Father Bob Stec

P.S. As we walk into Fall, this is a good time to join a parish group - or ministry - or attend a parish program. Take some time to walk thru the newsletter and find ONE way for you to connect and become more involved at Saint Ambrose.

Weekly Reconciliation is back!

You are welcome to join every Thursday at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in our Church.

Monthly Reconciliation:

First Wednesday of the month
from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday in the Chapel from 9:00 am - 7:30 pm. Benediction is at 7:30 pm.

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bee hive buzz!

Off to Basic Training with a Blessing

On July 30, members of our parish community came together to give Deacon Nemet a beautiful blessing as he prepared to embark on a new and exciting endeavor of joining the United States Army. Dad and mom share that they are "very proud of Deacon for answering God's call to [choose] a military path in life."



Bringing the Young Closer to God

A shout out to Megan Stibley who spent her summer serving as a missionary at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus. Thanks to her commitment to serving others in the name of the Lord, thousands of young teens grew in their own faith and had an incredible summer camp experience!

Congratulations, Newly Weds!

Our very own Music Ministry director, Travis Jürgens and Geneva Chrysanthus who coordinates our Virtus program tied the knot on August 11, 2023. Family and friends gathered in our church to witness the blessed and very beautiful occasion.




Stepping Up to an Important Calling

Our member Dominic Kucera graduated from Padua this past spring. He's actually Mr. Padua of his class! Please keep Dominic in your prayers as he begins his first year at Borromeo Seminary. We not only wish him the best, we're also grateful that he has opened his heart to discern God's call in his life.



A Summer of Prepping and Planning

Our fiat Retreat Team spent the summer planning and preparing for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Each and every member of the team deserves a huge round of applause for their hard work and dedication. Please keep them all in your prayers as the new year begins!

**Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish**

Mass of Remembrance

In Remembrance to those who have lost their lives from overdose.


Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:30 pm

Mass followed by a light reception in Hilkert Hall.

Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish
929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH

"My soul is here, come love me with your prayers."

For more information, please contact Jennie Porco
JPorco@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7317.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
Diocese of Cleveland

Please visit our website to RSVP and include your loved one's name in this special time of prayer.

StAmbrose.us/Remembrance

Saint Ambrose Music Ministry presents

POLKAFEST

MASS & DINNER

SATURDAY

September 23, 2023

4:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Traditional Polish dinner, live Polka music from Tom Mroczka & Band, dancing, raffle baskets, & more!

TICKETS \$25

GET TICKETS ONLINE! StAmbrose.us/Polkafest



welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

May 1, 2023 – August 12, 2023

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!

Jamie & Nina Ashbacher
Alan & Faye Bartholomew
Kayla Becka
Phyllis Brainard
Todd & Heather Bucy
Stan & Barb Budzick
Michelle Clayton
Mitchell Collins & Jenna Vectricelis
Jeff & Debbie Cygan
Judith Dobbins
Liam Donnelly & Anna Findley
Matthew & Morgan Egizii
Jake & Nicole Frietchen
Alex Gardner & Megan Eckley
Gerrie Harwood
Susan Hawk
Patricia Hilko

Katheryne Hockey
Frank & Jo Ann Holy
Kevin & Sarah Jackson
Stephen & Shirley James
Mike Knopick
Paul & Stephanie Korfmacher
Jon & Gina Kostandaras
Sandra Kruczek
Matt & Erin Lamb
Brad & Colleen Larion
Lisa Lipker
Ralph Lucarelli
DJ & Rachel Lynch
Bill & Laura Madachik
Bob McRae
Rob & Krista Merhar
Rick & Lisette Mohos
Dean & Maureen Moore

Jim & Patty Moran
Pat & Carly Nicholson
Dominic Ohlrogge
Jeanne Porter
Larry & Marti Rufin
Ken & Jane Rulon
Shawn & Gigi Samsa
Skip & Vita Schmidt
Todd & Chelsea Sinclair
John & Kristina Smith
Rich & Kris Spisak
Gina Tabasso
Timothy & Tracy Ulery
Tom & Carol Wagner
Jonathan & Lauren West
John & Heather Whiteley
John & Dolores Woodside



Discover a ministry that you are a perfect fit for! Such as:

- Welcome people for Mass as an **Usher/Greeter**
- Help **decorate and care** for the Church
- Join the **Music Ministry** (all voices and instruments needed)
- Adopt a **small garden patch** (starting next Spring)
- **Visit our homebound** and elderly members
- Help care for our campus with our **Building/Grounds volunteers**

Guardians

CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY

At Progressive Field

Game Information:

- **Early Gates: 10:30am** - Enter through the Right Field Gate
- **Mass Starts: 11:30am** - Mass presided by Fr. Stec in the Family Deck
- **Gates Open: 12:30pm** - Gates open to all fans
- **First Pitch: 1:40pm** - Guardians take on the Orioles

Sunday, September 24

vs Baltimore Orioles

Ticket Options:

Outfield Club Seats, Lower Box
Front, Lower Box, Upper Box, Upper
Bleachers

To Purchase Tickets:

Visit link: <https://tinyurl.com/CFamDay23>

Use Code: Family

Must purchase no later than 48 hours prior to the game

Resale of tickets is prohibited and will result in cancellation



Scan for tickets

serving others Our community CARES for you!

Wigs for Kids Event Recap

One person can make a difference.....a world of difference.

Back in May one of our members asked if we could host a "Wigs for Kids" event. They wanted to find a meaningful and important way to help children during their cancer journey. In mid-August we were able to have our first Wigs for Kids event on a Sunday afternoon. 11 courageous people came forward and donated their hair (over 12 inches per person)! Many others had their hair cut with the proceeds going to Wigs for Kids. With the donations two children who have cancer will have wigs. We are grateful to help in small ways knowing they can make such a difference in someone's life.



**MERCY
MONDAYS**
SAINT AMBROSE

Thank you to EVERYONE who has been keeping the shelves well-stocked for those in need.

Please mark September 11, October 6, and November 2 on your calendar for our upcoming Mercy Mondays. Our collection is a drive-thru at the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Lend a Hand ♥ OneHope NEO OneHope NEO | Food Sorting & Distributions

NEXT DATES: September 19/20 and October 17/18

Food Sorting: Third Tuesday of the month in Hilkert Hall 4:00 pm. Volunteers pack bags of perishable and non-perishable foods that will be given to our friends and families that live in the Clark Fulton area of Cleveland, Ohio.

Food Distribution: Third Wednesday of the month at International Newcomers Academy. Distribute bags of food to families and individuals who are truly in need of this help.

If you can participate, contact Brandi Hill at Brandi@mejorviafoundation or Ed Plaspohl at eplaspohl@gmail.com.

Upcoming NAMI Walk Saturday, September 23

Edgewater Park, Cleveland, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saint Ambrose Mental Health Ministry is joining the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walks Greater Cleveland for the second time and we hope to surpass the \$2,500 we raised last year with almost 100 walkers!

We host a monthly NAMI facilitated support group and our partnership has enabled the Family to Family and Peer to Peer educational programs to come to neighbors in our community. We are walking to demonstrate care and raise funds to support NAMI.

Join our team or donate at
namiwalks.org/team/59301

If My People Pray

New Series starts October 11

Second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon
An hour of prayer for the United States.

We will pray a Patriotic Rosary, the Litany of Saints, and have time for quiet reflection and prayer. Come for the whole hour or stay for a few minutes. Our nation depends on you. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

A poster for a September Soup Supper event. The text is on a light background with a wooden texture. It says "SEPTEMBER Soup Supper" in large letters, followed by "Tuesday, September 19" and "6:00 - 8:00 pm". The location is "Parish Life Center Mother Teresa Room". The guest speaker is "Bill Reiff", an organ transplant recipient and board member of the Kidney Foundation of Ohio. The topic is "The blessing of Organ Transplants as part of our way of being 'pro-life' and living in the spirit of Christ." Logos for Harvest Walk and the Kidney Foundation of Ohio are at the bottom. A photo of soup is at the very bottom.

SEPTEMBER
Soup Supper
Tuesday, September 19
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Parish Life Center Mother Teresa Room

Guest Speaker
Bill Reiff
Organ transplant recipient and is on the board of directors for the Kidney Foundation of Ohio (KFO).

Topic: The blessing of Organ Transplants as part of our way of being 'pro-life' and living in the spirit of Christ.

HARVEST WALK KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF OHIO, INC.

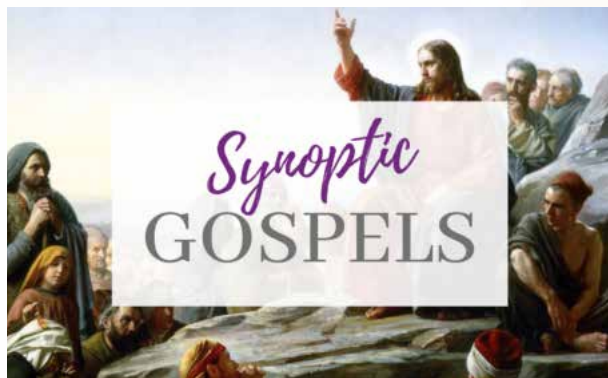
Find more great events at
www.StAmbrose.us/Fall

adult faith formation

We have wonderful opportunities for all men and women to grow in faith!

Ways for you to choose God every day during the beautiful and blessed season of fall.

Saint Ambrose Spiritual Life Faith Formation offers many opportunities for everyone at any age and at all stages of their faith journey. God holds our hand every minute of every day of our life. You are His priority so why not make Him yours, too! Walk with Him into the fall season right here at Saint Ambrose.



Synoptic Gospels with Father Bob Series begins on Monday, October 23

Join Father Bob for his teachings on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. He will look into their accounts collectively and comparatively and share his insights. This series will meet on Mondays at 6:45 pm in the Mother Teresa Room. Save the dates: 10/23, 11/27, 1/29, 2/19, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27.

To register, visit StAmbrose.us/AFF.

Alpha

Two Hours, Once a Week

Alpha is designed to create conversation and is an opportunity for people to safely connect with others to freely explore the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. All sessions include a video, great discussions, and a delicious meal. Grow closer to God or learn more about Jesus and the Christian way of life, by **signing up for FREE! Visit StAmbrose.us/Alpha and plan to join us every Tuesday starting September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Matthew room of the Lehner Center.**

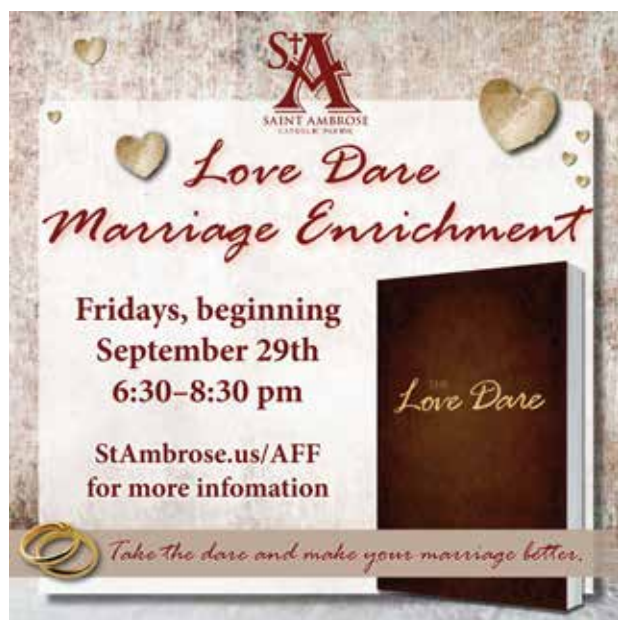


Enriching the Lives of Our Couples Couples' Night Out

Come celebrate each other while partaking in fun experiences. These are great opportunities to take a well-deserved break with your partner and enjoy a kid-free night! **Mark your calendars for October 13, November 17, and December 8 and visit StAmbrose.us/Marriage to find all the details and sign up.**

Couple-to-Couple Ministry

Our one-on-one program pairs our engaged couples with a trained, married, couple to walk together through their wedding preparations. We are always searching to build up our Couple-to-Couple Ministry. **You don't have to be in a perfect marriage to be in the ministry – what matters the most is that you love each other in a way to be a witness to our engaged couples.** Training is provided and we ask that you meet with at least two engaged couples throughout the year. Contact Kim Nemet at KNemet@StAmbrose.us or at 330.360.7316 to learn more.



For information about any of these opportunities, visit StAmbrose.us/AFF or contact Diane Heilman at 330.460.7320 / DHeilman@StAmbrose.us or Gayle Oboy at 330.460.7322 / GOboy@StAmbrose.us.

inspiring encounters

Called by the Spirit Retreat

Saturday, September 9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Do you have questions about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Bible?

- Does everyone have gifts?
- Are some stronger than others?
- Do I have a gift?
- How do I use them or cultivate these gifts?
- What is/are my gift(s)?

Get answers to these questions and more! Register for this day-long retreat at StAmbrose.us/Event/Called-By-the-Spirit.


Fall Parish Mission with DOUG & DAVE

Sunday, November 12 - Monday, November 13

Lighten up, folks, with "Mass Confusion." Enjoy this interactive and fun faith and music-filled catechetical comedy, featuring the wit and wisdom of Doug Brummel, the "man of many faces," and his cast of characters, along with accomplished musician and songwriter Dave Wilson.

The two men share a passion for their faith, family, humor and music, as they spread the joy of the Gospel! "Mass Confusion" engages, entertains, evangelizes and catechizes all at the same time. It's like a Catholic casserole with a blend of inspiration, catechesis and joy! Perfect for all ages and backgrounds. Invite your family and friends of all faiths!






Saint Ambrose Parish 2023-2024 Book Club


Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 pm | Beginning September 27

Book Club is a wonderful way to grow deeper in your faith.

We will be reading two powerful books that could be game-changers for your life and understanding.



September - November:
The first book we will read is called *Be Healed* by Bob Schuchts. If you suffer from spiritual or emotional wounds that is keeping you from reaching your goals or being your best self, you must join us. Bob Schuchts is a retired Catholic therapist and has a popular program at the John Paul II Healing Center for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing. We will be lead through the book by Jen Ricard, Executive Director of the non-profit organization Theology of the Body Cleveland.



November - April:
The second book we will read is *Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying Its Lessons Today* by Michael Barber. In the midst of so much discussion about the end times, what does Revelation teach us about living in the present moment, with our eyes focused on the heavenly Jerusalem? This explores these questions by taking a detailed look at Revelation and its rich tapestry of prophecy, history, and biblical allusion.

Faith & Fellowship Programs for the Faithful

Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." Here are more opportunities to partake in this fall:

Centering Prayer

This method of silent prayer prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation

The Bible Timeline® 24 week study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Join us starting in October on Wednesdays at 10:00 am or on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

To register for any of these opportunities, or to check out the many other Faith Formation programs at Saint Ambrose Parish, scan the QR code or visit StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation.



Social Justice Issues with Deacon Matt

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Once a month on Mondays, | 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm | Mother Teresa

Deacon Matt has a heart for the Church's social teaching and the rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Save the dates: 9/11, 10/9, 12/4, 1/15, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Options for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

ladies faith groups

Walking with Purpose

Two Different Studies this Year!

Hundreds of women have completed the Walking with Purpose Catholic Bible studies here at Saint Ambrose. What's even more impressive is that these women keep coming back (*with their friends!*) to become closer to God and to grow the relationships formed during their study session. So, this year, **we have TWO different studies:**

- **Opening Your Heart is the starting point of WWP.** This 22-lesson Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God! We explore the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.
- **The Study of John - Touching the Divine is for those who have completed Opening Your Heart.** Touching the Divine focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John.

Sessions begin September 19. We offer two times on Tuesdays in order to accommodate your schedule:
Tuesday mornings, at 9:30 am in the Mother Teresa Room or Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm in Hilker Hall.

Register and learn more at StAmbrose.us/Walking-with-Purpose.



Walking with Purpose Coffee Connects

Join us for coffee, real conversation, authentic relationships and an inspiring video and discussion. We're saving you a seat!

Join us monthly at 9:30 am in the Mother Teresa Room or **at 6:30 pm** in Hilker Hall on the following dates:

- September 19, 2023
- October 17, 2023
- December 12, 2023

Ministries designed just for the ladies!

StAmbrose.us/Womens-Ministry

Monday, September 25, 2023
10:30 am Prayer Service in the Chapel
11:00 am Lunch in Hilker Hall

\$30 ticket includes a 5-course lunch, live music by "T" and Rich Dueling Pianos, one door prize raffle entry, and lots of fun surprises!

BUY TICKETS AT THE SAINT AMBROSE PLC OFFICE!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

SAVE THE DATES!
NOVEMBER 12-13
STAMBROSE.US/WOMENS/GUILD



Ladies First!

Faith and Friendship

Last Tuesday of each month, 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm in the Mother Teresa Room.

A wonderful time for women of all ages to gather during the months of September to November, and from January through April.

Topics are chosen by the attendee's suggestions, which makes the meetings relevant and interesting. Check out the meeting topics for Fall 2023:

- **September 26:** The Eucharist - Bread of Life
- **October 24:** Staying Positive in a Negative World with guest speaker, Jane Baldwin
- **November 28:** Brie Baking and Pie Making with Dave Heilman

Come and we will fulfill your hunger for food, friendship, and faith. Please RSVP to Denise Daugherty at mathdenmom@aol.com for all meetings.

Men's Fellowship

Catholic Men in the World Today

Men's Fellowship is not a Bible study, but discussions that are focused mainly on issues of concern to men in the ordinariness of their everyday lives.

The current series, "Catholic Man in the World Today" is firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is meant to cultivate fun and build friendships within the community. **We learn from one another how to be better husbands, fathers, sons, or single adults.** Contact Deacon Tom Sheridan at TSheridan@StAmbrose.us for information or watch the bulletin for details.

Knights of Columbus Fall Programs

COR - Open to ALL Men

A new program for ALL men of our parish, Knights or not! "Cor" exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. **Join us every other Monday starting on September 18** in the Father McGivney room of the Lehner Center, from 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm.

Music Lights the Fire

Music plays an important part in our lives. From the emotion it evokes to the lyrics that stick with us, music encourages us to contemplate our lives in a deeper way. Join us for Music Lights the Fire on October 5 and 19 at the parish fire pit where we'll relax, listen to music, and spend time in faithful fellowship.



ministries just for men

Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney room.



Monthly

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every second Saturday of the month, at 8:30 am in the Mother Teresa Room or Hilkert Hall

RSVP AT STAMBROSE.US/MENS-BREAKFAST

Visit the website for more opportunities: StAmbrose.us/Mens-Ministry



STEAK ROAST

BUY TICKETS TODAY!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023



Tickets at the
PLC Office or at
KofC4847.org.

\$30/PER PERSON

Dinner includes a steak, baked potato, salad, a roll, and water or coffee. BYOB.



Adopt-A-Patch

We hope you will take some time to check out the beautiful Adopt-A-Patch Gardens located throughout our campus.

A special thank you to all our Adopt-A-Path members who use their green thumbs and love for nature to bring life and beauty to our parish grounds, all for the glory of God!

We can always use some extra help! If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Bernie Zavada at berniezavada@gmail.com.

music ministry



Summer Filled with Blessings Lots More to Come!

Thanks to those of you who came to our summer concerts! We had a blast and made many wonderful memories.



Join us on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 pm for a concert with our Music Ministry and the Medina Community Band. Selections will include many patriotic tunes as we remember those who died on September 11, 2001. The concert will be outdoors, behind the school, weather permitting.

Many of our musicians will perform at **Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on Sunday, September 24.**

Additional concerts will be scheduled soon, including our annual Advent Concert on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30pm. Stay tuned for more information! May God bless you this Fall!

- Travis Jürgens

9/11 Memorial Concert with the Medina Community Band September 10 at 2:00 pm

Join us to remember the courageous men and women, and victims of 9/11.

This commemorative and beautiful concert with music and prayer will be held in the parking lot behind Saint Ambrose School (weather permitting).



Evan Stracensky Glad to be back!

Evan Stracensky loves to sing and is glad to be back at Saint Ambrose Parish to cantor at Masses like he did during grade school. **He is a senior at Holy Name High School where he performs in the choir/musicals and plays on the football team, wrestles, and is finishing up becoming an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.** He is so grateful that Miss Cha reached out and encouraged him to join the choir again. She is also helping him with voice training. He was so excited to be picked to cantor a part of the Mass at The FEST even though the rain moved the Mass indoors and canceled all the instruments and solos. He still enjoyed singing with his three siblings in the choir at the highlight of the summer, The FEST.



Michelle Cha Welcome to the parish!

Michelle Cha became a member of our parish's pastoral staff earlier this year as our Minister of Performing Arts. After studying voice and piano at Ohio Northern University, Michelle went on to get her master's in vocal performance from The University of Akron. She has studied with famous conductors, teachers, and musicians in both the classical and pop/rock arena.

Having toured, been on an international cd, and done musical theatre since she was 13, she is excited to take her talents to new heights for God's mission at Saint Ambrose. She is currently working closely with our parish members who are in high school and are interested in enhancing their skills in the performing arts.

In addition to her role at Saint Ambrose School and with the fiat Band and Cantors, Michelle has taken the lead in managing our children's choirs, too. There is so much interest from our youngest members to sing for our parish community at Masses that we have created two separate children's choirs. **The Angels Choir is for children ages 8-11 and members of the Cherubs Choir are ages 5-7.** Michelle is excited for weekly Thursday rehearsals to begin on September 7.

We encourage you to welcome Michelle to our community - introduce yourself! For more information on our fiat Band and Cantors and/or the Angels Choir or Cherubs Choir, please email Michelle at MCha@StASchool.us.



Going Through a Difficult Season? Sad, lonely, or stressed?

Support is Here for You at Saint Ambrose Parish

A recent Stephen Ministry care-receiver shared, *"The help provided by my Stephen Minister in such a caring and spiritual fashion allowed me to open doors and break down walls that I never could have done on my own. My Stephen Minister was so perfectly matched to me that I know God had a hand in putting us together. Receiving help from Stephen Ministry keep going through one of the hardest and loneliest times of my life."*

You are not alone. If you or someone you know is struggling, visit StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry to learn more about getting FREE and confidential support from a trained Stephen Minister. Contact Lisa Homady at lhomady@stambrose.us or 330-460-7315, or Carol Maline at cmaline@stambrose.us or 330-460-7336.



GriefShare

Navigating Life after Loss

If your heart is heavy with the memory of someone you've loved and lost, we warmly welcome you to this Christ-centered program with a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult times. We provide a private environment and a safe place where you can share your story or find comfort in listening to others.

- **Tuesdays, at 9:00 am** in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room
- **Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm** in the Lehner Center Father McGivney Room

The upcoming series meets September 12/13 - December 12/13. Please RSVP to Denise Golan at Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com.



GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays

November 4, 2023, at 11:30 am in the Mother Teresa Room

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Help and hope as you navigate the holiday season is here. Join us for a video and discussion where you can share your story. A light luncheon will follow. RSVP by emailing Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com by October 21.

rest in peace

Rita M. Andrlich
Donald Baker
Daniel R. Chriszt
Marie Comella-Ipavec
Francis Delorm
Barbara Dick
Angela DiTeodoro

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Joann Sheridan
Maria Slis
John Sochinsky

Raymond T. Strazar
Michael David Thomas II
Timothy Ulery
Aaron Vasel
James Wood

In loving memory of those who passed May 1, 2023 – August 12, 2023

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

Join us for All Souls' Day Mass on November 2, 2023.

Who Better to Follow than Jesus, Who is *Everything* for Us!

Saint Ambrose Catholic School opens its doors each morning with a warm welcome to our students as they begin another exciting day in preparation for their future. We start the day with grateful hearts, gathered together in morning prayer, followed by the cheerful unison of young voices as they recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Our classrooms are filled with life, with inquiry, with promise, with commitment, with faith and with love. Joyful excellence is in the air we breathe.

Saint Ambrose Catholic School is a special place where bright futures begin and the Holy Spirit is alive and well.

We are thrilled to welcome all of our Angels to what promises to be a transformative new school year!

Joyfully,

Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*



Welcome to a New School Year!

Lisa and I are excited to welcome all the staff and students back into the building. I am blessed and honored to serve as the Assistant Principal at Saint Ambrose School. **I am looking forward to continuing to meet everyone and build connections with students and their families.** Please stop and say hello at Mass.

God Bless,
Mr. Tom Krebs, *Assistant Principal*



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, November 5, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

All are invited and welcome. Please RSVP at SaintAmbroseSchool.us for a tour led by one of our students.

We are already planning for our 2023-2024 school year! The timeline for admissions and enrollment kicks off in January each year. You can find more information at SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Admissions.

A Champion Among Us

Congratulations, Annabelle!

Earlier this summer, our own Annabelle and her teammate Ashton from Detroit became champions of the NBA Global Math Hoops competition. **Only twenty-four of the 206,000 applicants from all over the world were invited to attend the competition that was held in New York City.**



Not only did Annabelle and her teammate Ashton win the 2023 NBA Math Hoops Global Championship, Annabelle also received the Best Sportsmanship Award. **We are so proud of Annabelle and grateful to her** for representing Saint Ambrose School and Parish, our Diocese and community, the Cleveland Cavs, and the United States so well!

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\$650 - \$6,165
in scholarship amounts.

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SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Scholarships



SAINT AMBROSE
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SAINT AMBROSE ANGELS PRESCHOOL

Teaching Our Youngest Angels

Excitement as we begin the new year!

We were excited to welcome 165 three, four and five year olds to our Littlest Angels Preschool campus for this school year, after completing a very successful 10 weeks of summer camp. **Our campus is alive with excitement, learning and laughter!**

As we continue to grow in enrollment and expand our curriculum, we congratulate **Mrs. Melissa Yarmesch** in her new position of Assistant Preschool Director. Many thanks to **Mrs. Jeffi, Mrs. Petrigac, Miss Franc, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Mick, Miss Jones, Mrs. Colbert, Mrs. Weihrouch, and Mrs. Buzek** as they continue their ministry at Littlest Angels Preschool. We are blessed with an amazing, talented team!

In God's Love,
Mrs. Catherine Mitchell
Preschool Director & Teacher



Funraising At-a-Glance

For the 2022-2023 school year, Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool raised \$267,344 across three Key Fundraisers and an additional \$74,067 in We Give Catholic and other donations...totaling 341,431!

The dollars raised from the We Give Catholic campaign in November 2022 went directly to supporting our teachers and to our Angels Annual Fund. There are four key fundraisers (as shown in the pie chart) that helped the success of raising that much money.

Our annual fundraising efforts allow us to continue enhancing our school, specifically with the following expenses:

- Building updates such as the installation of new flooring and cabinets in the grade 2 classrooms; purchase of new desks for grade 2; and locker expansion for grades 1 and 2.
- Next Generation education and learning programs such as purchasing additional Chromebooks and upgrading software for Promethean Boards.
- Installation of new flooring throughout the school's hallways.
- New playground equipment at LAPS.
- New Clevertouch boards and lunch tables and chairs at LAPS.
- SAS tuition assistance
- Principal's programs

Please reach out to the Institutional Advancement Team with any questions.

We are so grateful for your generous support!



Angels Golf & Give Tournament

Friday, September 29, 2023

We invite all parish families to join us for our annual Angels Golf & Give fundraiser on Friday, September 29, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Tickets are on sale now!

If you can't attend the event, you can still help support our Golf Ball Drop fundraiser and purchase a golf ball for \$5 for a chance to WIN \$250. Every golf ball makes a difference because our goal for this year is to raise \$75,000. This fundraiser supports Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose School and allows us to continue to provide the very best for every one of our students.

Interested in sponsoring or attending the event or sponsorship opportunities? Visit us online at SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Golf.



PSR - Parish School of Religion

It's "Follow the Leader" for 2023-2024

Our Parish School of Religion is excited to be kicking off a new faith formation year. Our PSR Leadership team has been hard at work this summer planning a faith-filled year for our students and their families.

PSR IN-PERSON

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Mondays from 6:30 - 7:45 pm OR Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:45 pm

PSR classes will begin Wednesday, September 6 and Monday, September 11.

FAMILY OF FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our Family of Faith Formation is offered once a month in the Lehner Center on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 am. This model is designed for family catechesis. Families will grow in faith together through prayer, scripture and fun activities. Sessions will begin on Saturday, September 9.

FAMILY HOME SCHOOL MODEL

The Family Home School model allows parents to be the primary teacher in their child's faith formation. Our goals are to assist families in "seeding the Catholic Faith" into each child's heart and fully integrate the family and the child into the Saint Ambrose Parish community. Families will receive a Family Home School handbook with instructions for the program along with books and online resources to utilize. Parents of our Family Home School program should plan to attend the following meetings:

- Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, October 7, at 9:30 am

Journey with Jesus

Sunday Morning Preschool Program for Ages 3-5

Our Journey with Jesus program holds classes from September - May during the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Mass times. Children will learn the stories of Jesus in a fun, active, and faith-filled environment. Journey with Jesus will kick off on Sunday, September 10.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children in Grades 1-3 are invited to join during Mass!

CLOW will resume the weekend of September 9 and 10 during the 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am Mass times. All children in grades 1-3 are invited to participate. Children will be dismissed from the Mass right before the readings and proceed to the Chapel where they will hear and learn the Scripture message in a way that will help them to relate on their own level. They'll return with their catechist after the homily and ready to share their interpretation of the weekend's readings.

There is a faith formation program for every age!

If you have questions or need additional information about how we can help pass on our faith in Jesus Christ to your child(ren) or grandchild(ren), please contact Janet Majka at JMajka@stambrose.us or call 330.460.7321.



Junior High - ABLAZE

Back and Better Than Ever!

Teresa McCombs is thrilled to be returning to Saint Ambrose as the Junior High Youth Ministry Coordinator. She grew up here at Saint Ambrose and shares that her "own faith helped her through some tough times as a teenager. Our junior high teens are in such a unique time in their lives: they're figuring out who they are as individuals while being so easily influenced by their peers and what is popular." This is why Teresa is so excited to be back here in this capacity. **She feels strongly that young people, particularly those in grades 6-8, need to feel known and loved—especially by God!**



Teresa is passionate about being able to help our junior high aged members and is looking forward to showing preteens that the God of the Universe is madly in love with them and **will help them through all of life's struggles.** She knows though that her mission will start with the parents of our junior high students. She passionately and kindly exclaims that she "needs help" and goes on to explain that "parents are their children's first example of how to live a life devoted to God."

As we know from the research and statistics Fr. Bob so often shares, **pre-teens and teens are yearning for love, attention, and spiritual formation from adults—especially their parents.** With there being so many things that can fill a parent's schedule, Teresa implores parents to make their child's spiritual growth a priority. She wants to assure parents that "Together, we will help your child to grow in discipleship. And remember, the best thing we can do with our children is pray with them!"

Students in junior high and their parents should regularly check the bulletin and their email inboxes for ABLAZE updates. For more information **please visit StAmbrose.us/ABLAZE or contact Teresa McCombs at 330.460.7300 or at TMcCombs@StAmbrose.us.**

Upcoming: Warmth Project

As the seasons change and you clean out your closets, donations of new or gently used and washed coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and warm socks for all ages and sizes are needed – babies, adults, boys, girl, men, and women! Drop at Saint Ambrose by November 18!

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• HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY •



An Incredible Summer!

Faith & Fun Under the Sun

We had an incredible summer with our high school teens – from volunteering at the parish festival to game nights and youth conferences, our teens have been busy this summer and have had a lot of fun along the way!



Fall fiat Kick Off

Kick off the fall semester with fiat on Sunday, September 10, following the 5:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm – join us for an incredible evening with great food, prizes, friends and more!

fiat Nights Join us for 5:00 pm Mass every Sunday followed by a fun night of faith and friendship, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

XLT All are welcome to join us for XLT (Exalt!) Nights – evenings of Eucharistic Adoration with praise & worship music. Join us this fall on **September 24 and October 22**, at 7:00 pm in the Church!



join the journey

The Time is Now!

Have you ever asked...

- What am I looking for in life?
- What is the meaning of my life?
- How can I be a better person?
- What can I do about the loneliness I feel?
- How can I come to know God's love?
- How can I know the right path God has in store for me?

The Catholic way of life awaits you and the answers to those questions come from God. Don't wait - if you are an adult and wish to become a Catholic, join our next Journey to Emmaus session that begins on Sunday, September 10. Contact Janet Majka at Jmajka@stambrose.us or 339-460-7321.

JOURNEY TO Emmaus

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH



Reach More at Saint Ambrose Parish

An Update from Father Andrew

Last year, we launched a new formation series called "Reach More." It's all about living your Christian life to the fullest, with the most meaning, and unlocking the potential to impact those around you. The program helps us to focus on our connection with Christ, invest in our relationships, and build skills that help us be intentional about bringing others to Christ. This formation is not about joining a new ministry as much as it is about developing your everyday life to become the mission field for bringing Christ to those around you. It's not about "going public" with your faith as in standing on a street corner to announce your beliefs out loud. What it's really about is noticing the opportunities you already have to help the people around you move forward in faith. The program teaches the skills necessary to do so gracefully, lovingly, and comfortably.

The nature of the discipleship created by the Reach More program is such that it is more of a controlled burn, making its way slowly through the parish. But, at the very least I wanted to inform our parish community about the level of dedication and willingness to learn that our Reach More disciples possess. If this is something that also piques your interest, please reach out to me directly at AHoover@StAmbrose.us to learn more.

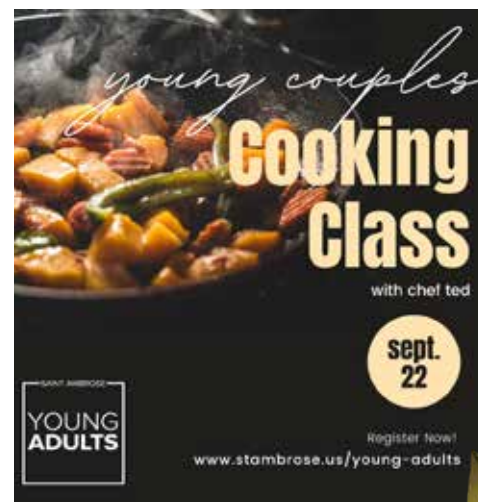


Young Adults Ministry

It's For You!!!

The Saint Ambrose Young Adults is a network of adults in their 20s and 30s who are single, married, and/or young parents. We offer an array of events and opportunities for service, community, and faith-building.

No commitment is required – just join us for gatherings when you can, and feel free to bring a friend, sibling, spouse, etc.





Route 66 Senior Ministry Fun Fall Opportunities

We have so much planned for our seniors, it's like being a kid again! We plan our events on different days and times to accommodate the schedules of our busy seniors.

Socials: Bring your friends, connect with old ones, or make some new ones. We'll enjoy themed fun and food!

Lunch & Learns: Come for a light lunch, to learn something new, or take part in a fun craft.

Rec/Fit/Fun: This is our evening programming designed for seniors who are unavailable during the day. Something different is planned each month; hiking, line dancing, painting, pickle ball, fishing, croquet, and much more!

If you have any questions, or to learn more, please contact Joyce Osowski at JOsowski@StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7341 and leave a message.



Save the Dates!

Noah's Ark Pet Blessing: October 8
Come to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with your family pet and receive a special blessing and gift. *Don't forget your leash :)*

Bus Trip: October 2-3
Noah's Ark & Creation Museum |
Kentucky Overnight


Holiday Bus Tour: December 7
Celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Ambrose!



There's something for everyone at Saint Ambrose.

We are blessed to have wonderful opportunities for our empty nesters and our seniors. Here are a few opportunities.

We always want to hear your ideas!
(josowski@StAmbrose.us).



FALL 2023 At-A-Glance

SEPTEMBER

- September 6: Coffee & Donut Social
- September 12: Lunch & Learn
- September 22: Rec/Fit/Fun - Painting
- September 28: Johnny Appleseed Social

OCTOBER

- October 4: Coffee & Donut Social
- October 13: Pickle Ball & Chili
- October 19: Lunch & Learn - Declutter
- October 27: Halloween Party
- October 31: Strength Class

NOVEMBER

- November 1: Coffee & Donut Social
- November 16: Fall Social
- November 20: Pickle Ball
- November 28: Lunch & Learn - Advent Wreath



**SAINT AMBROSE
TRICK-OR-TREAT!**

Friday, October 27
6:00 – 8:00 pm

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

Visit dozens of candy stations throughout our
campus for our 3rd Trick-or-Treat event!

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

StAmbrose.us/Trick-or-Treat

ADOPT • A • BOOTH!
Calling all Ministries, Groups,
Companies, or Families to come
together to pass out candy! Email
Jake@stambrose.us for a booth!

**Best Dressed Booth gets
\$250 in Marc's Gift Cards!**

Trick or Treat at Saint Ambrose

**Battle of Brunswick
CHILI
COOK-OFF!**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2023**
5:00 – 8:00 pm

CHILI FOR A CAUSE!
Raising funds for Cleveland Clinic
Childhood Cancer in honor of Collin Nemet

\$20 ADULT TICKETS:

- ★ Sample of each Chili
- ★ Bowl of your Favorite Chili
- ★ Entry in 50/50 raffle!

\$5 CHILDREN UNDER 12:

- ★ Mac & Cheese
- ★ Juice Box
- ★ Craft & Activities!

EXTRAS!

- \$1** Pop & Water, Chips, Fritos, extra Chili sample, Bakery
- \$5** Extra Bowl of Chili
- \$10** Take Home Container of Chili

Saint Ambrose Parish, Hilkert Hall • 929 Pearl Road

GET TICKETS ONLINE!
StAmbrose.us/Chili

**SAINT AMBROSE
BINGO**

Bring a friend to
play BINGO on
Friday nights!

Check out our BINGO food and game specials and
purchase packages online at **StAmbrose.us/BINGO**

September 1 • September 15 • October 6 • October 20

Saint Ambrose Parish

**CPR
TRAINING**

**Learn Lifesaving Skills
From the Experts**

Join us and learn how to save a life!

**Saturday
September 23 | 9 - 11 AM**

HALLOWEEN NEON BINGO

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Doors open at 5:30pm • Bingo begins at 7:15pm!

TICKETS \$35 / person

LIMITED TO 300 PEOPLE

Includes all BINGO Games, Neon Dauber and Dinner

AUTUMN DINNER!

Chili bar, cornbread, & warm apple crisp

Purchase tickets online or at Saint Ambrose Parish Office.

Contact Melissa with questions at MPulte@StAmbrose.us.

18 years and older, only.

A fun night with friends!

Saint Ambrose Parish in Hilkert Hall
929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212

StAmbrose.us/BINGO



DJ and Music, Black Lights, Minute-to-Win-It Games and Instant!



Service Activity

We Made It Even Easier to Serve Others!

This season, we chose an act of service that has a great need this time of year! Together, during this weekend, we will joyfully rake leaves for someone who could use a hand.

This family-friendly service project and the time commitment is just a couple of hours, or as many as you'd like, scheduled during service week at your preference.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH FALL 2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Raking for JOY!

NOVEMBER 3-5

Choose time slots that fit your schedule!

We need YOU to be a part of our team to help others in our community. Join us as we come together to *Serve with the Compassion of Christ*.

Spend a couple of hours connecting with others while we serve God as we do His work! It's also a wonderful way for students to earn service hours.

SIGN UP @ STAMBROSE.US/SERVICE!

Contact Gabby Moss with questions
at GMoss@StAmbrose.us.





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SAINT AMBROSE

Autumn Harvest Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Great Family Event

5:00 pm Outdoor Mass in the Grotto

6:00 - 8:00 pm Outdoor Fun & Food!

Meal including hotdogs, chips & drink.

Crafts • Corn Maze • Pumpkin Bowling

Pumpkin Painting • Hay Rides • DJ

Autumn Backdrop for Family Photos!

Please bring your own chairs & blankets.

RSVP at StAmbrose.us/Fall

