



A Guide to Our Parish

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH DIRECTORY

2024 - 2025



Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish

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Stewardship Prayer

My Church is composed of people like me.

I can help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, ***if I am friendly.***

It will be holy, ***if I am holy.***

Its pews will be filled, ***if I help fill them.***

It will do great work, ***if I work.***

It will be prayerful, ***if I pray.***

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others to worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a Church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity, and mercy,
***if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.***

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself
to the task of being all the things we want our
Church – Saint Ambrose – to be.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 am; and Thursday at 5:30 pm

Weekday Prayer Services: Monday at 5:30 pm; Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 am

Saturday Prayer Services: 8:15 am in the Chapel, except for the 1st Saturday of the month which is a Mass in the Church

Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Monthly Reconciliation The 1st Wednesday of the month from 4:30 – 6:00 pm or by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the PLC Office at 330.460.7300.

Weekly Reconciliation: Thursday 6:00 pm

Our Patron Saint Ambrose of Milan Feast Day Celebrated on December 7

Weekly Adoration: Monday 9:00 am – 7:30 pm, except holidays

Our Church and Chapel are open daily from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. Find the most up-to-date schedule at www.StAmbrose.us/Mass-Times/.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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





On your mark... get set... GO!!!

We all know the familiar commands to help us “run the race”!!!

In the 2024 - 2025 pastoral year we, as a Parish community, are going to reflect on one word – **GO!!!**

You’ll see it brought to life in a variety of ways:

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Go with God and fight with heart.

Go make a difference!

Go, your faith has healed you.

Go out to all the world and spread the Good News.

Jesus used the command – GO – quite often in the Word of Scripture. He was trying to move the people of His time (and all of us) to Go with God... Go and Spread the Good News... and to use their lives (and ours) to Go and make a difference!!!

Our Parish is blessed to be alive in Christ – filled with God’s Spirit – with many ways to pray, worship, serve, and come together as a community of faith.

I encourage you – invite you – challenge you – to find a way (or two), to get involved in the life of our Parish community. This Parish directory of ministries and programs has literally hundreds of ways for you to get involved in our Parish – deepen your faith – and find the support and care of our community of faith. **There is something at Saint Ambrose for everyone – of every age.**

So... on your mark... get set... GO and jump into this booklet. **Find a way for you and your family to try something new.**

As you do, you will find great joy and peace in the Lord.

Let’s all use this pastoral year to Go forth and Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

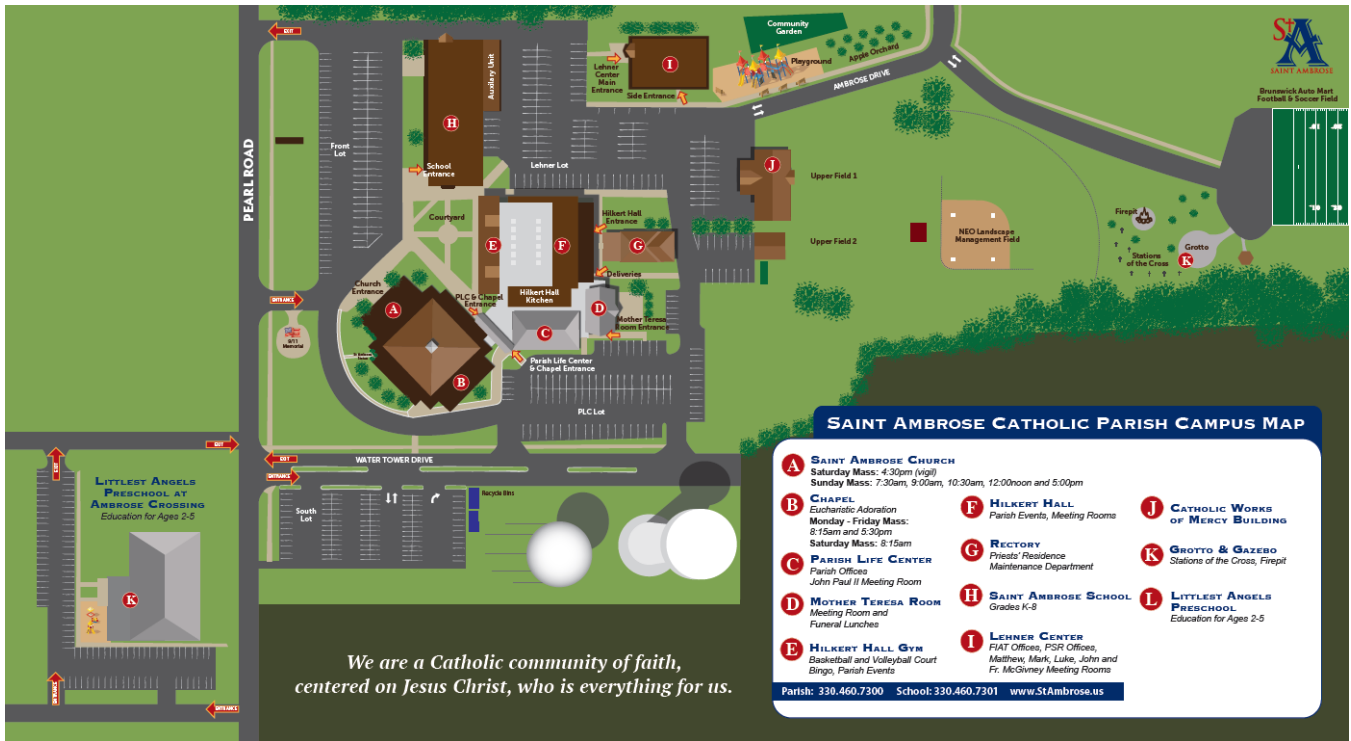
Go with God!!! God is with you wherever you GO. (Joshua 1:9)

God bless you, your family and our Parish family.

Father Bob Stec

GO!
GOD IS WITH YOU
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH
Joshua 1:9

PARISH CAMPUS MAP



We are blessed to continually receive updates to our campus. Please scan the QR code below for the most current campus map.



www.StAmbrose.us/Campus-Map/

I.C.E.

The words "Innovation, Collaboration and Engagement" (I.C.E. Initiative) came about at a Pastoral Parish Council meeting at the end of 2022. Our Pastor, Father Bob Stec, thought it would be a resource for all ministries to focus on, and to open minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit.

The Parish community members and staff members were asked to submit a word that best described to them what the Parish of Saint Ambrose means to them. Many responses were received and after review by the Parish Pastoral Ministry a list of more than 60 words was compiled. The list of words was further narrowed down to 34 in total by March 2023.

The I.C.E. Initiative was developed into a word collage framed and presented to all ministries to incorporate into each ministry.



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Life Center: Located next to Saint Ambrose Church, including a reception area and home to various offices including Father Bob Stec, Father Dan Samide, and Pastoral Staff. Meeting rooms such as John Paul II and Mother Teresa are also in this building.

Parish Office: 330.460.7300

Parish Email Address: Info@StAmbrose.us

Parish Website: www.StAmbrose.us

Parish School of Religion (PSR): 330.460.7302

Parish Life Center Summer Hours:

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Parish Life Center Normal Hours:

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 8:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

See the full Pastoral Staff, Support Team, Parish Life Team, Evangelization Office, Business Office, PSR Support Staff, Parish Leaders, and Vision 20/35 Team at www.StAmbrose.us/Staff.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: StAmbrose.us

Instagram: Saint_Ambrose_Brunswick

YouTube: StAmbroseBrunswick

X (Formerly Twitter): @StAmbroseChurch

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Office: 330.460.7301

Admissions Office: 330.460.7318

School Website: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

School Fax: 330.225.5425

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL STAFF

See the full School Staff, Leadership Team, Team Leaders, Preschool Teachers, Elementary Teachers, Educational Aides, Enrichment and Intervention Team, Institutional Advancement, and Maintenance Team at www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Faculty.

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: SaintAmbroseSchoolBrunswick

Instagram: SaintAmbroseSchoolBrunswick

YouTube: SaintAmbroseCatholicSchool

X (Formerly Twitter): @SAS_Brunswick



ALWAYS CONNECTED

"There is something for everyone at Saint Ambrose" and in living out our Parish charisms, we strive to meet our members and visitors where they are and always providing the option to stay connected. When being together in person is not an option or a preference of meeting or program participants, the Parish encourages ministry leaders and members to take advantage of the meetings and programs online or by video. Below is a list of virtual ways ministry leaders may establish for their members in order to stay connected when being in person is not an option or preference. Many of these platforms are available on multiple devices and have free download versions allowing for broad accessibility. It is recommended that you create your own individual account for each platform.

VIRTUAL MINISTRY & MEETING PLATFORMS

Zoom (Video and audio conferencing + chat features + screen share ability)

- The meeting facilitator will need to head to www.zoom.us to create a free account.
- Meeting facilitators can create a meeting and send out the link and instructions to participants.
- Meetings can last up to 40 minutes with the free account, up to 100 people.
- Participants can join via computer or mobile device.
- To join from a mobile device, go to the device app store to download the Zoom app and create a free account.



Google Duo, formerly Google Meet (Video calls)

- Accessible on smartphones, tablets, and computers.
- Accommodates up to 12 people.
- On a mobile device, go to the device's app store, search for "Google Duo," and tap on the download button.
- On a PC or laptop, go to www.duo.google.com to get started.



Skype (Video and audio calls + chat features)

- Accessible on smartphones, tablets, and computers.
- Accommodates up to 50 people.
- From a computer, head to www.skype.com to get started and to create a free account.
- To join from a mobile device, go to the device app store to download the Skype app and create a free account.



Google Chat, formerly known as Google Hangout (Video and audio call, chat features, screen share ability)

- Up to 15 people can participate.
- Meeting facilitators will need to log in to their Google account and go to www.hangouts.google.com to set up a video or phone call and send an invitation to participants.
- Participants can join via computer or with the Google Hangouts app on their mobile device.



COLLABORATION/PARISH LEADERSHIP ADVISORY

BOY SCOUT TROOP #513

WHO WE ARE: Boy Scout Troop #513, chartered by Saint Ambrose Parish, is a youth organization for boys, ages 10 - 18. Under the guidance of over 25 adult leaders, the scouts develop various skills, including strong character, timeless values, and leadership.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve our local community in many ways such as sponsoring American Red Cross Blood Drives, participating in Adopt-a-Roadway, serving military veterans, the adopting families at Christmas through Catholic Works of Mercy, and contributing to other special fundraisers, like the Italian Dinner.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Scouts-for-Boys; info@bsatrop513.org;
Frank Gati, Charter Organization Representative, 330.273.4366;
John C. Frohlich, *Committee Chairman*, 330.273.6839



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (B&G)

WHO WE ARE: The Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) is a group of members who are dedicated to the upkeep of the Parish campus and facilities by working in conjunction with the Parish Pastor and maintenance team to answer various maintenance needs.

HOW WE SERVE: From painting walls to patching holes, we have seen almost all. Members of our team have even been able to help with basic electrical and plumbing repairs. The Building & Grounds Committee are relied on heavily when it comes to prepping for our annual Summer Festival and other major Parish events.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Building-Grounds-Committee;
Jim Nowak, jimno919@aol.com, 216.214.5562; Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING TEAM

WHO WE ARE: A group of parishioners who love bringing the message and hope of Christ to our Parish and broader community.

HOW WE SERVE: We promote events and ministry information to our Parish, school families, and the community.

CONTACT: Madison Stumbaugh, MStumbaugh@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7340;
Rebecca Kaaikaula, Rkaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

CUB SCOUTS OF AMERICA #3513

WHO WE ARE: Cub Scouts, a part of Boy Scouts of America, serves boys and girls in grades K - 5. Cub Scout volunteers are made up of the families of the children involved in the scouting program. The goals of the Cub Scouting program are to build character, foster citizenship, and develop physical, mental, emotional, and moral fitness through the completion of various activities that are fun and challenging.

HOW WE SERVE: Each year, the pack hosts a Halloween party, Christmas party, the Pinewood Derby, a Blue & Gold Banquet, and a Summer Boat Race for the scouts and their families. The pack is also involved in several community service activities, such as Scouting for Food, Good Will/Good Turn Day, Adopt-A-Patch, and Catholic Works of Mercy.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Scouts-for-Boys; Chris Oudeman, *Cub Master*, oudemanchris@gmail.com; Carla Karla, *Committee Chair*, ckarla2@icloud.com



ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE: We are a committee that works with and advises the Pastor on Parish investment and endowment matters.

HOW WE SERVE: The Saint Ambrose Endowment Fund receives and administers gifts and contributions for charitable, religious, educational and social service purposes. We operate the fund consistent with the principles, teachings and philosophy of the Roman Catholic Church and Saint Ambrose Parish.

MEMBERS: Jake Bihari, Chuck Cangelosi, Lisa Cinadr, Bob Downs, Randy Fuerst, Mary Jo Halenar, Robert Heinrich, Michael Koler, Mike Kubasak, Father Bob Stec, Heather Welsh

CONTACT: Randy Fuerst, rjfuerst@zoominternet.net, 330.722.8909;
Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

EVANGELIZATION

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners dedicated to sharing our Catholic Faith with parishioners and people within the community.

HOW WE SERVE: We help our community welcome, invite, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The committee is a part of the Spiritual Life Commission. It hosts programs to invite all inactive Catholics to come back to the Church.

CONTACT: Janet Majka, JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of girls, grades kindergarten through grade 8, led by adult volunteers, who meet every other week to work on crafts, educational projects, music, drama, and other skills toward the achievement of Girl Scout badges.

HOW WE SERVE: Each troop meets and plans activities and service projects and participates in service unit events.

CONTACT: Ministry@StAmbrose.us

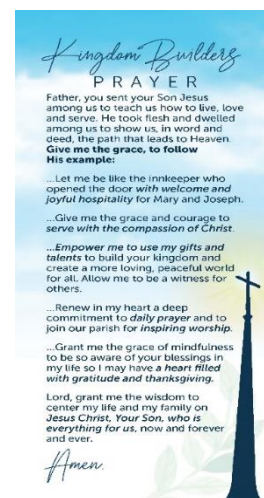


KINGDOM BUILDERS

WHO WE ARE: We are the Parish leaders who remain highly engaged in regular conversations about the charisms and qualities of our Parish community.

HOW WE SERVE: In 2021, through the development of Kingdom Building, we established five major Parish charisms: 1) We Welcome with Joyful Hospitality; 2) We Serve with the Compassion of Christ; 3) We Engage and Empower Others; 4) We Inspire with Prayer and Worship; and 5) We Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts. These are ways our members make our community of Saint Ambrose unique and articulate the ways we are called to live and act as a community of faith centered on Jesus Christ.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Kingdom-Builders;
Father Bob Stec, BSTec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4847

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of men (age 18+), dedicated to serving our Parish and community. The Brunswick Council 4847 was chartered in 1959 and is one of 13,000 councils worldwide. We are a Catholic fraternal benefit society that was formed to offer financial aid and assistance to its members and their families.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve our Lord by actively serving our Parish and the greater community through activities, events, and functions centered on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

2024 - 2025 LEADERSHIP: Dave Heilman, *Grand Knight*;
Robert Zigmon, *Deputy Grand Knight*; John O'Malley, *Chancellor*

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Knights-of-Columbus;
David Heilman, *Grand Knight*, davidpheilman24@gmail.com;
Robert Zigmont, *Deputy Grand Knight*, robertzigmont@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY #3105

WHO WE ARE: All members MUST be a Third Degree member of Council #4847 prior to joining. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to our country through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called “assemblies”).

HOW WE SERVE: Certain members of our assembly serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

2024 - 2025 LEADERSHIP: Joe Gendron, *Faithful Navigator*; John O'Malley, *Faithful Captain*;
Anthony Comella, *Faithful Admiral*

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Knights-of-Columbus;
Joe Gendron, *Faithful Navigator*, jgendron407@aol.com;

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

WHO WE ARE: We are a Catholic community of faith, centered on Jesus Christ, who is everything for us.

HOW WE SERVE: As Parish Finance Council we are commissioned to be wise stewards of our Parish resources; to ensure best practices and responsible planning for our Parish pastoral life, programming, and facilities; and, to engage, empower, and equip our Parish employees and members to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

2024 - 2025 MEMBERS: Chas Besenfelder, Bob Cebula, Joy Clickenger, Jeff Cygan, Luda Galinas, Timothy Krall, Bill Melchior, Al Morrison, Bryce Rausch, Father Bob Stec, Mike Truchan, Collin Vickers, Thomas Welsh.

CONTACT: Thomas Welsh, twelshjr@gmail.com; Bryce Rausch, rausch.bryce@gmail.com, 215.896.9248

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

WHO WE ARE: Saint Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council is made up of parishioners who, guided by a prayerful spirit, meet regularly to assist the Pastor in ongoing assessments of Parish life and the planning of ways to enhance its mission, ministry and spirituality.

HOW WE SERVE: We help new and existing ministries perform to their fullest and develop ideas into real practices for advancing our Saint Ambrose community. The process of developing plans and policies of the identified pastoral priorities includes prayer, study of relevant documents and teaching, and listening to the needs of the Parish members.

2024 - 2025 MEMBERS: Marian Badaczewski, Terri Bartchak, Alan Bartholomew, Lisa Berardinelli, Mary Jo Halenar, Al Higgins, Patty Higgins, Kathleen Jake, John Kalemba, Rosemary Kalemba, Karen Knirnschild, Jayne Kurkul, Jim Mangan, Karen Mangan, Raymond Maskow, Jeffrey McCrary, Alan Morrison, Barbara Ortiz, Conrad Roschival, Vita Schmidt, Father Bob Stec, Mary Stickney, Stanley Socha.

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Marian Badaczewski, mabadaczewski@yahoo.com;
Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381;
Barb Ortiz, ortizjb15@aol.com;
Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

PARISH SPECIAL PROJECTS & EVENTS TEAM

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of Parish staff and parishioners who manage special projects that are presented by Father Bob Stec and as the need arises for special events to occur.

HOW WE SERVE: Autumn Harvest Festival, Trick-or-Treat Night, and our Christmas lights display are only a few of the awesome things that this team organizes.

CONTACT: Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us; Melissa Plute, MPlute@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7312; Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL & LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL

WHO WE ARE: At Saint Ambrose Catholic School, Jesus Christ is EVERYTHING for us and our students are models of Christ who are challenged to R.E.A.C.H. using next-generation skills. Our Littlest Angels Early Childhood Program (age 2 through pre-K) exposes children to independent thinking through a variety of social and academic classroom experiences. The Saint Ambrose elementary education students (grades 1 - 5) grow in self-confidence while discovering their innate talents and abilities. The Saint Ambrose High School Preparatory program (grades 6 - 8) empowers independent thinking through personal accountability, dynamic communication, and daily work ethic.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve our students, staff, Parish, and greater community every day through our faith, teaching, and service.

CONTACT: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us; Lisa Cinadr, *Head of Schools/Principal*, LCinadr@StASchool.us, 330.460.7350; Tom Krebs, *Assistant Principal*, TKrebs@StASchool.us, 330.460.7347; Catherine Mitchell, *Preschool Director*, CMitchell@StASchool.us, 330.460.7361; Maryellen Newrones, *Administrative Assistant*, MNewrones@StASchool.us, 330.460.7353; Breanne Logue, *Institutional Advancement*, BLogue@StASchool.us, 330.460.7318



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAB)

WHO WE ARE: The SAB serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and Principal, as well as support to the Faculty and Staff of Saint Ambrose School. Comprised of parents, parishioners, and community leaders with a passion to serve and support the development of the school, the group is comprised of a core board, along with five committees: Catholic Values, Next Generation/21st Century Schools, Technology, Catholic Values, Finance, and Institutional Advancement.

HOW WE SERVE: The SAB team researches and discusses various issues and proposals that may benefit Littlest Angels Preschool through Grade 8 and offers counsel to the Pastor and Principal, all with the goal of making Saint Ambrose School an exceptional Catholic learning environment.

2024 - 2025 CORE BOARD: Father Bob Stec, Lisa Cinadr, Tracey Arnone, Kimberly Baga, Chrissy Cooney, Frank Gati, Bob Gillingham, Tom Krebs, Breanne Logue, Sean Lynch, Catherine Mitchell, Brent Monnin, Rob Ostrom, Sheri Riccardi, Dave Stec

CONTACT: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/SAB; SAB@StASchool.us; Frank Gati, 330.273.4366

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WHO WE ARE: The Saint Ambrose School Alumni Association is a committee comprised of Saint Ambrose School alumni dedicated to helping others stay connected to their school community.

HOW WE SERVE: We host reunions, coordinate newsletters, and much more to help connect alumni back to their alma mater.

CONTACT: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/Alumni;
Breanne Logue, *Institutional Advancement*, BLogue@StASchool.us, 330.460.7318

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER UNION (PTU)

WHO WE ARE: Every parent of a Saint Ambrose Student is automatically considered a member of PTU, and all are invited to attend meetings and share ideas.

HOW WE SERVE: The PTU organization is a vital part of Saint Ambrose School. It provides many ways in which parents can assist in the education of their children and their understanding between home and school. Its support is invaluable to the school community and the educational success of the student body.

2024 - 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM: Lisa Cinadr, *Head of Schools/Principal*; Father Bob Stec, *Pastor*; Rachael Seidel, *Executive Board President*; Chrissy Cooney, *Executive Board 1st Vice President*; Amanda McCrary, *Executive Board 2nd Vice President*; Samantha Levandusky, *Executive Board Secretary*; Andrea Wilson and Angela Swander, *Executive Board Treasurers*; Amanda McCrary, *Executive Board Parent/Teacher Liaison*; Nicole O'Donnell, *Room Parent Liaison*; Christina Matusek, *PTU Board Helper*

CONTACT: www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/PTU; PTU@StASchool.us

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written:
worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

- LUKE 4:8

COMMUNITY

Parish Life

ACES CASINO TEAM

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of people with two things in common: 1) we all love and serve God and 2) we love some kind of card game. So, we came together and formed the Parish's first official casino team, the Saint Ambrose ACES Casino Team.

HOW WE SERVE: The ACES hosts a couple of Casino Nights throughout the year. We also plan, organize, and manage the annual Summer Festival Casino.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/ACES-Casino; Rebecca Kaaikaula, RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334; Michael Wichmann, michaelhwichmann@gmail.com; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us



ADOPT-A-PATCH

WHO WE ARE: Everyone has a gift to share and many of our parishioners love to garden. We are simple servants of our Parish from different backgrounds, ages and abilities.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve our Parish by keeping our Parish grounds looking beautiful. Every flower bed you see is lovingly maintained by volunteers. You can be as involved as you would like, adopting an area of the Parish grounds, planting and maintaining the flowers, or just serve by being a "watering" person.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adopt-a-Patch; Bernie Zavada, berniezavada@gmail.com, 330.461.1795

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

WHO WE ARE: We are a dedicated group of parents, coaches and volunteers interested in helping and advancing the sports programs at Saint Ambrose Parish.

HOW WE SERVE: The Boosters finance to the best of their ability, and expand all sports programs, when and where feasible. Financing is done through participation fees, fundraisers, donations, grants and other available sources. The Boosters hold CYO football, volleyball, cheerleading, cross country, track & field, lacrosse, baseball, and softball. We also sponsor high school CYO volleyball and boy's basketball. We provide skills training and conditioning for various sports. We also provide sports camps during the summer and on school breaks. The athletic seasons are as follows: fall sports run August – November; winter sports run November – March; and spring sports run March – May.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Athletic-Boosters;

Ryan Harrington, *Athletic Director*, ryanh@sales-team.biz, 413.320.3472;

Vicky Van Bennekom, *President*, Ministry@StAmbrose.us



AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

WHO WE ARE: We offer an annual Autumn Harvest Festival and are always in need of volunteers to help with the event.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide a fun and faith-filled event with food, games, and music for the Parish community and beyond.

CONTACT: Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

BAKING MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners who love to make bakery and serve our Parish.

HOW WE SERVE: The Parish has many events throughout the year. We serve by providing baked goods for those events and meetings. It is an easy way to get involved.

CONTACT: Fran Zielaskiewicz, FZielaskiewicz@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311;
Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

BINGO

WHO WE ARE: A dedicated group of volunteers committed to serving our Parish and its members through the community and fellowship shared at bingo every other Friday evening (check Parish website for current dates).

HOW WE SERVE: Volunteers are asked to serve our bingo players in a friendly, but professional manner. Individual tasks include welcoming our players, running the point-of-sale station, selling instant tickets, calling a variety of games, and serving excellent food at an affordable price.

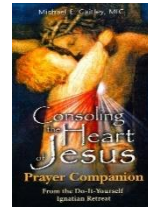
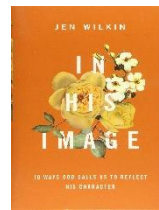
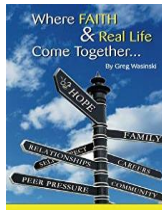
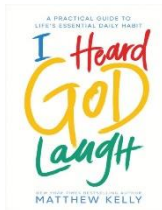
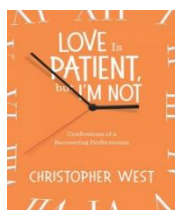
CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Bingo; Melissa Plute, MPlute@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7312;
Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

BOOK CLUB

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners who enjoy reading and spending time with each other.

HOW WE SERVE: We read spiritual books and are led through relaxing fellowship and conversation. Below are some of the books we have discussed during past Book Clubs. We are always up for suggestions too.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation;
Diane Heilman, DHeilman@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322;
Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322



BULLETINS

WHO WE ARE: The Parish publishes a weekly bulletin. Physical copies are always available at all the Church entrances. There is always a digital version published every week as well.

HOW WE SERVE: Our Parish bulletin is an opportunity to share information about all the events and programming happening in the near future. Stories of our members are also often included in the weekly bulletins and Father Bob Stec always writes a personal letter to our members on page 3 of the bulletin.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Bulletins; Rebecca Kaaikaula, RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

BUS TRIPS SAINT AMBROSE ADVENTURES

WHO WE ARE: Leaders within our Route 66 and Parish ministries who collaborate with the Parish to create the itineraries and schedule events for bus trips.

HOW WE SERVE: Our Parish hosts bus trips throughout the year for all to enjoy. Destinations include places of interest in Ohio and neighboring areas and states.

CONTACT: Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7333;
Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

BUSY BEES

WHO WE ARE: Our patron, Saint Ambrose, is the patron Saint of beekeepers and is known as the “honey-tongued preacher”. We are a dedicated group of parishioners who support the Parish, school, front office, and any ministry that needs extra administrative help.

HOW WE SERVE: We do a variety of things from stuffing, sealing and stamping envelopes to stapling bulletin inserts to helping with general office organization. We work closely with Parish staff to help make their life easier.

CONTACT: Katie Jedrzejczyk, katiejed7@gmail.com, 330.321.4862

CHAIR STRENGTH & STRETCH

WHO WE ARE: We are a group “geared towards seniors” of Saint Ambrose who come together each week for yoga.

HOW WE SERVE: Getting together regularly for this low impact, relaxing exercise has many spiritual, physical, and mental benefits.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Seniors; www.facebook.com/groups/saintambroseseniors;
Joyce Ann Osowski, JOsowski@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7341

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

WHO WE ARE: We are members of fiat. The fiat Core Team manages this ministry.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide college care packages twice each year.

CONTACT: Caitlin Arbogast, CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387

COMMUNITY GARDEN

WHO WE ARE: Our Parish campus even has its own harvest garden. Catholic Works of Mercy and other Parish members give their time and energy to the care for it.

HOW WE SERVE: The fruits and vegetables that come from our Community Garden are often used in the monthly Community Meals we distribute as well as the weekly bags of groceries given out to those in need.

CONTACT: Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

COUNTING CREW

WHO WE ARE: We are a team of reliable volunteers who count proceeds from the Parish collection. Participants must have a background check as is required by the Diocese.

HOW WE SERVE: We meet weekly to count the Parish collection in four teams of 8 - 9 people. Each team will work once a month, with one extra week during the year. Positions include cash master, check detailer, data entry, opener/sorter, verifier, and team captain.

CONTACT: Ministry@StAmbrose.us; Patty Lewis, 330.460.7300

CREATE-A-MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: Our Pastor and Pastoral staff want to always make sure that everyone has a place here at our Parish.

HOW WE SERVE: The saying, *"There's something for everyone here at Saint Ambrose,"* is not taken lightly. If there is a ministry or group that you feel is missing from the Parish, we invite you to create it, and we will help you with getting it set up.

CONTACT: Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300; Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

DANCE FITNEZZ BY ZUMBA ZOE

WHO WE ARE: Zoe, a trained fitness instructor, is a Parish member who is dedicated to seeing others healthy and happy.

HOW WE SERVE: Dance Fitnezz by Zumba Zoe is a weekly class offered here at Saint Ambrose for ages 6 - 60. It is a full-body dance workout that is synchronized to music.

CONTACT: Zoe Baker, rxfitness@gmail.com, 330.705.9831

DONUT SUNDAY

WHO WE ARE: Our group brings our Parish family and friends together once a month on designated Sundays.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve donuts, coffee, and juice. Donut Sundays are also great opportunities for ministries to make face-to-face contact with our members. Ministry Leaders can request a table by completing the form on the Parish website at www.StAmbrose.us/Stewardship/.

CONTACT: Thomas and Mary Anne Valko, mav491@outlook.com, 330.220.1694;
Fran Zielaskiewicz, FZielaskiewicz@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@Stambrose.us, 330.460.7381

E-NEWSLETTER/E-BLAST

WHO WE ARE: The Parish sends out an e-newsletter to subscribers every Thursday evening.

HOW WE SERVE: The e-newsletter contains latest news, upcoming opportunities of things to do at our Parish, and is a great reminder for the coming weekend's events. To subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, scan the QR code.

CONTACT: Rebecca Kaaikaula, Rkaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334



FISH FRY

WHO WE ARE: We are a dedicated group of Parish volunteers that help make the annual Lenten Fish Fry run successfully year after year.

HOW WE SERVE: With joyful hospitality and serving with the compassion of Christ, we prepare dine-in or carry-out meals beginning on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent in Hilkert Hall from 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Fish-Fry/; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us;
Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

GOLF LEAGUE

WHO WE ARE: Our league began in 1996 with 12 members and has grown to over 80 players per year. We play at Coppertop on Monday evenings, beginning in early May and play in 2 halves, ending the last week of August.

HOW WE SERVE: We cap off our year with a year-end "scramble" outing for members, family and friends, where we award our winners trophies and prizes. Our league is based on fellowship, flexibility, and relaxation.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Mens-Golf-League/; Dan Wish, danielwish@aol.com, 330.241.1336

HOLY SPOKES BICYCLE MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: Parishioners passionate about cycling and exploring the local Brunswick area.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide a community of faith, fellowship, and our passion for cycling. We meet up every few weeks to cycle throughout the local area.

CONTACT: Tom Pryatel, tbpryatel@roadrunner.com, 330.460.9655

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners who help set up Parish events throughout the year.

HOW WE SERVE: We set up rooms and ensure a warm and welcoming atmosphere for your event or meeting. You are welcomed to be as involved as you would like, weekly, monthly, or just one or two times a year.

CONTACT Fran Zielaskiewicz, FZielaskiewicz@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7311;
Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

LADIES FIRST

WHO WE ARE: We are ladies from the community who come together each month for prayer, songs of praise, food, growth in faith, and fellowship.

HOW WE SERVE: Ladies First offers a relaxing atmosphere where you may come and enjoy inspiring speakers, great company, delicious food and refreshments. Each month there will be a short presentation and a guided discussion related to the topic for the month.

CONTACT: Ministry@StAmbrose.us; Denise Daugherty, 330.460.7300



LIVESTREAM TEAM

WHO WE ARE: We are blessed with a team of members who help us livestream our Masses.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide streaming services to those who cannot attend our Masses and programs in-person.

CONTACT: Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

WHO WE ARE: Parish staff and volunteers who want to teach parishioners about their God-given strengths and talents.

HOW WE SERVE: We work with parishioners to identify your top five key strengths, recognize their value and learn how to put them into action.

CONTACT: Carol Maline, CMaline@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7336;
Marian Badaczewski, mebadaczewski@yahoo.com



MEN'S REC BASKETBALL

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of men, college age and up, who enjoy playing basketball. All skill levels are welcome.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide fellowship and community through friendly games of basketball in a safe and clean environment. We play Tuesday and Thursday nights from 9:00 - 11:00 pm in the Hilkert gym.

CONTACT: Joe LaGuardia, starsbball146@gmail.com, 330.888.5587

MINISTRY FAIR

WHO WE ARE: Leaders and members of Saint Ambrose ministries, eager to invite people who are interested in joining a faith-filled community.

HOW WE SERVE: Every fall we help put together a fair to showcase Saint Ambrose's array of ministries. We help inform and introduce parishioners to communities who share their interests at Saint Ambrose.

CONTACT: Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

MINISTRY FAIR AT DONUT SUNDAY

WHO WE ARE: We support recruitment efforts of our Parish ministries.

HOW WE SERVE: Mini Ministry Fairs are available each month during the regularly scheduled Donut Sundays where tables can be reserved to promote your ministry.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Stewardship; Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

NEWSLETTERS/THE ANGELUS

WHO WE ARE: *The Angelus* is a Parish publication that is published on a quarterly basis: Advent, Lent, summer, and fall. Physical copies of the newsletters are mailed to members' homes and are also available at the PLC Desk. An online version of the newsletters is also always made available.



HOW WE SERVE: *The Angelus* contains information about the Parish's upcoming and on-going events and programming for the quarter. The "Bee Hive Buzz" column is a part of the quarterly newsletter and we always include inspirational stories about our amazing members.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Newsletters; Rebecca Kaaikaula, RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

NOAH'S ARK PET BLESSING

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners who love our pets. We meet annually for our Pet Blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

HOW WE SERVE: We promote adoptions from local shelters and animal rescues. We celebrate God's creatures annually by raising funds for shelters and rescues through donations and sponsors.

CONTACT: Rachel Buttitta, RButtitta@StASchool.us; Dawn Hill, DHill@StASchool.us

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

WHO WE ARE: A group of volunteer parishioners who share a love of our Parish and a passion for photography.

HOW WE SERVE: We photograph Parish and school events to use in Saint Ambrose publications such as *The Angelus*.

CONTACT: Madison Stumbaugh, MStumbaugh@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7340

POLKAFEST

WHO WE ARE: One of our Parish members' favorite events is the annual PolkaFest, usually held on a Saturday in early fall.

HOW WE SERVE: A Polish Mass at 4:30 pm is held in the Church. Afterward, we proceed to Hilkert Hall to enjoy an authentic Polish dinner complete with Polish beer and wine. A Polish band gives us our favorite tunes to dance to as well.

CONTACT: Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

PROOFING & WRITING MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of Parish members with a background in reading and proofing.

HOW WE SERVE: Our ministry helps review proof our bulletins and other Parish publications.

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Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

ROUTE 66 BIRTHDAY CALLERS

WHO WE ARE: We are members of the Route 66 Ministry dedicated to reaching out to senior parishioners on their special day.

HOW WE SERVE: We call Parish seniors to wish them well on their birthday.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Seniors; www.facebook.com/groups/saintambroseseniors;
Joyce Ann Osowski, JOsowski@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7341;
Jim Rauschenbach, JRauschenbach@StAmbrose.us, 216.272.1166

ROUTE 66 SENIOR MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are seniors of Saint Ambrose, sixty and over. We are as vibrant and active as our Parish, getting together for weekly yoga, monthly coffee, and donut socials. Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide opportunities for companionship, off-site trips, spiritual growth, social activities, health and wellness workshops, and availability to be of service and support to the Parish.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Seniors; www.facebook.com/groups/saintambroseseniors;
Joyce Ann Osowski, JOsowski@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7341



SAINT AMBROSE MOMS

WHO WE ARE: We are moms in our Parish who support other women as we navigate “mom life” together.

HOW WE SERVE: We discuss and provide advice on how to navigate motherhood throughout all stages of your child’s life. Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group.

CONTACT: Breanne Logue, BLougue@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7318



STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE: The Stewardship Commission is a group of parishioners and staff members who come together to plan and educate parishioners about the meaning and spirituality of stewardship.

HOW WE SERVE: We plan the annual Ministry Fair and other events to help parishioners of Saint Ambrose learn how they can use their God-given talents make a difference in our community. Stewardship calls all to reflect on how we spend our time, share our talents, and what we can do with our treasures to help build up the Kingdom of God.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Stewardship; Vita Schmidt, VSchmidt@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7382

SUMMER FESTIVAL

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of Parish members who assist in the planning of our annual Summer Festival.

HOW WE SERVE: Our Summer Festival is offered each summer for several days with fun events, games, music, rides, and raffles.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Festival; Bob Cebula, 330.304.9060, bobcebula961@gmail.com; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us; Chrissy Balentine, CBalentine@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7305

THE FEST

WHO WE ARE: Father Bob Stec started this event and ever since, every aspect of The FEST has a “Saint Ambrose touch” to it. Hundreds of Parish members are involved in the planning and promotion stages; volunteer before and during the event; and help with clean-up and post-event responsibilities. Our members also “make it a day” and attend the event with their family and friends.

HOW WE SERVE: Our Parish collaborates with the Diocese of Cleveland in the planning and execution of this annual one-day event held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) in Wickliffe, Ohio. This event brings people together from all regions to enjoy an inspiring day of faith, family and fun.

CONTACT: www.THEFEST.us; Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7333; Caitlin Arbogast, CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

WHO WE ARE: Parish members and community partners inspired by the fall season.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide a safe environment here at the Saint Ambrose Parish campus for an annual evening of trick-or-treating for our young members and the greater community to enjoy.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Trick-or-Treat; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

VIRTUS

WHO WE ARE: VIRTUS is a best practices program designed to help promote the safety of young and vulnerable individuals within religious organizations.

HOW WE SERVE: Our VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children, is the most up-to-date, comprehensive safe environments program available. These are used exclusively by Catholic ministries, schools, parents, and volunteers. The program informs people of the warning signs of child abuse and other inappropriate behavior. Saint Ambrose holds these VIRTUS classes at least once a month here at the Parish.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/VolunteerForms; Geneva Jürgens, 330.460.7338, GChrysanthus@StAmbrose.us

VISION 20/35

WHO WE ARE: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 28:19). Vision 20/35 is the next generation of planning for our Parish campus and facilities. In 2011, a group of members in consultation with all our Parish leaders laid a vision called Vision 20/20. This led to the development and evolution of our campus, facilities and renovation of our Church. Vision 20/35 will look at the needs of our campus and facilities over the next ten years. After consultation and planning, the goal is to outline Parish facility needs (from replacing the roof to addressing the parking lot) so our Parish has a plan and a vision and acts in a steady, consistent and well-thought way.

CONTACT: Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

WELCOME COMMITTEE

WHO WE ARE: This committee provides a warm and hospitable welcome to our Parish community to all new parishioners.

HOW WE SERVE: Committee members extend a personal welcome to all new parishioners and answer any questions they have about the Saint Ambrose Parish community. The committee hosts the New Member Welcome Dinners and Parish Campus Tours.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Welcoming-Committee; Mary Jo Halenar, MHalenar@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7381

WOMEN'S GUILD

WHO WE ARE: Women's Guild is a service and fellowship organization of the ladies of the Parish. We help the Pastor in supporting major Parish initiatives and activities.

HOW WE SERVE: Our group promotes friendly relations among all members of our Parish by furthering the cause of religion, education and social service in our community. Our members have a willingness to work with others. We offer timely speakers, and our activities are designed to be educational and social while spreading God's good word and fostering fellowship within our Parish community. Prayer and refreshments are always included in our meetings and activities. Our annual events include the Cabbage Roll Sale, Nut and Poppy Seed Roll Sale, Fall Harvest Luncheon, and Christmas Craft Boutique.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild, stambrosewomensguild@gmail.com;
Laurie Zarefoss, Executive Board President, lazarefoss@gmail.com, 330.220.4596

*“Make every effort to live in peace with
everyone and to be holy;
without holiness no one will see the Lord.”*

- HEBREWS 12:14

CARE AND COMPASSION

Service Opportunities and Social Action Resources

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

WHO WE ARE: Parishioners dedicated spreading God’s love, care, and kindness during the Christmas season.

HOW WE SERVE: During the 12 days leading up to Christmas, we empower volunteers to “adopt a family” and help deliver random acts of kindness. The ministry provides gifts, addresses and other information members need to deliver Christmas cheer to local families.

CONTACT: Lisa Homady, LHomady@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7315

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

WHO WE ARE: Our Parish’s Culture of Life Committee supports the annual pro-life campaign that the national organization, 40 Days for Life organizes.

HOW WE SERVE: During the fall, members of our Culture of Life Committee join the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign by getting together, usually on Saturdays at various medical facilities to peacefully pray for an end to abortion.

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PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WHO WE ARE: We are a site-host for a monthly blood drive managed and operated by the American Red Cross on a monthly-basis.

HOW WE SERVE: We encourage anyone who is able to “Help Save A Life By Donating Blood” at an American Red Cross Blood Drives held monthly in Hilker Hall.

CONTACT: www.RedCrossBlood.org; Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7333



ANGELS ON WHEELS

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of parishioners and staff who love cooking and love helping others.

HOW WE SERVE: The Saint Ambrose Angels on Wheels Ministry offers care, compassion, and a home-cooked, hot meal to our families that may be experiencing joy, loss, or suffering.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Angels-on-Wheels;
Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317



ANNULMENTS

WHO WE ARE: Parish priests and deacons who want to help you walk through the annulment process. We are here for you.

HOW WE SERVE: Persons who have married and are now divorced are welcome to discuss the Church's process of annulment, and have their circumstances heard and evaluated in a totally confidential manner in order to ascertain whether or not an annulment of the marriage is possible. The First Step program, hosted by the Diocese, explains the annulment process and answer questions.

CONTACT: PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300; Trish Strazar, tstrazar2002@aol.com;
Father Bob Stec, BStec@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300; Father Dan Samide, DSamide@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7324;
Deacon Matt Harley, MHarley@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300; Deacon Tom Sheridan, TSheridan@StAmbrose.us,
330.460.7300; Deacon Frank Weglicki, 330.460.7300

BLANKET SUNDAY

WHO WE ARE: Members of our Parish team up annually (in early October) to raise funds to purchase winter blankets. There is also a collection drive for new blankets, sheets, and towels.

HOW WE SERVE: All efforts of this initiative are to provide homeless and low-income individuals and families with the means of staying warm during the cold Ohio months. Monetary donations can be made via the envelopes that are inserted into the Parish bulletin prior to Blanket Sunday or online at www.StAmbrose.us/Giving.

CONTACT: Jeff Trush, jeff.trush@yahoo.com, 440.554.6277

CANCER PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP

WHO WE ARE: We are friends and family of those who suffered from cancer as well as personal survivors of cancer. Our ministry meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month, usually at 6:30 pm in the Mother Teresa room.

HOW WE SERVE: This group is for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and anyone whose life has been touched by cancer and needs our prayers and support. Our group is an uplifting group where we all share our personal experience or that of a loved one. Refreshments are served as well.

CONTACT: Ministry@StAmbrose.us; Terri Blasko, terriblasko@frontier.com, 330.460.7300

CARE CALLS

WHO WE ARE: We are compassionate Parish members who reach out through phone calls to other members who may be alone or feeling lonely. A simple phone call a few times a month really goes a long way to someone that may be feeling alone.

HOW WE SERVE: By making a few phone calls per month, we bring joy, friendship, and God's love into another's life.

CONTACT: Nancy Wojciehowski, NWojciehowski@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

WHO WE ARE: Saint Ambrose is blessed to be able to collaborate with Catholic Charities for Outpatient Mental Health Services where they Provide Help and Create Hope. Catholic Charities offers comprehensive assessment and counseling services. They have licensed staff trained to assist in the healing and recovery process associated with depression, anxiety, stress, and relationship issues (including family and marriage counseling).



HOW WE SERVE: Catholic Charities is able to offer their services here at Saint Ambrose for you. If you find yourself struggling and in need of additional support, please call Catholic Charities to schedule your appointment. We will have space reserved here on campus weekly, and if this time does not work for you, then you can schedule another time and we will reserve space for you. Contact Catholic Charities at 330.723.9615 for your appointment.

CONTACT: www.ccdocle.org, Catholic Charities of Medina County, 330.723.9615; Lisa Homady, LHomady@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7315

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CATHOLIC WORKS OF MERCY/FOOD PANTRY

WHO WE ARE: Our ministry is comprised of members who give a great deal of their time and energy to help the people in need within our Parish community boundaries, regardless of age, race or creed.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve in a variety of ways. We serve by assisting with utility bills, medical bills, holiday food and gift support (Kindness Pines), distributing food to the needy, and sorting and organizing various donations. Special events that our ministry helps with on an annual basis are Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions, as well as the Fresh Produce Program, Community Meals, Blanket Sunday, and Christmas in July. We also operate the on-site food pantry housed in the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center.

CONTACT: Jeff Trush, jeff.trush@yahoo.com, 440.554.6277

CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINARS

WHO WE ARE: Saint Ambrose's Endowment Committee working in collaboration with the Catholic Cemeteries Association.

HOW WE SERVE: This program is held at Saint Ambrose periodically. This free, 1-hour planning seminar provides an overview of the burial planning process including types of interment (full body, cremation, and natural), burial options (in-ground or above-ground), and memorialization options. Attendees also receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us; Randy Fuerst, rjfuerst@zoominternet.net; 330.722.8909

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

WHO WE ARE: We are Parish members working with Catholic Works of Mercy who organize a collection of school supply donations each summer, prior to the start of the school year.

HOW WE SERVE: The donated school supplies that are collected during our Christmas in July School Supply Drive assist students who attend Cleveland area schools.

CONTACT: Shari Whistler, sswhisler@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CARES TEAM

WHO WE ARE: Our Community Cares Team is made up of our Care & Compassion Team and the ministries that fall under Our Community CARES: Concerned. Alert. Responsive. = Everyone. Safe.

HOW WE SERVE: More than ever before, we are living through a mental health crisis. So many people are suffering and struggling, often silently. They need help... mostly... they need hope. Here is how we can CARE: learn how to ask the right and tough questions; understand warning signs; know what to look for among family and friends; and learn how to get help for those we love.

CONTACT: Lisa Homady, LHomady@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7315



COMMUNITY MEALS

WHO WE ARE: We are dedicated parishioners who serve those in need through home cooked meals.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve by preparing, welcoming, and even breaking bread. We provide these meals to our community on the 3rd Sunday of most months. Our exceptions are June, where we meet on the 2nd Sunday, and in November where we meet on Thanksgiving Day

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Jeff Trush, jeff.trush@yahoo.com, 440.554.6277

COMMUNITY WEEKEND OF SERVICE (FORMERLY COMMUNITY DAY)

WHO WE ARE: This is a 3-day, community “blitz” where we go out and serve the greater community by the hundreds. Community Weekend of Service is held over a 3-day period (Friday - Sunday) in the spring.

HOW WE SERVE: From flower beds to garbage removal to gardening, we serve parishioners and community members in need.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Service; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

CONSOLATION/BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: The Consolation/Bereavement Ministry is comprised of parishioners familiar with the pain of losing a loved.

HOW WE SERVE: This ministry helps to provide comfort and support to those grieving.

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Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

CULTURE OF LIFE MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are parishioners who promote awareness of the sanctity and value of human life from conception until natural death.

HOW WE SERVE: We meet, pray, and coordinate gatherings and educational opportunities for our Parish. Activities include supporting local life affirming organizations through donations, sharing witness for life through Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, and contributing to the 40 Days for Life Campaign in spring and fall. We also sponsor the Changing and Nursing Station at the Parish’s annual Summer Festival.

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Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

DIVORCE CARE

WHO WE ARE: This ministry offers important Christ-centered love to those facing the difficulty of divorce, all in comfort and confidentiality.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide a safe haven where you can express feelings and receive resources to deal with common divorce-related problems in an atmosphere of faith, trust, and Christian encouragement.

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DIVORCE CARE 4 KIDS

WHO WE ARE: Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) is a scripture-based program designed to help children (aged 6 - 12) of families experiencing divorce and separation. It is a 13-week Christ-centered support group with games, fun activities, arts and crafts, stories, exercise, and videos and music around a weekly theme.



HOW WE SERVE: Throughout DC4K, children are reassured that they are not the only ones going through this situation and that they are not alone. They have the opportunity to develop friendships with others who understand how they feel. They will learn how to sort through their feelings and will learn how to have healthy relationships with their family and with God. Best of all, children will learn how God's love can strengthen them and help them turn tears into hope and joy.

CONTACT: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

EMPLOYMENT AT SAINT AMBROSE

WHO WE ARE: We are blessed with the best at Saint Ambrose. When professional opportunities become available within our Parish and day school, position descriptions and requirements are posted online.

HOW WE SERVE: We offer equal employment and educational opportunities to all qualified individuals, regardless of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, or protected class status. We seek dynamic, qualified, and Christ-centered individuals to work and minister in our Parish, day school, and preschool.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Employment-Opportunities; Jobs@StAmbrose.us

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are Parish members who care about others and want to help connect those who want and need them with new career opportunities.

HOW WE SERVE: This is not an employment agency. We provide support to parishioners who can help provide jobs and to parishioners looking for employment opportunities. We can assist others with career mentoring, answering questions that come up during job transitions, and providing guidance on how to optimize resources.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Employment-Ministry; Joe Wollet, st.ambrose.employment.ministry@gmail.com

FAITHFUL FIXERS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WHO WE ARE: We are a team of Parish members who help families in our community, completing projects around their homes that they may not be able to do themselves.

HOW WE SERVE: We work with Parish staff, Catholic Works of Mercy, and other community organizations to identify families and individuals who need help around their home. Some of our typical projects include minor electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, and landscaping.

CONTACT: Mike Adams, 330.460.7327; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

FALL WEEKEND OF SERVICE

WHO WE ARE: This is a 3-day, community “blitz” where we go out and serve the greater community by the hundreds. Community Weekend of Service is held over a 3-day period (Friday - Sunday) in the fall.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve parishioners and community members in need by helping them prepare for the winter months with leaf and general yard clean up.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Service; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

FILL-THE-CRIB COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

WHO WE ARE: This is an annual campaign, held in October, organized and managed by our Gabriel Project ministry and the Culture of Life Committee.

HOW WE SERVE: The Gabriel Project sets up cribs at each of the Church’s doors where donations can be dropped off that will go towards helping moms and their children and mothers-to-be.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Gabriel-Project; Trish Shaw, ohshaws@gmail.com, 440.590.0083; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY & SERVICE – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHO WE ARE: We are individuals from the Brunswick Knights of Columbus. According to the U.S. 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.”*

HOW WE SERVE: This annual event is open to all and usually held at the Brunswick VFW Post on Flag Day. Collection bins are located at the entrances of Saint Ambrose and are present in the weeks leading to the event for people to bring their worn and torn American flags to be properly disposed of at this ceremony.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Flag-Retirement-Ceremony; Ed Kilroy, edkilroy81@gmail.com, 330.461.0146; Anthony Comella, ASComella@gmail.com; Rebecca Kaaikaula, Rkaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Rebecca Kaaikaula, Rkaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of loving and compassionate parishioners who offer families the option of having a luncheon here at Saint Ambrose, for a minimal charge, after the funeral service.

HOW WE SERVE: Volunteers serve, clean up, and donate bakery for the luncheons. Many hands make for light work. This is a compassionate way of expressing support to parishioners in their time of need.

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FURNITURE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

WE ARE: Our ministry helps people in need within our Parish community boundaries, regardless of age, race or creed.

HOW WE SERVE: We collect and distribute furniture to those in need.

CONTACT: www.OneHopeNEO.org; Michael Lynch, 330.460.7300

GABRIEL PROJECT

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of members who wish to serve the Lord by helping women who are experiencing an unplanned or complicated pregnancy or a mother facing hardships.

HOW WE SERVE: We help these moms in a loving and compassionate way. Assisting with community resources and material needs, such as pregnancy information, parenting support or adoption information, offering personal and spiritual mentoring, referrals for housing, medical care, and counseling, and gifting baby clothes, diapers and various baby items. During the month of October, we host "Fill-the-Crib," a collection drive of the aforementioned things that go to the moms that we serve.



CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Gabriel-Project; Trish Shaw, ohshaws@gmail.com, 440.590.0083; Marissa Welsh, marissa.welsh@hotmail.com, 440.537.7073; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

GOOD SAMARITANS (GOOD SAMs)

WHO WE ARE: Since 1985, the "Good Sams" continue to faithfully carry out their mission to bring the "Eucharist" to the homebound and the hospitalized, and care facilities, to visit the sick and those recovering from the hospital, and to pray with and to listen to whom the Lord sends them with a compassionate ear and heart.



HOW WE SERVE: We bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to receive Our Lord in their current situation.

CONTACT: Kathy Butas, *Homebound*, 330.225.3082; Diane Heilman, *Care Facilities*, DHeilman@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322; Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317; Deacon Frank Weglicki, 330.460.7300

GREATER THAN HEROIN INITIATIVE

WHO WE ARE: Greater than Heroin is a group of civic and faith leaders from Northeast Ohio committed to addressing the heroin epidemic through understanding, collaboration, and awareness.

HOW WE SERVE: Staying informed is the first step we can all take to fight the serious epidemic of heroin addiction happening in our community and surrounding areas. The reality is this is happening close to home. In our own families. Please have an open mind and heart, "Understanding is greater than heroin." We can make a difference together.

CONTACT: Jake Bihari, JBihari@Stambrose.us

GRIEF SHARE

WHO WE ARE: We are parishioners helping others who are dealing with the death of a loved one.

HOW WE SERVE: We work together to listen, understand and support those dealing with a loss. It is a 13-week session with conveniently scheduled morning and evening sessions.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/GriefShare; Denise Golan, Denise.GriefShare@gmail.com, 440.465.7813; Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP

WHO WE ARE: Saint Ambrose supports the efforts of the Medina County Habitat for Humanity Organization projects.

HOW WE SERVE: Habitat for Humanity Medina County has a ReStore that receives donations of new, and like new, usable materials from local businesses and individuals. Our Parish is a partner of Habitat of Medina County and often helps to build homes at reduced cost to families with limited income who contribute their own "sweat" equity in the building of homes themselves. We "Build Hope" with Medina County Habitat, from helping with their ReStore to volunteering on a build site.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Habitat; Bridgit Castrigano, BCastrigano@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300



HEALING HEARTS MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of Parish members who help children who are grieving over the loss of a loved one.

HOW WE SERVE: Our group focuses on bringing hope, healing, and joy to a child who is in mourning. It is our hope that we can bring them some comfort and peace during this difficult time.

CONTACT: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317; Rachel Buttitta, RButtitta@StASchool.us



HEALTH & WELLNESS ANNUAL FAIR

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of dedicated parishioners committed to bringing health and wellness resources to the members of Saint Ambrose.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve parishioners by offering informational health talks, hosting health-conscious events like our annual Health and Wellness Fair and encouraging everyone to live a healthy and holy life to their fullest God-given potential.

CONTACT: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

HEARTS OF HOPE FOR WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP

WHO WE ARE: The Hearts of Hope for Widows group is dedicated to supporting widows who are on their grieving journey.

HOW WE SERVE: Our group gets together monthly and through Scripture reflection, prayer, and conversation, widows help each other find hope and peace in Jesus Christ.

CONTACT: Lisa Cinadr, LCinadr@StASchool.us, 330.460.7350



JAIL MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are parishioners who pray for and when allowed, visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters in Christ.

HOW WE SERVE: Our ministry helps the incarcerated with their needs, varying from spiritual material, reading material and clothing and looking to expand in other areas such as prayer groups, job placement and tutoring.

CONTACT: Mark Oldfield, oldfield322@gmail.com, 440.666.5217;
Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are a group of members who have teamed up to raise awareness and create an organized structure to provide resources for anyone looking for help with handling mental health issues.

HOW WE SERVE: In the United States, almost half of adults (46.4% will experience a mental illness during their lifetime. Out of all these adults, only 41% of them have received any professional care which means that more than half of adults who are struggling are not getting the help they need. No one has to fight this battle alone.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health; Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317;
Dobie Moser, dobiemoser@gmail.com, 440.334.8430

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317



MERCY MONDAYS

WHO WE ARE: Members of our Catholic Works of Mercy team dedicate one Monday per month, usually the 1st Monday to collect non-perishable food donations from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

HOW WE SERVE: On Mercy Mondays, drive under the carport of our Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center, stay in your car. We will take the items from your trunk. Leave items in the Narthex between the Church and PLC Office, if that is more convenient.

CONTACT: Jeff Trush, jeff.trush@yahoo.com, 440.554.6277



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MILITARY MESSAGES MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: Members of the Parish who care about our active military members and veterans.

HOW WE SERVE: We keep a list of and pray for all active military members. At times, we also send care packages. We will also provide support to our local VFW Post for Flag Retirement Ceremonies and holiday services.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Military; militarymessages@gmail.com; Andrea Ham, 330.460.7327

PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

MISSION POSSIBLE

WHO WE ARE: Mission Possible is a not-for-profit 501c3. It has a full constituted Board of Trustees who are charged by their by-laws to develop and grow the mission outreach in the Dominican Republic (DR).

HOW WE SERVE: Mission Possible is a network of churches, Saint Ambrose included, in Northeast Ohio that send missionaries to the DR to improve the quality of life for the poorest of the poor in the DR. The goal of mission possible is to both address the needs of the poorest of the poor and raise up the next generation of individuals who will work to create a better world community. We take annual trips with other specialty groups going periodically throughout the year. There are prep meetings leading up to each trip for our missionaries.



CONTACT: Sarah Krieger, skrieger@missionpossible.us, 216.402.5212

MISSION POSSIBLE GRAND SLAM EVENT

WHO WE ARE: This is an annual fundraising event organized by members of our Parish and the executive board for Mission Possible.

HOW WE SERVE: We hold this event at the Progressive Field Corner Bar, usually in September, to support our mission efforts in the Dominican Republic.

CONTACT: www.GrandSlamGala.us; Sarah Krieger, skrieger@missionpossible.us, 216.402.5212

ONEHOPE NEO (FORMERLY ALPHA VILLAGE)

WHO WE ARE: The mission of OneHope NEO is to offer a kind helping hand to a neighborhood in our city. Coming together as a community, we will work together to serve our brothers and sisters in need.



HOW WE SERVE: We focus on cleaning up neighborhoods in the Ohio City and Clark-Fulton areas of Cleveland. We provide two clean-up days each year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. Cleaning-up of homes includes painting, gardening, mulching, fencing, roofing and foundational work. Through doing these simple projects around homes, we will be able to make great improvements to the neighborhoods, making it a better place to live.

CONTACT: www.OneHopeNEO.com; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

WHO WE ARE: Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish in Brunswick and Saint Rocco Catholic Parish in Cleveland partner to share gifts and talents, resources, and friendship in the building up of God’s Kingdom in Northern Ohio for the spiritual growth and pastoral care in service to the Lord, our members, and the communities we serve.

HOW WE SERVE: Our main focus is on sustaining and improving the Thanksgiving Meal in Cleveland.

CONTACT: Bob Marzola, bobmarz2@hotmail.com

PEACE, LOVE, AND PROM

WHO WE ARE: Volunteers who help host a prom for those with special needs. We serve drinks, prep food, set-up, and clean-up.

HOW WE SERVE: We invite guests with special needs (aged 16 and up) to be our honored guest and join us for this magical and memorable night. Previous proms have included a red-carpet entrance, dinner, dancing, photo booth and photographer for all of our guests.

CONTACT: Jennie Porco, JPorco@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7317

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BRIGADE (PB&J BRIGADE)

WHO WE ARE: We started out during the pandemic with the most amazing volunteers living the Gospel by feeding the hungry. The outpouring of love, generosity, and camaraderie that has sustained this ministry has been incredible. Because of the great work we are doing, we continue to have the PB&J Brigade continue.

HOW WE SERVE: The PB&J Brigade work Monday - Thursday by making sandwiches. You can work on campus or make sandwiches in your home. On Tuesdays, we have a Family Sandwich Night as well. You can also make monetary contributions or donations of healthy snacks. It is a truly beautiful sight to see the hundreds of decorated lunch bags filled with sandwiches and snacks that will feed many of the homeless throughout the Cleveland and Akron areas.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/PBJ-Brigade; Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327



PRAYER LISTS

WHO WE ARE: We are the entire Parish community united in praying for those on the “Pray for the Sick” or “Battling Cancer” lists. We also have a “Pray for our Military Members” list.

HOW WE SERVE: We serve by connecting with and praying for people who need our prayers the most. The power of prayer is great so prayer requests will be made known through the bulletin, on our website, and in our Parish’s spiritual ministries.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Prayer; Rebecca Kaaikaula, RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We are parishioners who love to knit/crochet and enjoy coming together each week to knit/crochet and join in fellowship.

HOW WE SERVE: We knit/crochet prayer shawls for those who are ill including children who are under the support of our Tender Hearts Ministry. We also make baptism blankets to welcome others into the Church. Upon special request, our ministry also provides for the needs of the VA Hospitals and nursing homes.

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PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

PROJECT WARMTH

WHO WE ARE: As a Parish community, we collect winter gear for families in need within the Metro-West Cleveland neighborhoods/schools.

HOW WE SERVE: We collect donations of new or gently used and washed coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and warm socks for all ages and sizes; from babies to adults, boys and girls, men and women coats. The collection begins in October and runs through early November so that items can be distributed to recipients starting in mid-November.



CONTACT: avwarmthproject@gmail.com; Ministry@StAmbrose.us; Kim Harrington, kimh@brownstonerg.com

QUILTING MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: We provide prayer quilts to members of the Parish who are ill or struggling with cancer.

HOW WE SERVE: We come together with love and companionship to create a quilt for each person, reminding them that they are covered in God's love. We pray for the healing love of Jesus Christ, that they may walk hand in hand with Him through their illness.

CONTACT: Kathy Pearl, KPearl@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

REFUGEE RE-HOME PROJECTS

WHO WE ARE: This is a group who responds to refugee crises as they occur and when they exist in our area.

HOW WE SERVE: Volunteers solicit gently used furniture and specific household items with the intent to include them in the new home they are setting up to house refugees.

CONTACT: Ministry@StAmbrose.us; Mike Lynch, 330.460.7300

SAINT RITA RESCUE MISSION

WHO WE ARE: A group of parishioners wanting to make a difference and spread awareness of the signs of human trafficking.

HOW WE SERVE: We raise awareness, collaborate, and take action against human trafficking.

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PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE: We are parishioners dedicated to justice, peace and equality for all of God's children.

HOW WE SERVE: The ministry of our Social Concerns Commission has two aspects: 1) service and 2) advocacy/awareness. The service aspect includes Catholic Works of Mercy, Pro-Life Group, Community Meal, Job Search, Mission Outreach, and C.A.R. (Catch a Ride to church). Each part of this service aspect meets according to each group's needs. The advocacy/awareness group — through the use of the Parish bulletin, liturgy, Parish web site, newsletter and educational series — helps to present facts/opinions on social issues to help our heads and hearts make informed choices as Christians.

CONTACT: Lisa Homady, LHomady@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7315

SOUP SUPPERS

WHO WE ARE: Our CARES Team collaborates with volunteers of our Parish who make soup at our soup suppers where a guest speaker presents on a topic that is relevant to common social concern topics.

HOW WE SERVE: Throughout the year, we provide great food, fellowship, and knowledgeable speakers while raising awareness around relevant social concerns. Volunteers are often needed to help make soups and to help set up, serve at, and clean up Soup Suppers.

CONTACT: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

WHO WE ARE: Our ministry helps people within our Parish community who are in need of groceries.

HOW WE SERVE: Along with weekly distribution, we provide Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas food distribution, as well as the Fresh Produce Program.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Souper-Bowl/;
Caitlin Arbogast, CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387



STEPHEN MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE: Our ministers are lay-individuals who attend 50+ hours of training in addition to monthly continuing education. Our Stephen Ministry Leadership board is responsible for the recruitment, education, training, mentoring, matching and on-going support for all of the ministers and care-receivers.

HOW WE SERVE: We provide Christian care on a weekly basis for individuals in the form of listening, caring, supporting, encouraging, and praying with and for a person who is hurting and who has come to us for support.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Stephen-Ministry; Lisa Homady, LHomady@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7315; Carol Maline, CMaline@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7336;



TENDER HEARTS

WHO WE ARE: We are members who walk with families that have children with chronic medical issues.

HOW WE SERVE: We meet on a monthly basis and discuss how our own expertise and life experiences can be of service to those families who need the support the most. If we can help to handle just one thing on the very long list of “things to-do” when caring for a chronically sick child, that may give them some relief, and more opportunity to focus their hearts and minds on their child.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Tender-Hearts; Kim Nemet, KNemet@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7316



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL

WHO WE ARE: We are volunteers, from Saint Ambrose and beyond, who help our Parish feed over 8,000 people during Thanksgiving.

HOW WE SERVE: We set up, prepare, cook, and serve thousands of people during the Thanksgiving holiday. We need all sorts of different people to help setup the building, deliver and transport food, wrap silverware, prepare placemats, prepare, cook, and serve food, pack and distribute the meals, and even make cards for the recipients to read while they are enjoying their meal. You name it, we do it, and need your help making it all happen.

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PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

TRIKE & BIKE

WHO WE ARE: Our Parish supports the Brunswick Trike & Bike annual event.

HOW WE SERVE: Members of our Parish are encouraged to join the efforts to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer by participating in the annual Brunswick Trike & Bike event.

CONTACT: Kim Nemet, KNemet@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7316



UNPACK THE ALLELUIA

WHO WE ARE: A group of parishioners who “adopt a member” to serve others in their time of need.

HOW WE SERVE: Unpack the Alleluia is held during Holy Week. Parishioners “adopt a member” and deliver random acts of kindness during one of the holiest times of the year. We provide the gifts, the addresses, everything you need. We just need members to deliver gifts to one of our fellow parishioners who need a little bit of a pick me up during this season. It is easy, thoughtful and a wonderful opportunity to share the Light of Christ.

CONTACT: Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327

WE GIVE CATHOLIC

WHO WE ARE: As a Parish, we participate in We Give Catholic, an annual online giving project of the Diocese of Cleveland. Funds are raised during a 24-hour period of time with all proceeds going directly to Saint Ambrose Parish and school.

HOW WE SERVE: The volunteers who assist us with the fundraising efforts during the planning of the event, as well as during the 24-hour period of time, make it possible to raise enough funds to make the 12 Days of Christmas possible.

CONTACT: www.wegivecatholic.org/organizations/saint-ambrose-catholic-parish;
Gabby Moss, GYatson@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7327



“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me’.”

- JOHN 14:6-7

CELEBRATING MUSIC

MUSIC MINISTRY

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Music; Travis Jürgens, *Director of Music Ministry*, TJurgens@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7337; Michelle Cha, *Minister of Performing Arts*, MCha@StASchool.us; 330.460.7320
Helen Lanzarotta, *Music Ministry Support*, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

ADULT CHOIR: The Adult Choir is a group of members that range in age, from young to old, new singer to experienced veteran. Members choose to serve on Saturday at 4:30 pm or Sunday 10:30 am Mass of their preference. The Adult Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, September through May, to rehearse music for weekend liturgies, as well as other musical celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Passiontide. Longer rehearsals are scheduled as needed to prepare for special concerts. You do not need to be able to read music to participate, just have a love for singing and praising God.

ANGELS CHOIR: This choir is for any child in grades 3 - 6. (PSR, day-school, or home-schooled). The choir rehearses every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm and sings once a month at 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, from September through May. This choir also sings on select holidays and during special Masses.

CANTORS: Those serving in the cantor ministry volunteer their time to lead the Church assembly in song. Cantors rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Based upon availability, cantors are assigned to sing for all Parish celebrations and holy days, including Christmas, Easter, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Passiontide.

CHERUBS CHOIR: This is a beginner's choir for our younger children grades K - 2 (PSR, day-school, or home-schooled). The choir rehearses every Tuesday from 4:30 - 5:00pm and sings a Communion reflection hymn once a month. Basic teaching of Mass parts, a song, and a game to help learn musical concepts.

FIAT BAND: The fiat Band is open to all students in grades 7 – young adult, as well as to adults interested in mentoring our young musicians. The band plays at scheduled 5:00 pm Masses on Sundays throughout the fiat year. This group meets on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:45 pm to rehearse the music for that day's Mass. Additional rehearsals are scheduled as needed. All instruments are welcome.

FIAT CHOIR & CANTORS: The fiat Choir is open to all students in grades 7 - 12, and for any adults interested in mentoring our youth singers who attend the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass. The choir sings at the weekly 5:00 pm Masses throughout the fiat year. This group rehearses on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:45 pm. Additional rehearsals are scheduled as needed. From the choir, members are encouraged to serve as cantors and lead the Assembly in song.

HAND BELL CHOIR: We ring hand bells joyfully, prayerfully and for the glory of God. The hand bell choir rehearses on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and plays once per month during the weekend Masses, as well as other prayer services during the year. Some background in music is helpful, but not necessary. We are looking for dedicated people who will attend practices each week and play at Masses.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Instrumentalists add great variety to our worship at Saint Ambrose and are always encouraged to offer their gifts at any weekend Mass. The instrumentalists typically rehearse with the Cantors on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. They also play at a Mass time of their preference. Other rehearsals may be scheduled throughout the year. Instrumentalists can also play for holy days and Parish celebrations, including Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and Passiontide.

NEW LIFE CHOIR: The New Life Choir is a group that sings at funeral Masses, using their voices to console the family and friends of the deceased. Rehearsals are held in the Church on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. This ministry brings so much comfort to families who have lost a loved one. While the New Life Choir members are not required to sing for all the funerals or to be able to read music, they should have a love of singing.

XLT BAND: The XLT Band is open to all in grades 4 – adult. Practices are held every other week with one performance monthly.

PERFORMING ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS MINISTRY

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Music; Michelle Cha, *Minister of Performing Arts*, MCha@StASchool.us;
Helen Lanzarotta, *Music Ministry Support*, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

FALL SCENES: Grades 3 - 12 serving the Brunswick and greater communities. Weekly rehearsals starting in September. Performances in November.

SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP: Grades 2 - 12 serving the Brunswick and greater communities. This is a one-week intensive camp ranging from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm with culminating performances at the end of the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with other professionals from Cleveland Playhouse, Cleveland State University, Oberlin University, and surrounding HS teachers as well.

SUMMER PARISH MUSICAL: Ages 7 and up serving the Brunswick and greater communities. Representatives from fiat, Adult, PSR, and school ministries are involved in this newly formed program that brings a (weather permitting) outdoor concert to further aid in the performing arts.

OTHER CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES: Throughout the year, in collaboration with our Special Events/Projects Team, our Music Ministry hosts various musicians/musical groups for FREE concerts/performances to provide our parishioners and members of the greater community the first-hand experience of just how *“music soothes the soul.”*

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL DRAMA BOOSTERS: Volunteers in service and support of the SAS Drama club and activities. This is a parent run organization.

“It is no longer I who live,
But Christ who lives in me.”

- GALATIANS 20:2

SEASONS

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

During the season of Advent, our Parish offers many spiritual opportunities and plans faith-filled events that help guide our hearts and minds for the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.

ADVENT KINDNESS PINES: During the season of Advent, members of our Catholic Works of Mercy set up Christmas trees at each of the Church's entrances. These trees are then decorated with tags that contain items that CWM need to help those most needy at Christmas time.

ADVENT MINI VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (ADVENT VBS): This half-day session is FREE for children ages 5 - 11 and offers music, activities, and fun for children as they prepare for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

ADVENT SMALL FAITH GROUPS: Our Spiritual Life Commission brings together parishioners to form various Advent-focused faith sharing groups.

BAMBINELLI BLESSING: On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we invite you to bring your Nativity set's Baby Jesus to the altar for a special blessing.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & PAGEANT: Older children of our Parish can participate as readers/lectors for the Christmas liturgies at the children's Mass. We also invite children of all ages to take part in a Christmas Pageant, which is presented before the children's Mass on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Members are invited to make a donation for our Christmas flowers and environment in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Donations can be made using a designated offertory envelope or online at www.StAmbrose.us/Giving.

DECORATIONS & LIGHTS DISPLAY: All are invited to drive-through the Saint Ambrose Parish campus to enjoy the festive Christmas light displays and to take pictures with the beautiful 24-foot Christmas tree.

EPIPHANY TEA (FORMERLY ADVENT TEA): Spend time with other women sharing tea, refreshments, fellowship and a special guest speaker. We will take this time to reflect on the beauty of the past Christmas season and the feast of the Epiphany where we witness the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses held in our Church at 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30pm and Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm.

LIVING NATIVITY & PARISH CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Our PSR and day school students star in this outdoor performance that tells the story of the very first Christmas. Live animals and the Angels Choir truly brings the manger story to life.

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24: Held in the Church and in Hilkert Hall at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25: Midnight Mass along with 8:00 am, and 10:00 am Masses are held in the Church. Our 12:00 pm Mass is celebrated in the Church and Hilkert Hall.

RORATE CAELI MASS: A special Advent Candlelight Mass; a votive Mass for the Blessed Mother. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. It is also one of the most beautiful Hymns of the Catholic Faith.

For a complete list of Advent and Christmas opportunities, visit www.StAmbrose.us/Christmas.

LENT & EASTER

The season of Lent is a chance for us to challenge ourselves more than at any other time of the year to grow in our relationship with God.

ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES: In addition to the 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm Masses, we offer Ashes including a 6:30 am Prayer Service. Ashes are also at the Brunswick Rec Center parking lot and during our PSR classes.

EASTER BUNNY MEET & GREET: This is a great and FREE chance for little ones to see the Easter Bunny.

EASTER SUNDAY: 6:15 am Prayer Service; Masses at 7:30 am and 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm in our Church and 9:00 am and 10:30 am in Hilkert Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY: Morning Prayer at 8:15 am; Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm; Passion of the Lord Mass at 3:00 pm; and fiat Living Stations at 7:30 pm in the Church.

HOLY SATURDAY: 8:15 am morning prayer; Basket Blessing at 1:00 pm; Easter Egg Hunts at 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm; and Easter Vigil in the Church at 8:30 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm; Adoration at the Courtyard, 8:30 pm – midnight; Night Prayer at 10:30 pm; and Adoration in the Church from midnight - 8:00 am.

LENT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Parishioners meet during the Lenten season to support one another on their faith journey.

LENT MINI VBS: This half-day session is FREE for children ages 5 - 11 and offers music, activities, and fun for children as they journey through the Lenten season and await Jesus' resurrection.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Our CARES Team and volunteers of our Parish make soup to offer at suppers where a guest speaker presents on a topic that is relevant to our Lenten faith journey.

MISSION RICE BOWLS: Our Parish Lent challenge is to fill Rice Bowls with our loose change to help our mission community. Small change, makes a big difference.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: A Vigil Mass is held at 4:30 pm in our Church and Sunday Masses are at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

PASSIONTIDE: Our own Music Ministry presents this concert to help you remember the saving deeds of Jesus Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Held every Friday during Lent in our Church at 7:00 pm.

TENEBRAE: A church service observed during the final part of Holy Week commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ. Attending this special service will prepare your heart to see the light of Christ that persists as a beacon of hope.

For a complete list of Lenten and Easter opportunities, visit www.StAmbrose.us/Lent.

WORSHIP COMMISSION/LITURGICAL PLANNING

ADULT ACOLYTES: We are trained adult servers that assist with the execution of daily, weekend, and funeral Masses. For funerals, we assist the sacristan with set up of the sanctuary and provide support to the families and their guests. We participate in the funeral Mass assisting the celebrant.

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PARISH STAFF LIAISON: Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

ALL SOULS DAY: On this day in early November we host an All Souls Mass intention where we remember loved ones who have been called home to the Lord. Leading up to this, a Book of Remembrance is located at each entry of the Church to inscribe the name of your loved ones who have departed.

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ALTAR SERVERS: Our ministry gives students in grades 5 - 12 the opportunity to assist at the Table of the Lord during weekend Masses and liturgical celebrations, such as weddings, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Holy Week Masses, Easter and Christmas Masses, and other services. Altar servers are called to have an open heart, flexibility when things change, and most importantly, commitment to fulfilling weekend assignments to serve at Mass. As servers become more experienced, they have an opportunity to become an MC server, Master of Ceremonies, to demonstrate their responsibility and maturity.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Celebration; Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343



ARTS & ENVIRONMENT (A&E): Arts & Environment is responsible for the worship environment of our Church. This includes decorating the Church, Narthex (entrance), and outside of the building for various seasons of the church year. Special attention and planning are given to major seasons of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas. Arts & Environment is for individuals who like to decorate, meet other people and work with their hands. The committee includes painters, carpenters, decorators, floral arrangers, seamstresses, and many other talented members. More practical elements of the ministry include washing and ironing, watering and maintaining plants, and just being a helper wherever help is needed.

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AVILAS: The Avilas, named after Saint Teresa of Avila, are a 30-year-old group, unique to the Cleveland Diocese, which now numbers more than one thousand. We are simply a group of people who pledge to pray for new and existing vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Avila Prayer books are available for your use. A petition basket also exists, and we have a personalized monthly prayer calendar. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day on Mondays during Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel. The Avilas begin their Holy Hour by praying out loud for petitions; choose various prayers from the book especially for our priests and religious as well as for new vocations. The Holy Hour concludes with a Rosary based on the Joyful Mysteries.

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BAPTISM MINISTRY TEAM: We welcome our children into the Family of God through our Baptism Ministry. It's a special day when God declares His children as His own. God carefully chooses each child for their parents. We are honored to help parents establish and grow their child's relationship with their Heavenly Father. The Sacrament of Baptism is one of the very important ways to do this. Baptism coordinators are members who have answered God's call to serve their Parish. As a baptism coordinator, you will receive training to aid our priests and deacons during this most special Sacrament. Coordinators prepare the needed supplies including the Baptismal font and the Pascal candle on the day of the Baptism. As coordinators, we also aid the presiders during the ceremony. It's a great honor to witness and be a part of this blessed and beautiful day. Training to become a baptism coordinator at Saint Ambrose is conducted at a one-time meeting where we will teach you about the Baptism ceremony and why we do what we do to celebrate the Sacrament. Not only will you be able to help our presiders and families during the Baptism ceremony, but you can deepen your understanding of this special Sacrament. Baptism coordinators are scheduled based on their availability. Our Baptisms last about an hour, with set up and clean up. As one of our Saint Ambrose sayings go, "many hands make for light work," and we hope to build our ministry

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our group sponsors Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm in the Chapel. We spend 30 - 60 minutes in prayer and devotion to our Lord, present in the Eucharist. You can sign up to join us or simply drop-in, all are welcome.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adoration; Terri Parker; Ministry@StAmbrose.us

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS): We are members who have completed training to become lay ministers who assist priests and deacons to distribute Holy Communion during Masses. We also serve those who desire to take Holy Communion to area Care Facilities and those who are homebound. Ministers are scheduled on average 2 times per month for Communion distribution. Ministers who visit the Care Facilities attend 9:00 am Mass, then conduct a Communion Service at the nursing home, as well as make room visits. This takes approximately 2 hours, once a month.

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FUNERAL PLANNING: During this most difficult time, know that we, as the Family of God, are here to support you. This is a difficult time, there is so much to think about, and there are so many aspects to the planning of a funeral. You are overwhelmed, but you also want to honor the desires of your loved one and have the chance to say goodbye to them in a beautiful and respectful way. Our staff can assist in planning your loved one's funeral.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Funeral; PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300;
Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

GREETERS: We are the warm faces that greet you at the doors of the Church every weekend before Mass. Some of our Greeters have signed up as a family and greet during weekend Masses together. Greeters have a vital role in forming a visitor's first impression of our Parish. The purpose of this ministry is to welcome, acknowledge, assist or direct parishioners and visitors by greeting them at the entrances of the Church.

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HEAVENLY ANGELS: We are a humble group of servants who help clean and maintain the beauty of our Church. We are men and women and children. Students in grades 6 - 8 do not need a parent with them, however younger students do need the assistance of a parent to help clean.

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HOLY DAYS & OTHER LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES: In addition to Sundays, the days to be observed as Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows: the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; the solemnity of the Ascension; the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the solemnity of All Saints; the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Ambrose Parish will always hold prayer services or Masses in observance of the aforementioned Holy Days of Obligation.

Additional prayer services and Masses may occur or special liturgical accommodations may be incorporated into normally scheduled Masses in observance of the following solemnities and other Catholic celebrations: the Epiphany of the Lord; the Baptism of the Lord; Ash Wednesday; the solemnity of Saint Joseph, earthly husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the Annunciation of the Lord; Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday; Pentecost Sunday; The Most Holy Trinity; Corpus Christi; the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity; the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity; All Souls' Day; the solemnity of Christ the King; and our own patron Saint feast day, Saint Ambrose of Milan. We also plan various day school grade-focused liturgies throughout the year.

The regular morning service or Mass time of 8:15 am may be adjusted 9:00 am for the following days of significance: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Eve and Day. Other days of significance that Saint Ambrose observes with special liturgical incorporations include Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, 9/11 Patriot's Day, Catechetical Sunday, Catholic Family Day, New Driver Blessing, and Silent Sorrows. For a complete and the most up-to-date schedule of liturgies, visit www.StAmbrose.us or call 330.460.7300.

LECTORS: We serve each week by proclaiming God's Word through Scripture. Lectors are part of a faith-based ministry rooted in the proclamation of God's Word. A lector must have a fervent love for God's Word. They must also have strong reading and presentation skills, with the ability to directly touch the hearts of God's congregation through the proclamation of the Word. Just as a priest is instrumental in nourishing the souls of God's elect through the Liturgy of the Eucharist, lectors minister to God's faithful through the Liturgy of the Word, which Scriptures define as "*with God from the beginning, and who is Christ made flesh*" (John 1:1 - 14).

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LINEN ANGELS: The individuals of this ministry wash and iron all of the various small, very delicate linens used for Masses, such as the purificators and corporals used on the altar at Mass. With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the Altar Linen Care Ministry or the Linen Angels cares for the sacred linens.

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LIVING ROSARY: A Living Rosary is made of people representing each bead of the Rosary. This is a peaceful and meaningful way to reflect on the presence of Jesus in your life and allow His life and love to fill your heart full of grace, as God did for our Blessed Mother Mary. This service occurs in October, the month of the Rosary, and is planned by our Saint Ambrose Catholic School. The students are the ones who actually represent the Rosary beads during this service.

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LIVING WORD HEALING PRAYER SERVICE & NIGHT OF HEALING PRAYER: Members from the Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry organize opportunities for Healing Ministers to be present in our Church for prayer over the sick and injured. These can exist in the form of a service that follows a Saturday Vigil Mass or a "Night of Healing Prayer" in conjunction with ministers from Peter's Shadow, a locally based 501(c)3 non-profit ministry that provides healing, deliverance, and evangelization. During our Living Word Healing Prayer Service or Night of Healing Prayer, ministers serve in a supportive role for those in need of healing prayer, to walk with them as companions on the journey toward physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual healing through prayer.



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MASS INTENTIONS: A Mass intention can be offered for someone, living or deceased, or as a thanksgiving or especial intention. Mass intentions can be requested in any of our regular Masses that we offer. However, they fill up quickly, therefore for a specific date, Mass intentions should be requested months ahead of time. Mass intentions are published in our weekly bulletin. The recommended donation for a Mass intention is \$10 and all intentions can be arranged with the PLC Front Office staff.

CONTACT: PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

MASS PETITIONS: A Mass petition is a little different from a Mass intention. During the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer at Mass, there is a special petition where we pray for all who are sick and suffering. The names of those who we are praying for are mentioned. To include names for the sick on the next upcoming Mass, please call or visit the PLC Desk.

CONTACT: PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

MILESTONE MOMENTS: We are your Parish family and the milestones you are celebrating are important to us too. Allow your Parish family to partake in the celebration with you by completing and submitting the form on our Milestone Moments webpage. Share the exciting news of a new birth, milestone birthday, anniversary, graduation, or special announcement. Milestone submissions will be published in our bulletin.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Milestones; Rebecca Kaaikaula, RKaaikaula@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7334

OUTDOOR MASSES – GROTTO: During the summer months, weather permitting, a Mass is held at our Grotto. Outdoor Masses are held every other Saturday, beginning in June through the end of August at 6:00 pm. Being allowed the opportunity to experience the full Mass outside among the beautiful gifts of nature that God has given us is an experience everyone should have at least once. We ask that you bring either a lawn chair or a blanket.



CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Summer/;
PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

RECONCILIATION: We hold Reconciliation monthly, usually on the 1st Wednesday of the month or by appointment. During our monthly Reconciliations, we have many priests available to hear confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession or Penance) is the means and the sign that Christ gave us to show His willingness to heal us when, through our own human frailty, we turn in on ourselves and away from Him and our neighbor. It can be quite normal to feel anxious or nervous about receiving this Sacrament. Please know that our priests are here to offer you a kind and encouraging hand during this healing process.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Reconciliation; PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

SACRISTY/SACRISTANS: A group of dependable parishioners work together to prepare the altar prior to Mass. We prepare the sacred vessels, wine, hosts, and other liturgical items before and after weekend Masses, funerals, and weddings. Sacristans can serve at the Masses they attend.

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USHERS: The Usher Ministry welcomes both men and women from teens to seniors with the gift of hospitality and caring. Ushers are the first contact in our parishioners and visitors' Mass experience. We provide a variety of services including greeting everyone as they enter and leave our Church, assisting with seating, secure offertory collection, communion traffic flow, distributing the bulletins, collecting donations for Catholic Works of Mercy, and looking out for the safety of the congregation.

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WEDDING PREPARATION TEAM: When you decide to plan your wedding at Saint Ambrose, you have an entire team at your disposal to help you plan your dream day. We help you plan every step of your marriage ceremony.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Wedding;
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Kim Nemet, KNemet@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7316



WORSHIP COMMISSION: The Worship Commission is a group of liturgical leaders that meet monthly. This group enlivens our worship experience by helping to plan special celebrations and events throughout the Church year, including Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Thanksgiving, etc.

CONTACT: Helen Lanzarotta, HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7343

XLT NIGHTS: Pronounced, “exalt nights”, this event is a night of prayer open to our entire Parish community, occur at least once per month and are hosted by fiat and our Young Adult Ministry. XLT Nights usually occur in our Church, with the exception of during the summer months when it is held at our Grotto, weather permitting. XLT is a night of prayer open to our entire Parish community that includes praise and worship songs, an impactful and inspiring message, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. XLT is a devotion focused on growing deeper in our relationship with Jesus. XLT combines praise and worship, a scripture reading proclaiming the Word of God, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is placed on the altar for us to adore.

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*“For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from Him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.”*

- PSALM 62:5-6

CATECHESIS AND CONVERSION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY: People's lives today are often busy and challenging. Stage 1 of the *Hearts Afire* Parish-based program is *33 Days to Morning Glory* and offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. The course runs for 5 weeks and concludes with a Consecration.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION: Many adult Catholics have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have received the Sacrament of Baptism and First Eucharist but desire to receive the third Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation, we can help you prepare to receive this Sacrament at our Parish, along with the teen Confirmation candidates, or at Saint John's Cathedral, with other adults throughout our diocese. As a fully initiated Catholic, you are able to serve as a godparent for Baptism or as a sponsor for Confirmation. Several preparation options are available.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Confirmation; Janet Majka, JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321

ALPHA: We are members looking to create healthy, stimulating conversation and safely connect with others to freely explore the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Alpha sessions are 11-weeks long and can be held in person or online and typically run in the fall and/or winter. All sessions include a video segment and great discussions. Whether you are seeking to grow closer to God or to learn more about Jesus and the Christian way of life, Alpha is for you.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation;
Janet Majka, JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321



COUPLE-TO-COUPLE MINISTRY: We offer couples the opportunity to break away from their busy lives to focus on each other and themselves. Date nights held here at the Parish is one way we allow couples this opportunity. These date nights usually include a fun activity, dinner, and a specific reflection to focus upon that help couples remember commitment to each other and God.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Marriage; Kim Nemet, KNemet@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7316

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER TEAM: Parish members unite to pray for those who are being offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, especially for those dying. Divine Mercy Prayer Team members pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as soon as they receive the name of the person receiving the Sacrament. As they are able, the members also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during Eucharistic Adoration for those who will be dying that hour.

CONTACT: PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: These are ongoing small groups that meet regularly to pray together, read Scripture, share faith, and discuss what is happening in their lives and in the world around them. A faith sharing group may meet in people's homes or here at the Parish. Wherever they meet, their mission is to support one another on their faith journey. This ministry is profoundly impactful and able to provide a comfortable, safe place to share, confide, and profess to fellow Catholics at a deeper level. Participants often share that their faith has deepened and relationships with others have grown. We have all of the resources for scripture study, Alpha, book clubs, and reflection groups. There is also a leadership team that provides assistance in planning.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation; Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322; Diane Heilman, DHeilman@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322;

FORMED (FORMED.ORG): Saint Ambrose Parish has purchased all of our members a FORMED/Formed.org subscription. This dynamic online platform provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Every Saint Ambrose member has 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone, and tablet with internet access. With FORMED, you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics, inspiring audio talks, and countless children's programs. It truly is the Catholic faith on demand and at your fingertips.



CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation; Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322

HOLY HIKING: Deacon Matt Harley leads this group of Parish members who come together on the 2nd Saturday of the month during the nicer time of the year (May - November) at various locations walking our paths to holiness. The group enjoys walks together when they reflect on God's Word, experience the beauty of God's creation, and share the journey with one another.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/HolyHiking; Deacon Matt Harley, MHarley@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

HOUSE BLESSING: Our Parish priests or deacons can come to your house to bless it. Many ask for this blessing at the start of the New Year, but it can also be done at any time. Please call the PLC Office to make these arrangements.

CONTACT: PLC Office, FrontOffice@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

IF MY PEOPLE PRAY: Are you discouraged by the news, division and chaos taking place in our great country? It is not hopeless. There is something we can do about it and God tells us exactly what that is. In 2 Chronicles 7, the Father says: *"If my people humble themselves and pray I will revive their land."* If My People Pray is a monthly prayer service dedicated to those who want to unite in prayers for our nation. We gather on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm for 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.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation; Ruth Landreth, Ministry@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300; Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322

INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: This is a prayer group dedicated to the Infant of Prague and its purpose to bring people closer to the Infant so they will receive His peace and blessing. We support families and children who are being baptized by praying for them and gifting them an Infant of Prague Guild acknowledgement certificate.

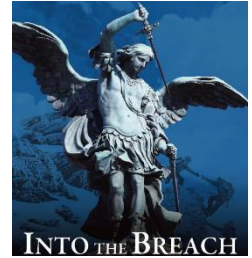
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INTO THE BREACH WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: This is a program run by the Knights of Columbus Council #4847 and is based off of the groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. The Knights encourage all men who are looking to be a spiritual leader in their families and community and who feel strongly about defending their beliefs, values, faith, and loved ones to participate.

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LEGION OF MARY – “OUR LADY OF JOY”: We are a group of Parish members who promote a deeper love of God through their devotion to Mary, especially through the Rosary, and through the apostolic works they perform. Active members of the Legion of Mary pray the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel (except holidays and Holy Days). We help with May Crowning for the Special Education PSR, Feast of the Assumption activities, October's "Month of the Rosary" promotion, jail ministry activities, and praying the Rosary at designated health care facilities. We also visit families with the Blessed Virgin Mary statue.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: The Marriage Enrichment Program at Saint Ambrose is designed to help couples strengthen their marriage. Our Marriage Enrichment program gives you and your spouse opportunities to grow and nourish your marriage through humor, speakers and a variety of topics; all to enhance your marriage. Part of the program provides a Day of Reflection and World Marriage Day Celebration held on the 2nd Saturday of February that includes a special Mass and a social event (reception or dinner) following the Mass for married couples. Many other events are held throughout the year geared just for our married couples. Through the 6-part *Beloved* series, married couples meet monthly to tackle areas of marriage that include drawing on the graces available to you day-to-day in their marriages.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Marriage; Kim Nemet, KNemet@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7316

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: This is a group of our adult male members who are dedicated to strengthening their faith through fellowship and discussion. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Lehner Center Father McGivney room. Men's Fellowship is based on a series of topics on how to be a *Catholic Man in the World Today*. This 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 series is firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the sessions cultivate fun opportunities and build friendships within the community.

CONTACT: Ted Tyburski, ted111777@frontier.com, 440.665.9314

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS: Led by Father Dan Samide and Deacon Tom Sheridan, this is an opportunity for guys to serve up good food, faith, and fellowship. All men of the Parish are welcome to a breakfast organized, prepared, and served by other guys of the Parish on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Mens-Breakfasts; Ted Tyburski, ted111777@frontier.com, 440.665.9314; Deacon Tom Sheridan, TSheridan@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7300

MEN'S WELCOME RENEWAL RETREAT (FORMERLY WELCOME WEEKEND FOR MEN): Our group is an effective spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the Parish to plan, organize, and host a weekend for men to experience and strengthen their faith. Men of the Parish are invited to come and enjoy a weekend with their peers that leads you to friendship and growth in your personal relationship with Jesus. Men's Renewal Weekends are held in the late winter and in the fall.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Family planning is such a personal decision. There are many aspects to consider, including the physical, mental, spiritual, and financial. When used correctly, Natural Family Planning is 99% effective. This natural choice has zero side effects. It does, however, bring a husband and wife closer together with shared fertility responsibility. There is only a small, one-time fee for a lifetime of knowledge. Natural Family Planning can lead a couple closer to each other and closer to God. By following the values of Christ, this puts you on the path to holiness. No matter where you are in your family planning (a desire to conceive a child, wanting to postpone a pregnancy, finding the need to space your children or everything in-between), using this natural and effective method can work for you. Through your fertility, you can use God's will to create life and nurture that life in your family. Fertility is a gift. In being open to new life through your marriage, God's love will shine. Use this gift to make your family strong.

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PARISH MISSION: We are Saint Ambrose members and staff who join together to assist in planning the annual Fall Parish Mission and Lent Parish Mission. A Parish Mission is held over the course of 3 evenings, usually beginning on Sunday night with the purpose of gaining further insight into living a faith-filled life. We meet to discuss and plan all aspects of our Parish Missions. Our committee ensures that our Parish Missions are opportunities for the whole Parish to come together to reflect upon God's Word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts and hands.

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PRAYER COMPANIONS: Companions play an important role in the life of an individual who is preparing to receive a Sacrament such as First Eucharist, Confirmation, etc. We encourage members of our community to take on this role and responsibility of providing a personal experience of being welcomed into the next phase of one's faith journey. Journey to Emmaus/RCIA Prayer Companions ensure that no individual walks the journey of conversion on their own and serve as personal representatives of the individual's immediate faith community and provide personal support to participants.

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PRAYER PARTNERS: Prayer Partners hold each other in prayer. We are individuals who want to pray for and connect with other individuals of our Parish, especially when we cannot get together in person.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)/JOURNEY TO EMMAUS: Our team assists individuals who are interested in learning more about becoming Catholic. Journey to Emmaus is a process for those who may be interested in becoming Catholic and who have never been baptized or those who seek, as baptized Christians, to become a member of the Catholic faith community. Journey to Emmaus begins in September and concludes in May each year and meets every Sunday.



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SACRAMENTAL SPONSORS: Every individual who celebrates a sacrament of initiation in the Catholic Church chooses a Sacramental Sponsor. In the case of individuals who are being baptized, these sponsors are called Baptism Sponsors (or "Godparents"); for individuals celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation they are called Confirmation Sponsors. A Sacramental Sponsor is a representative of the Catholic faith community and a personal role model, confidant, and friend for the individual candidate. In the RCIA, the Sacramental Sponsor accompanies the candidate through the Journey to Emmaus.

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SCRIPTURE STUDY: We are parishioners wanting to grow in our faith through knowledge and understanding of Sacred Scripture. Scripture Study offers adult participants an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Scripture as a means to experience how God reveals Himself to us. Scripture Study also helps us to better understand the Scriptural roots of our faith tradition. Sessions focus on one book of the Bible and include video presentations and discussion from Scripture or other studies. Participants do not need previous experience.

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SOTE.LIFE: This is a social media app (available for download on Apple and iOS devices) that helps subscribers to dive more deeply into their faith. SOTE.life app is social media with a faith filter. Experience Christ-centered content and a community that will strengthen your faith and connect you with others. Wherever you are in your journey, God has called you to be the Salt Of The Earth (SOTE). Our members are encouraged to join this growing social community and be inspired every day to live your best SOTE.life for Him.



CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: We are here for the women and girls of our Parish. We have a mutual desire to get to know Jesus Christ personally and we do this by making Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church relevant and applicable. We meet weekly throughout the year and develop friendships in small groups to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus and know His word more fully.



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WOMEN'S RENEWAL: Renewal is a re-birth that is empowering. Renewal is bonding not only in the name of the Lord, but also with fellow women and parishioners. We offer an annual renewal to women allowing them to grow, laugh, cry, and relax in hopes of spiritual and hopeful acceptance.

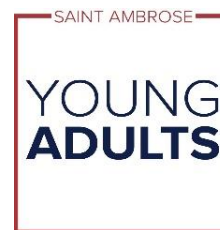
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WOMEN'S RETREATS: We offer different opportunities on and off campus that support women. Our desire is to see women encouraged, challenged, and empowered to discover God's plan for them. We look for many different opportunities for all the women of our Parish to grow in their faith and take the next steps in their spiritual growth.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Womens-Ministry; Diane Heilman, DHeilman@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322; Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: We are the young adults (ages 21 - 35) of the Parish who enjoy getting together for fellowship, fun, and faith. We offer an array of events and opportunities for service, fellowship, and faith-building, both on and off campus. There is no long-term commitment or membership required. Just show up to events or gatherings when you can, and feel free to bring a friend or two.



CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults; www.Facebook.com/Groups/SAYoungAdults; Instagram: @stambrose_ya; Caitlin Arbogast, CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387

CHILDREN/YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

In all youth formation programs, all adults are required to fulfill all diocesan VIRTUS, Called to Protect, requirements, including background checks, VIRTUS, Called to Protect, training course, and reading and acknowledgment of the Policy for the Safety of Children and the Standards of Conduct in Ministry.

ABLAZE (JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY): For all students in 6th – 8th grade. ABLAZE is a community for middle school students and their families to personally know Jesus and to grow as missionary disciples. ABLAZE Youth Ministry is designed with you in mind, offering a dynamic and welcoming environment for middle school students like yourself to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and make a positive impact on our community. Whether you're looking to deepen your spiritual connection, engage in fun and meaningful activities, or simply connect with other like-minded teens, we have something special to offer you.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/ABLAZE; Teresa McCombs, TMcCombs@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7339

BABY BIBLE TIME: God's Word tells us in Proverbs to train up our children in the way of the Lord. So, let's put them in the right environment. Saint Ambrose is offering Moms, Dads or caregivers the opportunity to bring your baby (ages 0 - 4) for some Baby Bible time. Unlike other story times offered, we will focus on Christian stories from the Bible, Christian songs, crafts and fellowship. This group gets together on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am in the church's Family Room.

CONTACT: Gayle Oboy, GOboy@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7322

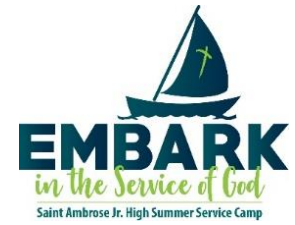
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW): Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a worship experience for children, allowing them to hear the Scriptures in words they understand. From August through May, at the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday or on Sunday at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, the priest invites children, in grades 1 – 3, to come forward after the Opening Prayer. They receive a blessing and head to the Chapel with our CLOW catechist. Children then return to their families right after the homily and have a take-home activity sheet that enhances the lesson from that week's Gospel. For each Mass, there is an adult leader who plans and runs the session. Adult and teen assistants are on hand to aid the leader. Adult and teen volunteers offer this special ministry to the children. CLOW can be viewed at home too.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/CLOW; Kathy Saffron, kathysaffron@gmail.com, 216.410.7899

CONFIRMATION: Saint Ambrose offers preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for students in grade 9 and older. Each year we confirm approximately 130 candidates. If you are looking to be Confirmed or if you would consider serving as a Confirmation catechist, please contact Caitlin.

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EMBARK IN THE SERVICE OF GOD SUMMER SERVICE CAMP: The Embark Group welcomes all teens in grades 6 - 8 to help them grow in their faith and continue to pray that they will live by example on their journey. The camp is led by many of our high school teens who model what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Throughout the year, we provide service opportunities in order to live out our message of faith. Students share their talents and help the less fortunate, all while strengthening their faith and making new friends. During the summer, we offer a week-long camp that provides meaningful service opportunities along with fun.



CONTACT: Teresa McCombs, TMcCombs@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7339

FIAT (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY): Fiat is our high school youth ministry program at Saint Ambrose. We meet just about every Sunday night during the school year beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass followed by dinner and activities until 8:00 pm. The year also includes social events, retreat experiences, service opportunities and more. No official registration is necessary.

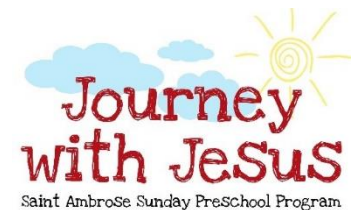


CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/fiat; Caitlin Arbogast, Instagram: [stambrose_fiat](https://www.instagram.com/stambrose_fiat); CArbogast@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7387

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is an extension of the educational mission of Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, and serves to support parents in the spiritual development and faith formation of their children. Growing in faith means living a life centered on Christ through active participation in Sunday liturgy (Mass), the Sacraments, and generous service to others. Saint Ambrose PSR is committed to provide the best possible faith formation experiences for your child. Children with strong faith and values do better in school and make for happier homes. We offer a variety of programs to support parents in their role as primary educators in the ways of our Catholic faith. Registration is required for the various PSR programs. Catechists and assistants work together to create engaging and enriching learning activities. They are volunteers who give of their time and talents because of their love of God's children and desire to share their faith.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/PSR; Brandan Bizzi, BBizzi@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7325

PRESCHOOL/JOURNEY WITH JESUS: This is PSR for our preschool-age children. At our Sunday Journey with Jesus Preschool, students learn best through songs of faith and stories about Jesus. JWJ is designed to help you, as parents, teach your child the songs and stories that will stay with them forever. The Journey with Jesus program is offered during the school year at both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds or kindergarten students, from September through April. We know it can be challenging for families with young children to participate weekly in Mass. This program helps young children grow in faith through age-appropriate experiences and develop friendships with peers in our Parish. Class placement will be determined by the child's age on September 30. Adult catechists, aided by adult and teen assistants, lead the children in prayer and share stories and crafts and activities that introduce the children to our Catholic values and traditions.



CONTACT: Brandan Bizzi, BBizzi@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7325

CLASSROOM/ELEMENTARY PSR, GRADES 1 - 5: Sessions are scheduled weekly, apart from breaks during holidays, throughout the school year. Classes are led by catechists and assistants. Classes include textbook material and activities to reinforce the topics. Students and their parent(s) participating in this program are expected to participate in all family-centered PSR events and grade level activities throughout the year. This fosters both parental involvement and connection with our faith community. For the 2024 - 2025 PSR year, classes are offered on Mondays at 6:45 - 7:45 pm, and Wednesdays at 4:45 - 5:45 pm.

FAMILY HOME SCHOOL PSR, GRADES 1 - 8: In this PSR option, parents are responsible for covering textbook material and discussing the topics with their children as they learn Catholic teachings on a weekly basis, similar to PSR. Families participating in this program, along with their at-home studies, are expected to participate in all family centered PSR events and grade level activities throughout the year to foster a connection with our Parish community. Parents participate in three meetings throughout the year for training and support as they serve as their child's catechist.

JUNIOR HIGH PSR, GRADES 6 - 8: Junior High PSR offers faith formation for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 using the EDGE Curriculum (<https://lifeteen.com/>). Our Parish community is committed to making the junior high years an inspiring and prayerful experience, helping your son or daughter grow in the ways of our Lord. We have created a Junior High program that is engaging and spiritually formative for your younger teen with inspiring catechesis shared in a "youth ministry" style, service opportunities, retreats, and social events. Each activity will offer teens chances to pray together, get to know one another, or serve others as they grow into lifelong disciples of Jesus. Registration is required for Junior High PSR.

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) ADVISORY BOARD: The PSR Advisory Board serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and PSR Coordinator regarding the Parish School of Religion. Comprised of parents of currently enrolled students, the group researches and discusses various issues and proposals, and offers counsel to the Pastor and coordinator, with the goal to provide the best possible religious education for all of the youth of our Parish. PSR serves to support parents, in their role as primary educators of the faith, as they pass on our Catholic faith to their children. Meetings are held quarterly during regularly scheduled PSR meeting times.

CONTACT: Brandan Bizzi, BBizzi@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7325

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC): This program is for those students who are 7 years old or older and have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. Students prepare for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist in these classes before entering regular PSR classes. This preparation process may take 1 or 2 years depending upon Sacramental preparation needs of the student and family.

CONTACT: Janet Majka, JMajka@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7321

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Students typically prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during their second-grade year. At Saint Ambrose, Confirmation students are usually prepared during their ninth-grade year. Information on these sacramental preparation programs can be found at www.StAmbrose.us/Sacraments or at the PSR office. Enrollment in 1st grade PSR is expected prior to enrollment in Sacramental Preparation for First Eucharist and enrollment in both 7th and 8th grade PSR is expected for enrollment in Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PSR: Our program provides religious instruction for both children and adults with developmental disabilities. Students celebrate the Sacraments and have the opportunity to participate in the Mass. We meet on Saturday mornings, October - April, from 8:30 - 10:00 am in the Lehner Center. We have a Special Education Mass in December and April. The students participate in whatever way possible. Volunteers who work with these special children and adults need to be organized, compassionate, and flexible.

CONTACT: Brandan Bizzi, BBizzi@StAmbrose.us, 330.460.7325

STEWARDSHIP OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR CHILDREN: The Stewardship Commission provides offertory envelopes uniquely designed for children and teens. These envelopes are distributed on a quarterly basis to children attending our day-school, preschool, PSR, and fiat. The offertory envelopes help youngsters understand that stewardship is based on the idea that all we have and all we are, comes from God. In order to thank God for our many blessings, we should give back a portion of what God has blessed us with: time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is an attitude, a way of life. We ask students to write the following: any special intentions for those who they would like our Parish to pray for, a short description of the ways they have shared their time, talents, or treasure by donating money to support our Parish.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): This is our VBS that is held during the summer months each year. VBS offers children a religious education and faith formation experience that is different from the traditional PSR classroom classes. Music, crafts, games and even snacks are connected to Bible themes each day. Children are grouped according to age for some activities, but large group experiences bring all ages together for faith and fun. Adult volunteers (aided by adults, high school teens and junior high youth assistants) lead participants through the various activities during the session. All ages can participate in and enjoy VBS.

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek His will in all you do,
and He will show you which path to take.”*

- PROVERBS 3:5

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WHO WE ARE: Our Parish is blessed to have a number of strong partnerships with local businesses.

HOW WE SERVE: Our partnerships with these select businesses are mutually beneficial for all involved. We work hard to create opportunities that both support the work and life of our Parish community with a strong value for our friends.

CONTACT: www.StAmbrose.us/Community-Partners; Jake Bihari, JBihari@StAmbrose.us



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“I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.”

- PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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