



# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

## *Annual Report*

Prepared for the Pastoral and Fiscal Year:  
JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

# GO!

JOSHUA 1:9

## GOD IS WITH YOU



Dear Members of *Saint Ambrose Parish*,

## ONLY JESUS!

Last year, Steve Angrisano wrote a beautiful song for our second graders for their First Eucharist called *Vessels*. It reminds us that we are all 'vessels' of the Lord.

*All who are thirsty...run to the water.  
All who are hungry...eat without price.  
We are God's children....running to meet Him.  
Lord fill our heart. Teach us to love.  
To Live as the Body of Christ.*



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

As I was praying and reflecting on our Annual Report, over and again, the refrain of this song came to my mind and heart. As I look back on the year, the Lord has filled our hearts (and our community). We are working hard to love as He has taught. And, together, we are living as the Body of Christ. My heart is full of gratitude to God - and to you - for all the blessings of our parish community, and all the great good we have done (and continue to do) together to build up the Body of Christ and care for those most in need in our community.

This Annual Report offers a glimpse of the great good we have done together over the year. Some highlights are:

- ...Our parish continues to grow in size and spirit. We were blessed with **180 Baptisms** this year!!!
- ...We continue the mission of Jesus by caring for those most in need **in our local community and in the greater region.**
- ...We are working hard to **create opportunities for all our members** to have a way to connect, serve, and belong.
- ...A key focus for growth and development this past year was to **engage more of our young people** in music and performing arts.
- ...Our **school programs continue to thrive!!!**
- ...And, so much more.

As we look to this new pastoral year, some of the goals we've set for the year include:

- ...A **comprehensive safety review** of our campus and associated training programs and protocols.
- ...A concerted effort to **strengthen our ministry for Junior High students** (PSR, SAS, Ablaze).
- ...Development of **evangelization throughout our parish life and programming** (how do we keep inviting people to a deeper relationship with the Lord?).
- ...The **development of Vision 2035**, a ten-year campus plan to address capital needs (roofs, HVAC, etc) along with facilities' needs.
- ...The development of a **five-year plan for Saint Ambrose School** to focus on student experience, technology needs, and facility plans.

Over the next few months, there are two campus projects that, hopefully, will come to life:

- ...The school has **raised funds to build a vestibule** for the north entry of the school. This will greatly **improve access and safety** for the school.
- ...Our Catholic Works of Mercy building is out of space. Thanks to several parishioners, we are working to **add on to this building with a 'pole-barn' type construction for an additional 2400 sq. ft.** of work and storage space to help address the growing needs our CWM team addresses.

Thank you so much for your continued support for our parish community. **Our parish is alive and doing the work of the Lord.** God bless you.

Take some time to review this Annual Report.....read.....see.....and learn why **my heart overflows with thanks and praise to God for all the blessings** we have received!

God is with us....wherever we **GO**, and in all that we do, for His glory.

Thank you!

*"The Lord your God is  
with you wherever go."*

JOSHUA 1:9

*Only*  
**JESUS**  
SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



# Blessings on Our Bus Adventures

**SAINT AMBROSE BUS TRIPS GIVES OUR MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO "GO!"**

These trips are opportunities to meet new people, experience amazing places, discover wonderful things, and make beautiful moments together. We've had a great year traveling and sharing fun moments together.

*Adventures with Saint Ambrose Bus Trips* took our members all over the region. On one trip, they ventured to **Fort Wayne, Indiana** for a Vera Bradley event and then headed to the well-known **Grove City Outlet Mall in Pennsylvania**.

Another trip gave adventurers a memorable overnight trip to **Kentucky where they toured the Creation Museum and The Ark**. This destination was determined based upon past Bus Trip participants' desire of wanting to visit and experience the magnificence of The Ark.

During the 2023 Advent bus trip, the day kicked off with a Prayer Service honoring our patron saint, Saint Ambrose. We then went on tours of **Saint Colman's Church and Saint John's Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio**. We ended at the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** with Wild Winter Lights. According to one of our participants, *"the evening was truly spectacular."*

For our Lenten trip, members headed to **Toledo, Ohio to tour the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary**. After lunch, the trip took participants to **Carey, Ohio to visit the National Shrine of our Lady of Consolation**.

Please join us for an upcoming trip soon. Our 2025 trip calendar will be out soon so keep an eye out for upcoming trips. Visit [StAmbrose.us/Bus-Trip](http://StAmbrose.us/Bus-Trip) for our **2025 trip calendar** as well as more details about our upcoming bus trips. And, keep spreading that word that **"all are welcome on our Bus Adventures!"**

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*I'm not a member but I go on the Bus Trips often because I always feel welcome and they are memorable and fun.*

- MARIA



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ADVENTURES

From sleepovers to shopping sprees, we've enjoyed seven exciting trips together this last year!



**450+**  
PEOPLE

About 100 people, each trip, travel with us on the safe, comfortable, and convenient Baron buses!



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UPCOMING TRIPS

We've already got six more trips planned for the next nine months!





# All are welcome, all belong!

## NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH

List as of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Rod & Angela Alberino  
Jim Andolek  
Oswin & Parul Anthony  
Jamie & Nina Ashbacher  
Burdette Baker & Jen Eich  
Michael & Bev Barnhardt  
Nathan & Morgan Barraco  
Jamie & Jessica Battaglia  
Rich & Tricia Baxendale  
Kayla Becka  
Wessam & Balsam Benjamin  
Fran Bentley  
David & Paula Berghauser  
Matt & Jade Bertole  
Ashley Besancon  
Catherine Bier  
Brock Bisler  
Chris & Kathy Bondzio  
Ron & Jeanne Borchert  
Phyllis Brainard  
Marianne Bregar  
Stan & Barb Budzick  
Joe & Fran Cajka  
Rosario & Lisa Calabria  
Linda Calire  
Dylan & Lauren Carmany  
Rachel Cherconis  
Martin Cianciola  
John Cika  
Kim Cinadr  
Michelle Clayton  
Mike & Lisa Colant  
Bryan & Heather Costin  
Gregory Coughenour  
Alexander Silvidi & Audrey Crawford  
Pete & Stephanie Cruz  
Saeed & Erica Darwish  
Stephanie Dauerman  
Becky DeMarco  
Tim & Amanda Dick  
Tony & Barb DiMarino  
Ryan & Stephanie Doherty  
Liam Donnelly & Anna Findley  
Ollie & Sarah Doyle  
Tim & Nichole Dreamer  
Matt & Melissa Duke  
Loretta Dulik  
Jessica Dzuroff  
Mark & Ann Eberhardt  
Matthew & Morgan Egizii  
Jacqui Eureka  
Nick & Shelly Faulhaber  
Michael & Shauna Fedj  
David Fedj

Daniel Fedj  
Justin & Marie Fink  
Jerry Franklin  
Jonathan & Mary Claire Frantz  
Jake Frieden  
Bob & Michelle Frieden  
Marialyse Fuller  
Miguel DeJesus & Jessica Gallagher  
Manny & Christine Garcia  
Amy Gardner  
Alex Gardner & Megan Eckley  
Paul & Jenna Gazzillo  
Jeff & Cyndi Geary  
Mike & Stacy Gilbert  
Stephanie Gray  
Jenifer Grieder  
Mike & Danielle Grzeskowiak  
Juan & Alma Guzman  
Amy Harwood  
Susan Hawk  
Gregory & Annemarie Hayest  
Mike & Nancy Heard  
Jeff & Bethany Hilt  
Frank & Jo Ann Holy  
Marjorie Hoover  
Aaron Hopkins  
Mike & Laura Hough  
Joan Hovan  
Roman & Alina Hray  
Anthony Ina  
Mike & Renee Izzo  
Jerry & Ellen Jakovcic  
Stephen & Shirley James  
Frank & Natalie James  
Joe & Kim Janis  
Jack Jones & Heather Kowalski  
Britt Jurgens  
Kyle & Rachel Jurgens  
Daniel & Cynthia Kalka  
Nick & Kelly Kastelic  
Peggiann Kavlick  
Carmalette Kelly  
Stefania Kiernozek  
Timothy & Megan Kish  
Steven & Nora Knipper  
Robert Kolb  
Adam & Jacklyn Kornokovich  
Bill & Katelyn Kosileski  
Nancy Kroffke  
Sandra Kruczek  
Vasyl & Vira Kurysh  
Tom & Janet Labus  
Matt Latouche & Erin Lamb  
Edgar & Abigail Kidd

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*We love  
Saint  
Ambrose  
Parish.  
You are  
blessed,  
and you  
bless us!!!*

- MONICA

**GO!**  
**in peace.**



Andrew & Yunnan Lau  
Myriah Lavelle  
Sean & Tina Lavelle  
Jim LeCaste  
Lissa Levy  
Zachary Losk  
Ralph Lucarelli  
Chet Lucas  
DJ & Rachel Lynch  
Jeff & Carol Lynn  
Bill & Laura Madachik  
Jake Marianut  
Arleen Marini  
Gene Mark  
Stephen & Vianney Marquez  
Justin & Jordan Martin  
Jason & Kayla Martin  
Zachary Krebs & Melanie Marusa  
Greg & Tanya McCoy  
Ryan & Sydnie McGreer  
Cory Mckinley & Cait McMicheaux  
Dean & Maureen Moore  
Mark & JoJo Musca  
Maria Napalo  
Charles Nemet  
Mike & Ashley Novicky  
Tyler & Ashley O'Connell  
Mike & Alex Ogorzaly  
Andy & Deb Okulovich  
Dan & Lyndsey O'Malley  
Landon Opich & Ashley Moats  
Brian & Vanessa Palmer  
Kay Papineau  
Leon & Jeannine Pasadyn  
Joseph Pawlowski  
JP Peronek  
Andrew & Erin Perpetua  
Don & Anita Perrott  
Colette Peters  
George & Jean Petkac  
Alex & Brittany Philbin  
Dan & Danielle Pokorny  
Kevin & Mary Porco  
Jeanne Porter  
Marty & Carol Prellwitz  
Benjamin Prock  
Melanie Prohaska  
Robin Putich  
John & Kathy Rachow  
Josh & Chantal Racut  
Bill & Lori Readinger  
Mark & Evelyn Regotti  
Ian & Katlyn reineck  
Melanie Relitz  
Jack & Joan Richards  
Brayton & Theresa Rider  
Michael & Sandra Ritley  
Jim & Lauren Roba  
Andy & Nicole Rodenhauser

Matthew Roder & Mallory Morell  
Diana Ruehl  
Bob & Kim Ruggiero  
Ken & Jane Rulon  
Larry & Alina Russell  
Stephen Rusterholtz & Maureen  
Leneghan  
Anastasia Sabo  
Mikey & Ashley Samijlenko  
Sally Sample  
Shawn & Gigi Samsa  
Nancy Sandlin  
Derek & Nicole Scavuzzo  
John Scheuermann & Katie Manzuk  
Jane Schofield  
Ross & Allison Schreiber  
Christine Schreiner  
Maureen Schumacher  
Dan & Tracy Schwab  
Brian & Kristen Schwalm  
Janet Shell  
Kyle & Aubrye Shepherd  
Patrick & Cassie Simon  
Todd & Chelsea Sinclair  
John & Kristina Smith  
andrew & Kara Smith  
Jeffrey Smith & Michelle Pavlik  
Jacob Smith & Alyson Waite  
Zach Snyder  
Barbara Solomon  
Curtis & Kristen Sorovy  
Rich & Kris Spisak  
Bryan Starkey & Carla Lyons  
Amber Stevens  
Jared & Richelle Sudy

Andrew Szabo  
Michael & Sophia Taylor  
Dominic & Megan Theodore  
Larry & Lorraine Thiry  
Corey & Jordan Thomas  
Laurie Tischler  
Joe Tomcany & Taylor Cruz  
Mikayla Toothman  
Ramon & Heather Torres  
Chris & Courtney Tritt  
Jason Tycast  
Timothy & Tracy Ulery  
David & Brittney Valore  
Carlin & Bri Vandendriessche  
Ken & Michele Vapenik  
Matthew & Alexandra Vasko  
Dave & Michelle Vectirelis  
Eric & Tanya Verderber  
Michael & Corey Vigliucci  
Margie Wadsworth  
Stephen & Rachael Walas  
Jennifer Wasikowski  
Jonathan & Lauren West  
John & Heather Whiteley  
Lea Wilson  
Peggy Wingenfeld  
Brandon & Alison Wojtowicz  
Aaron & Jess Woloszyn  
John & Dolores Woodside  
Sandy Yarwood  
Nancy Zaboski  
Jennifer Zarnesky  
Betty Zavada  
Diane Zivcsak  
Chaz & Maria Zullo

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*Coming to Saint  
Ambrose was the  
best decision  
I've made for my  
family and I. We  
have grown closer  
together in prayer  
and our faith.*

- TODD





# Reminders that God is with Us Wherever We

# GO!

Joshua 1:9

## JUST A FEW WAYS OUR MEMBERS SERVE THE LORD BY SERVING OTHERS:

- Every Wednesday, about **50 vehicles** line up at our CWM Outreach Center for our weekly food distribution, which **feeds more than 110 local families**. In addition to the weekly distributions, our volunteers hand out groceries for Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving that *allow families the opportunity to celebrate together*.
- During October and around Eastertime, our members donate **several thousand pounds of candy** for CWM to include in the weekly grocery distributions so that **hundreds of children can enjoy the sweetness of those holidays**.
- Last year, the Warmth Project provided **coats, gloves, and hats for more than 1,128 families** in the city of Cleveland *for the winter season*.
- CWM responds to **hundreds of crisis calls for assistance** with utilities, rent, medical bills, and other household expenses each month. Our CWM leaders *respond to every call, not only with solutions, but with the utmost warmth and love*.
- Last Advent season, our parish adopted **162 families** took care of them under our Kindness Pine Tree initiative. *Over 1,500 Christmas gifts were given out along with food for about 400 people*.
- God bless a mighty team of members who over the course of the year **picked up gently used furniture from 224 homes which allowed our team to set up 116 houses for 452 newcomers** to our country. *What a blessing that we could create a warm welcome in the name of the Lord*.
- **Two times a year**, we hold a Community Service Weekend. *About 200 volunteers help clean up member's yards from the winter season and then rake leaves in the fall*.



- Every month, **forty people** faithfully deliver **over 5,900 community meals** through our monthly CWM Community Meal initiative. *Each meal is homemade right here at our parish*.
- Our Peanut Butter & Jelly Brigade, a testament to the power of collective action, continues to amaze. They prepare and distribute a **staggering 3,300 bagged lunches weekly, equating to over 165,000 PB&J sandwiches**.
- Our annual "Christmas in July" school supply collection benefits about **350 students**. *Thousands of much-needed supplies are distributed using an entire moving truck*
- For Blanket Sunday, **over 400 blankets and almost 100 sheet sets** were donated so that hundreds of needy people *stay warm during Ohio's brutally cold season*.
- **Ninety** of our parish members comprise the Catholic Works of Mercy Core Team. *Their good work positively impacts our community and those beyond*.

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*It's not really hard work when you're having a good time doing it.*

- JOHN



# SA Thanksgiving

## 2023 IMPACT REPORT



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*The Thanksgiving tradition for our family is to use the day off to serve others. I wouldn't want to do anything else on that day - especially when we get to do it at Saint Ambrose.*

- LEILANI

**1,239** turkeys *were donated in 2023.*

All meals were prepared, cooked, and packed at Saint Ambrose and then delivered to and served at

**22** *other locations throughout northeast Ohio.*

**600+** *gathered during November to collect turkey and pie donations and then prepped, cooked, packed, and served meals.*

**10,200** Thanksgiving *meals served in 2023.*

**FIFTEENTH** *year of serving Thanksgiving Community Meal to thousands.*



# WHO WILL *GO* FOR US?

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME.

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Saint Ambrose Parish members answer the call to **"GO!" for God** every day and it shows in their involvement in our parish ministries.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES:

## PARTNERING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Our members keep building homes here in our communities.

On May 18, over **125 parish and community members** gathered to build the walls for a **fourth Habitat for Humanity home**. The weather, a beautiful sunny day, seemed to bless our efforts! This fourth home, located on South Elmwood Avenue in Medina, is now taking shape with the walls in place and the roof shingles and siding to follow. As we work on the interior, we eagerly look forward to the day when we can welcome the new homeowner into their new home, which we hope will be within the next few months.

Saint Ambrose is committed to working with Habitat for Humanity of Medina County on future homes to provide safer, healthier, and more affordable living for our fellow brothers and sisters. **Sign up to be on our Faith Build email list at [StAmbrose.us/Habitat](http://StAmbrose.us/Habitat).**



## A SISTERHOOD OF KINGDOM BUILDERS Women of our parish who truly live out our Parish Charisms.

In the last year, under the leadership of the ministry's Executive Board, the Women's Guild have made it a priority to base their projects around our **Parish Charisms**. In fact, every one of their meetings begins with a prayer that **"Inspires with Prayer and Worship."** The delicious foods that are homemade by members of the Guild make it evident that the women thrive off of providing **"Joyful Hospitality."** The Guild also encourages all of their members to be **"Engaged and Empowered"** members of the parish. In everything they do, Women's Guild members **"Serve with the Compassion of Christ"** which brings us to a good conclusion...We, as a parish community, **"Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts"** for the Women's Guild and all of their efforts. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join the Women's Guild at any time of the year. **Visit [StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild](http://StAmbrose.us/Womens-Guild) to learn more and sign up.**





## IT'S JUST BEAUTIFUL

### How do they do it?

*"It's always so beautiful. Our Church inside and out reflects the beauty of each season. I just love coming up and taking it all in."*

We are so blessed, as a parish community, with **members who work so hard** to make sure our Church and our campus are clean, fresh, lovely and inspiring. **There's a special group that takes care of the Church under the leadership of Helen Lanzarotta.** We are so blessed by their goodness and efforts.

Many hands make for light work. **Helen and the team could use some fresh hands to help them.** The range of need and opportunity cover the gambit from hanging wreathes... to actually making the wreathes – from carrying flowers into place... to knowing how to arrange them. We also need people who will help water and clean up as the work is done.

It's a labor of love. It's a blessing to take care of God's house and to make sure that our members see the glory and goodness of God inside and out. **To learn more, or to sign up to lend a hand, contact Helen at [HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us](mailto:HLanzarotta@StAmbrose.us).** We will need all the hands we can get as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



## FAITHFUL FIXERS "GO!" FOR GOD AND OTHERS

### Handy talents go a long way.

The Saint Ambrose "Faithful Fixers" group is a ministry that focuses on helping members of our community with home repairs. Our volunteers (both female and male) assist homeowners with everything from painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, and so much more! On average, they take on 8-10 home projects per month. **In the last twelve months, they have tackled over 100 projects together, for the glory of God.**

Are you handy and can spare an hour or two per month? **Join the Faithful Fixers by sending an email to Gabby Moss at [GYatson@StAmbrose.us](mailto:GYatson@StAmbrose.us).**

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*I don't know how they do it but the people of Saint Ambrose always seem to be able to come through when help is needed, no questions asked.*

- NICOLE







# SAINT AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS

# Go!

Joshua 1:9

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE MANY REMARKABLE YOUNG ADULTS LIKE KATHERINE SCHAFFNER.

Katherine is among those at our parish who are **passionate about their faith and actively involved in our community**. She has been a leader in our Young Adults ministry for years now. She frequently gives her time and talent to help plan and organize the ministry's events, lead Bible studies, and welcomes new young adults looking to join the fun. She has a servant heart and is a humble and faithful leader. **Saint Ambrose Parish is truly lucky to have her!**

Keep up to date with what our Young Adults Ministry is up to by scanning the QR code or visiting [StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults](http://StAmbrose.us/Young-Adults).



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*I have been a Eucharistic Minister for 30 years and it is such a beautiful ministry to be a part of.*

- DAVE



## Stewardship Prayer

My Church is composed of people like me.  
**I can help make it what it is.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It will be a Church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
of compassion, charity, and mercy,  
**when 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.



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*The best thing about Saint Ambrose is that there really is something for anyone.*

- JEN



## MAKING YOURSELF AT HOME HERE

### Creating connections for all who enter Saint Ambrose Parish.

A few months ago, at a Parish Council meeting, we were discussing what it takes to develop a sense of 'belonging' in our parish community. So many call Saint Ambrose home and refer to the parish as their second family. In the conversation, we were exploring how do we create this connection for all of our members.

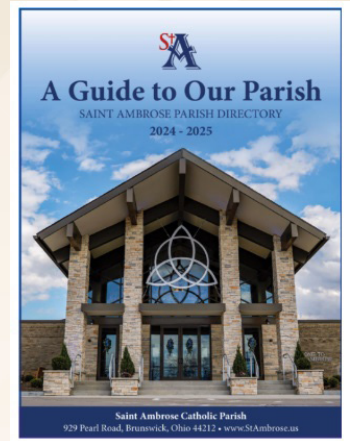
Al Morrison piped up with this answer, *"It happened as soon as I had a 'job' to do."* We all laughed and then we all agreed. **After a person finds a warm welcome at Saint Ambrose, each needs a way to connect, to belong, to engage, to serve – a job to do. And even more, everyone of us has a way – a God given gift and talent – that you can use for the good of our parish community and for the building up of the Body of Christ.**

Early in September we received the updated parish directory of ministries and programs for our parish. You can find a copy online at [StAmbrose.us/Parish-Directory](http://StAmbrose.us/Parish-Directory) or by scanning the "GO" QR code. There are also copies at the doors of the Church, on the bookrack in the Narthex, and at the Parish Office. Take some time to review a ministry or program that is of interest to you. **Find a way to serve – to meet great people – to belong.**

Each week in the bulletin, you will find a complete listing of upcoming programs and ways to serve and get involved. Take a look.

Never hesitate to talk with any of our Parish Council members or parish staff members who can also help you **find a place – a job – a way to belong.** Vita

Schmidt, our Stewardship Coordinator, is always eager to help. You can contact her at [Ministry@StAmbrose.us](mailto:Ministry@StAmbrose.us).



## Staying Connected

**Our parish is Christ-centered, mission-minded, and people-focused.** Given that about 63% of the world's population will use some form of social media in 2024, we are committed to meeting people where they are in our pursuit of spreading the Gospel and God's love.



[www.Facebook.com/StAmbrose.us](http://www.Facebook.com/StAmbrose.us)

Reach: **352,648**  
# of people who saw our page's content

**651** new likes   **51,389** interactions

**121,300**  
page visits



Instagram

@ambrosebrunswick

**1,519**  
followers

**2,600**  
interactions

**156,129** | **621,453**  
new user visits | page views

[StAmbrose.us](http://StAmbrose.us)





# Our Schools "GO!" WITH GOD!



Saint Ambrose  
Catholic School

Littlest Angels  
Preschool

## OUR MISSION AND BLESSINGS

**Enrollment for the 2024-2025 academic year at Littlest Angels Preschool and Saint Ambrose Catholic School (grades K-8) is at an all time high!** In fact, we are pleased to share with you that **we currently have 161 LAPS students and 517 K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

At Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Littlest Angels Preschool, we are **dedicated to forming saints and scholars who serve in the ways of Jesus Christ** now and ultimately to graduate with strong skills to share beyond us. The following are examples of how our students and the good that they do are fulfilling this mission:

- **Collin G.** won the *National Catholic Educational Association Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award* for his school-wide leadership to help the men at Saint Herman's Homeless Shelter. He was also named the *Student of the Year* by the Saint Ambrose Parish Knights of Columbus.
- The **class of 2024** had the *highest number* - **89%** of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates of students - continuing to faith-based high schools.
- **Seven students** were awarded *top High School Placement Test Honors* in spring 2024.
- We have **180 student liturgical ministers** in *grades 5-8*.
- **678 Angels plus faculty and staff** from Littlest Angels Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade *serve others!* All school students serve people in need through Mission Possible, Catholic Works of Mercy, Saint Rocco, Alpha Village, and more.
- **Mindful Angels** (Sources of Strength Mental Health Awareness and Support) - a team of **seven student leaders** is *growing to help even more students.*
- Our **next generation learners** are *developing into problem solvers, collaborators, creators, communicators, and innovators* in an ever-changing world.
- **Littlest Angels Preschool** is part of a '*best in State*' program. The State of Ohio has renewed our **5-STAR Preschool rating!**

**YOU can become an Angel too!** Our Fall Open House for preschool through grade 8 is on **Sunday, November 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.** We encourage everyone to come for a tour and to meet our teachers. For more details and to RSVP for our Open House, visit [SaintAmbroseSchool.us](http://SaintAmbroseSchool.us).







## OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE HAROLD C. SHAW AWARD RECIPIENTS

All **six students in grades 5 and 7** who competed at *The Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day* received **Superior Ratings** for their projects. As indicated by The Ohio Academy of Science, *“Earning this prestigious award requires students to consistently put forth their best effort through every step of the process, from planning, research and critically thinking about experimental results to crafting their final report and presentation. The students of Saint Ambrose Catholic School stepped up, showed up, and did their best work proving that age is not a limit to success! Congratulations to these students and the whole Saint Ambrose family!”*

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISH

Saint Ambrose School student **Henry** had a very special birthday wish. He wanted to **give the gift of birthdays to others**. For his birthday this year, Henry made birthday kits for Saint Augustine’s Community Cupboard and Closet. Saint Augustine’s is a food bank that lets its guests ‘shop’ for their needs rather than giving them a prepackaged bag of food. The facility volunteers were thrilled by his thoughtfulness and beyond excited to put the kits out for guests to shop. **Henry’s act of kindness flew off the shelves within the first 20 minutes of the doors being opened to the community.** The shoppers were stunned and filled with pure joy and excitement by his kindness.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thanks to a special State of Ohio program, you can **help support Catholic education at zero additional out of pocket expense**. It already is making a big difference. In 2023, **we raised \$130,678** through the State of Ohio Angel Scholarship Fund which provided scholarships for **79 families to attend Saint Ambrose Catholic School**.



With your help, our hope is to raise even more funds next year. **It’s really quite simple.** If you pay State of Ohio taxes, you can give those funds (up to \$750 per person or \$1500 per couple) to the Angel Scholarship Fund as a tax credit against your State of Ohio taxes. **This program is amazingly helpful to our families and our parish.** Scan the QR code to partner with us and remember to select Saint Ambrose Catholic School as the recipient of your contribution! **Thank you for being an ‘angel’.**





# SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

## SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

	PRIOR YEAR 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
<b>PARISH RECEIPTS</b>			
Offertory Collections	\$2,158,157	\$2,319,278	\$2,268,000
Other Collections	\$2,406	\$4,030	\$4,000
Donations & Bequests (1)	\$17,147	\$9,981	\$101,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	\$206,036	\$159,343	\$165,000
Net Fund Raising Income (2)	\$202,438	\$211,388	\$137,000
Income from Parish Programs	\$64,282	\$65,133	\$66,100
Unrealized Gain from Investments (3)	\$62,782	\$260,886	\$0
Net Rental Income	\$225	\$1,975	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Receipts (4)	\$1,054,084	\$667,353	\$64,000
Designated Collections (5)	\$15,167	\$14,931	\$0
Other Extraordinary Receipt	\$43,426	\$170,913	\$0
<b>TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,826,150</b>	<b>\$3,885,212</b>	<b>\$2,806,100</b>
<b>PARISH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Clergy	\$86,518	\$114,588	\$90,777
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$588,698	\$704,239	\$750,942
Maintenance Staff	\$86,532	\$88,722	\$83,700
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$145,199	\$167,854	\$163,984
Rectory & Household	\$23,427	\$19,804	\$23,200
General Administrative Expenses	\$305,149	\$332,253	\$308,200
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$105,980	\$121,838	\$124,150
Community Outreach	\$123,738	\$152,053	\$137,400
Religious Education	\$75,675	\$86,314	\$92,950
Stewardship & Evangelization	\$122,714	\$156,755	\$137,550
Utilities	\$74,343	\$72,050	\$76,500
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$20,449	\$25,081	\$30,000
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$110,381	\$160,120	\$149,000
Diocesan Assessments	\$222,252	\$240,000	\$250,000
Designated Collections (5)	\$15,167	\$14,931	\$0
Capital Disbursements	\$202,130	\$166,808	\$104,500
Fundraising & Development	\$1,882	\$3,055	\$0
Extraordinary Expenses	\$44,426	\$0	\$0
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$62,782	\$260,886	\$0
<b>TOTAL PARISH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,417,445</b>	<b>\$2,887,352</b>	<b>\$2,522,853</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$1,408,705</b>	<b>\$997,861</b>	<b>\$283,247</b>
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(354,209)	\$(341,554)	\$(228,570)
CASH USED FOR CHURCH RENOVATIONS RETURNED TO SAVINGS (4)	\$(1,000,000)	\$(600,000)	
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$54,496</b>	<b>\$56,307</b>	<b>\$54,677</b>

Due to rounding to the nearest dollar, some totals may be off by \$1.

### NOTES FOR 2024 ACTUAL:

1. Represents restricted income used for the designated expense purposes.
2. See Event detail for support on page 9.
3. Current stock market fluctuations impacting income
4. This includes \$600,000 of Campaign Funds received for Church Renovations and now returned into our Parish Savings. We did the same last year to the amount of \$1,000,000. (See Balance Sheet Assets-Savings & Investments). God bless those who have fulfilled their pledge and those who continue to faithfully fulfill their commitment. Thank you.
5. Income and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.)



# SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

## SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

	PRIOR YEAR 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
<b>SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>			
Tuition & Fees (1)	\$2,554,225	\$3,279,147	\$3,461,922
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$209,651	\$217,181	\$220,000
Fundraising & Donations (3)	\$103,561	\$179,802	\$217,950
Other Student Receipts	\$41,421	\$35,627	\$35,700
Other School Income	\$38,219	\$27,579	\$20,500
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,937,078</b>	<b>\$3,739,336</b>	<b>\$3,956,072</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes (2)	\$1,915,059	\$2,230,185	\$2,455,339
Instructional	\$131,259	\$169,528	\$155,650
Preschool & Guardian Angels	\$496,634	\$513,823	\$539,003
Library	\$3,329	\$1,729	\$2,000
Utilities	\$59,377	\$55,888	\$63,000
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$166,692	\$193,820	\$226,100
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$20,449	\$25,081	\$27,000
Student Services	\$132,256	\$139,649	\$147,000
Administration	\$170,550	\$204,295	\$204,200
Capital Improvements (3)	\$195,682	\$546,892	\$365,350
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,291,287</b>	<b>\$4,080,890</b>	<b>\$4,184,642</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$(354,209)</b>	<b>\$(341,554)</b>	<b>\$(228,570)</b>

Due to rounding to the nearest dollar, some totals may be off by \$1.

### NOTES:

1. This reflects additional resources expansion of the State of Ohio EdChoice program.
2. Saint Ambrose School has continued to support our faculty and staff and also added additional staffing positions to respond to our student needs.
3. We continue to improve our school facilities and classrooms thanks to the school fundraising efforts.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

**2024-2025 SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:** Tracy Arnone, Kim Baga, Lisa Cinadr, Chrissy Cooney, Frank Gati, Bob Gillingham, Breanne Logue, Sean Lynch, Brent Monnin, Rob Ostrom, Sheri Ricciardi, Father Bob Stec, and Dave Stec.

**2024-2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Adam Anderson, Jamie Anderson, Brian Antonius, Karen Behm, Jennifer Buczak, Michelle Brousek, Keith Castle, Bob Cebula, Jan Cizmar, Andrew Clark, Jen Colbert, James Collins, Jenni Collins, Carrie Egan, Sandie Flowers, Courtney Gall, Megan Gasparro, Cheri Glavic, Maria Grama, Erica Kramer, Breanne Logue, Kristen Lovejoy, Sheri Maskow, Amanda McCrary, Barb McTigue, Amy Morgan, Robert Safran, Mark Seidel, Beth Smith, Chris Strauss, Nick Zambo, and Susan Zambo.

## SCHOOL PTU

**2024-2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Lisa Cinadr, *Principal*; Chrissy Cooney, *Vice President*; Samantha Levandusky, *Secretary*; Amanda McCrary, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*; Nicole O'Donell, *Room Parent Liaison*; Christin Pozek, *Membership*; Rachael Seidel, *President*; Becky Shultz, *Communications*; Father Bob Stec, *Pastor*; Angela Swander, *Treasurer*; and Andrea Wilson, *Treasurer*

### NOTES FROM KEY FUNDRAISERS REPORT:

1. Thanks to the wonderful support of our donors, the total profit for fundraising in fiscal year '23-'24 was \$219,087 of which \$43,148 has been set aside for projects which are paid for in the upcoming school year.
2. See Page 17 for details of School Capital Expenditures.

During the 2023-2024 school year, **Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Littlest Angels Preschool raised \*over \$442,259!**  
\*before expenses & disbursements

### key fundraisers

Angels Golf & Give 2023  
**\$71,704\***

Angel Gala 2024  
**\$170,129\***

Angels Read & Give 2024  
**\$37,376\***

We Give Catholic 2023  
**\$7,534\***

### fundraising profit distribution

Saint Ambrose School  
**\$123,433**

Littlest Angels Preschool  
**\$38,578**

Angels In Need Scholarship  
**\$9,000** (from Golf & Give 2023)

Angels Annual Fund  
**\$2,750** (direct donations or additional cash donations)

SAS/LAPS Programming  
**\$43,148**

Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF- tax credit fund)  
**\$130,678**



# By the Numbers

## PARISH STATISTICS

As of October 1:	22-2023	23-2024
Number of Households	6,686	7,296
Number of Parishioners	18,374	19,707
<b>Parish Stats*</b>		
Baptism	147	180
First Eucharist	150	147
Confirmation	124	126
Marriage	43	57
Students (PSR)	663	669
Students (Day School)**	508	517
Littlest Angels Preschool**	162	162

\*FY 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

\*\*Enrollment for Day School is for current year.

## WHAT THE NUMBERS REPRESENT

Thank you for your support for our parish community. Everything published in this Annual Report, and the financials for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024, reflect the blessings of God as well. **Together we are supporting a strong community of faith** that is continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

## GRATITUDE FROM OUR PFC

**We are blessed to serve our community as members of our Parish Finance Council (PFC).**

We ask for your continued support for our parish. Given the increase in all of our expenses, we ask you to consider increasing your weekly/monthly collection so we can meet our budget of \$43,000 per week. **Your support will allow us to meet our financial commitments and support our thriving parish.**

God bless you,

Tom Welsh and Bryce Raush

*Saint Ambrose Parish Finance Council's Co-chairs*

## PARISH & SCHOOL ASSETS & LIABILITIES

June 30, 2023 and 2024

	PRIOR YEAR 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2023-2024
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$3,286,647	\$3,279,301
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	\$2,025,565	\$2,867,348
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$125,394	\$187,981
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,437,605</b>	<b>\$6,334,630</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$1,039,008	\$1,268,224
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$6,288	\$7,228
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$656,974	\$280,108
Deferred Restricted Support	\$2,058,315	\$2,184,857
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,760,585</b>	<b>\$3,740,416</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$559,742	\$1,677,020
Parish	\$1,471,487	\$1,258,747
School	\$(354,209)	\$(341,554)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year	\$1,117,278	\$917,193
<b>Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$1,677,020</b>	<b>\$2,594,213</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5,437,605</b>	<b>\$6,334,630</b>

### NOTES:

1. Represents accruals for workers compensation and misc.
2. School tuition, PSR fees, and miscellaneous for next year received in this fiscal year. This total is substantially different this year due to the expansion of the State of Ohio EdChoice and scholarship application process.





## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 and JUNE 30, 2024

NEEDED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

PARISH	PRIOR YEAR 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
Land Improvement (1)	\$6,075	\$6,611	\$0
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep (2)	\$16,125	\$29,513	\$15,000
Boiler Project (3)	\$32,770	\$55,000	\$0
Parking Lot (4)	\$25,408	\$2,473	\$30,000
Church Renovation/Liturgical Items (5)	\$54,165	\$20,546	\$5,500
Parish Veh, Equip., Furniture	\$5,692	\$6,959	\$4,000
Lehner Center	\$0	\$7,106	\$0
Music/AV Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen	\$0	\$3,810	\$0
Parish Office Equip., Furniture (6)	\$7,757	\$7,552	\$5,000
Computers & Equipment (7)	\$54,139	\$17,317	\$20,000
Other (8)	\$0	\$9,920	\$20,000
<b>Parish Total</b>	<b>\$202,130</b>	<b>\$166,808</b>	<b>\$104,500</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>			
Land Improvement/Parking Lot	\$19,408	\$9,673	\$20,000
Building Renovation (9)	\$56,090	\$399,854	\$165,000
Computers and Related (10)	\$47,998	\$62,774	\$48,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (11)	\$72,187	\$74,590	\$132,350
<b>School Total</b>	<b>\$195,682</b>	<b>\$546,892</b>	<b>\$365,350</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH &amp; SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$397,812</b>	<b>\$713,700</b>	<b>\$469,850</b>

### NOTES FOR 2023 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

- Upgrade transformer, landscape updates (trees, playground pavers, etc).
- Vestibule walkoff flooring; repairs to roof; painting; kitchen ceiling replacement; church tile repair; water heater replacement.
- School HVAC control project.
- Parking lot repairs.
- Chapel Baptismal Font (offset by donation); church banner/vestment (offset by donation).
- Portable room divider; office furniture.
- Lehner fiber link replacement, software, and equipment.
- Church lighting system upgrade.
- Vents and controls project (\$190K); new classroom doors (\$25K); faculty lounge and restroom renovations; AC unit replacement; classroom flooring; and painting (many of these were offset by school fundraising).
- Promethian boards.
- Flock cameras; soundproofing Band Room; desks; and chairs for students/staff (offset by grant and school fundraising).

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*The people of Saint Ambrose are genuinely good and it shows by their actions and the good they do for many.*

- MIKE





# Parish Leaders

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ANSWER THE CALL TO "GO!" be Kingdom Builders and live out our charisms in their roles as parish leaders.



## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC) 2023-2024 Members

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Chas Besenfelder | Mike Lanzarotta        |
| Bob Cebula       | Scott Oboy             |
| Joy Clickenger   | Bryce Rausch, Co-Chair |
| Jeff Cygan       | Father Bob Stec        |
| Luda Galinas     | Patricia Strazar       |
| Timothy Krall    | Mike Truchan           |
| Bill Melchior    | Collin Vickers         |
| Al Morrison      | Thomas Welsh, Co-Chair |

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) 2023-2024 Members

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Marian Badaczewski | Jim Mangan       |
| Alan Bartholomew   | Karen Mangan     |
| Mary Jo Halenar    | Raymond Maskow   |
| Al Higgins         | Jeffrey McCrary  |
| Lorrie Higgins     | Keegan McCrary   |
| Patty Higgins      | Al Morrison      |
| Kathleen Jake      | Barbara Ortiz    |
| John Kalemba       | Conrad Roschival |
| Rosemary Kalemba   | Vita Schmidt     |
| Karen Knirnschild  | Stanley Socha    |
| Jayne Kurkul       | Mary Stickney    |

*GO* with joyful hospitality

*GO* ENGAGE AND EMPOWER OTHERS

*GO* inspire with prayer and worship

*GO* with gratitude and thankfulness

*GO* serve with the compassion of Christ

GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU *GO!*

## PARISH OFFICES

The Parish Office is always available to answer questions. Please contact Mary Jo Halenar at 330.460.7381. To contact the Parish Business Office, contact Luda Galinas at 330.460.7348.



### Scan QR code

to learn more about our parish's Collaboration Ministries such as Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council.





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**Community  
Partners**

and the good work  
they are doing for our  
parish and community.



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*When a Community Partner  
Answers the “GO!” Challenge*

We are blessed with the best community partners. This past summer, we received almost **\$3,000 in donations from LoFaso Real Estate Services!** Two of our members used Sam LoFaso as their realtor, and everyone won! Sam had two great clients, our members had a great and knowledgeable realtor with Sam, and our Parish won through the **donation and give-back program!** If you are looking to buy or sell your home – or you’re wondering what your home is worth in this market, please contact Sam LoFaso at 440.342.2945. **His participation in the 10% Give Back program is a great blessing for Saint Ambrose Parish.**

**Become a Saint Ambrose Community Partner!**  
Contact Jake Bihari at JBihari@StAmbrose.us for more details.



# Campaign & Capital Projects



**In 2024, we concluded the 2018 Generations of Faith Capital Campaign. These funds collected allowed us to renovate our church and be a beacon of hope in our community!**

**God bless all those who so faithfully fulfilled their pledges (over a 95% fulfillment rate)!!! We will be working to create a plaque thanking all who supported this special project for our community.**

There are still ways to get involved and give a unique memorial gift to the Church renovation. If you are interested in contributing to this fund or would like more information, please reach out to Jake Bihari at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us).



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**In 2024, we continue the commitment to upkeeping our parish campus with making repairs and maintaining our equipment and facilities.**

**Some 2023-2024 highlights include:**

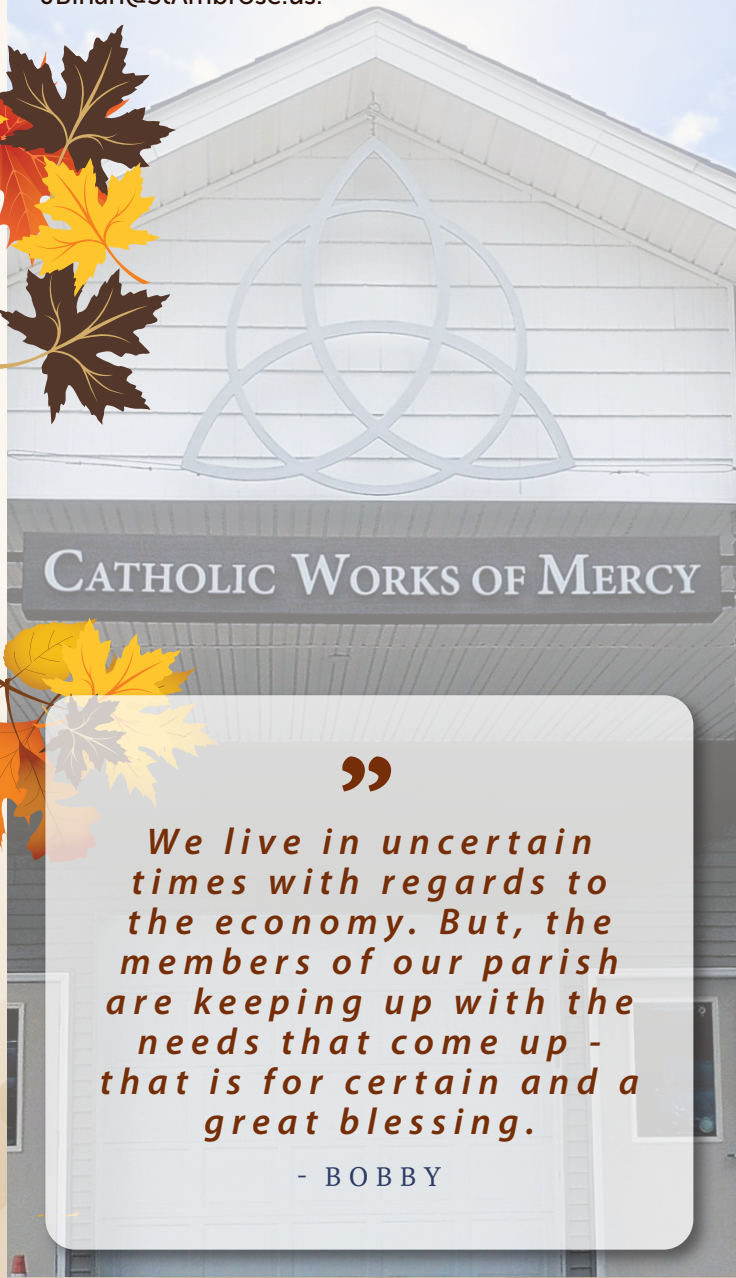
- Upgrading two AC units in the school that were 17 years old and failing.
- Replacing the exterior doors of the school and lower-level classroom doors, both of which were covered by a federal safety grant.
- Completing the first phase of the school boiler and uninvent project which entailed the following:
  - Replacing the uninvents in the middle floor of the school;
  - Upgrading all thermostats and controls;
  - Repairing and/or replacing several valves.
- Milling, sealing, and top-coating the South parking lot.
- Upgrading the electronic sign that is situated on the Pearl Road lawn.
- Replacing the plastic protection over the stained glass in the church.

**As we plan and prepare for 2025 and beyond, several larger capital projects are on the horizon:**

- Ongoing parking lot repair work along with exploring/researching the possibility of additional parking.
- Installation of safety vestibule(s) on the school building.  
Expanding the Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center.

We are working to prepare a ten year strategic facility plan to address large maintenance and capital items that help address our parish needs. This process (similar to our Vision 2020 plan) is called Vision 2035.

**We are looking to grow our Vision 2035 planning committee.** If you have experience and expertise in facility management and/or master planning and would be interested in joining the team to help our parish make good, informed decisions, contact Jake Bihari at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us).



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*We live in uncertain times with regards to the economy. But, the members of our parish are keeping up with the needs that come up - that is for certain and a great blessing.*

- BOBBY



# *In Memorium* **Gifts** **Gifts made in memory of loved ones who have passed on to Heaven.**

July 2023 - June 2024

**Rose & Gene Amsbaugh** by *David & Diana Heilman*

**Andy & Dolores Bacisin** by *Cynthia & John Bacisin*

**Angie Barth** by *Daniel & Louise Clayton, Francine Lucente, Jason Irwin, Mario & Dana Morino, Bart & Priscilla Marko, Louis Lucente, Richard & Patricia Mog, Danie Dinardo, Russell & Patsy Chesbro, Mandie Hiznay, and Angelo & Jo Ann Castelli*

**Bartholomew & Oleksiak Families** by *Alan Bartholomew*

**Jane Bast** by *Elizabeth Krolkowski*

**Dawn Baumgartner** by *Richard & Doreen Fast*

**Tina Benko** by *Alan & Joan Travaglianti*

**Alex Bihari** by *Rebecca Chesler-Bihari and Amanda Bihari*

**Hanora Lee Bihari** by *Lawrence & Christine Pizon, Nick & Dawn Solar, The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family, Holy Name High School, Amani Sanyuraj, Greg & Lori Betz, Sean O'Brien, Carol & Jim Maline, Shelbrey Blanc, Victor & Janice Urzycki, Susan Herman, Sharon Dudley, Joseph & Lorraine Rakoczy, Edward & Patrice Williams, Carol Lepi, Pamela Cashman, Saint Ambrose Women's Guild, and Teresa & Fred Beba*

**Francelia Blake** by *Mary Ann Riess and Janis Gibbons*

**Glen Bohusch** by *the Bohusch Family Trust*

**Victor Brodsky** by *Leilani K.*

**Jozef & Zofia Bujnarowski** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Richard T. Bujnarowski** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Ryszard Bujnarowski** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Patrick Butas** by *Kathleen Butas*

**Gary Christler** by *Anne Osborne, Kellie & Daniel Drake, and Margaret & Jerry Rabbitts*

**Rick Corsillo** by *Lori & Jerry Shafer and Sam & Roberta Masi*

**George & Janet Cron** by *Amy Zenczak*

**Gregory DeBrock** by *Charles & Christine Kraft*

**Paul Joseph Derov** by *Susan Derov*

**Nancy Hanacek** by *Linda Weir*

**Roland Hauberg** by *The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family*

**Laurene Holop** by *Julie Holop-Thomas*

**C. Boyd Kaaikaula** by *The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family*

**Grandpa & Grandma Klima** by *The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family*

**John & Theresa Kocab** by *Nancy & Harley Utter*

**Patricia Kubala** by *Shawn Piatek*

**Shirley Lemons** by *Bob & Kim Lemons*

**Corrine Lopatkovich** by *John Lopatkovich*

**Adele Marotta** by *Kathy Yohman*

**John McGreer** by *Jerome C. Flume, K. Blazer, Riley Hotel Group/Joseph Moffa, William Wolf, Ralph & Anita Lukich, John & Jonetta Dorogi, Roman & Aldona Zorska, and Cheryle Dick*

**Jeannine Meade** by *Eric Solderitsch*

**Gianna Rae Meadows** by *Connie & Mike Meadows*

**Michal & Anastazia Mich** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Tom & Dixie Palya** by *Jan & Tim Maruk*

**Thelma Oliveros Punzalan** by *John Martinez*

**Jacek Rapacz** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Terrence Romph** by *Ronald & Mary Lou Seman and Rhonda York*

**Filomena Russo** by *Olivia Di Teodoro*

**Deb Schneider** by *John & Moria O'Malley*

**Mary Schreiner** by *Stacie Zak, Patricia & Laszlo Schaffer, Jennifer Jagels, Kenneth & Christine Quinn, Samantha Burnett, Debi Beal, Kristi Archacki, Lou and Sandi D'Aveta, Mark & Ellen McIntosh, Jacqueline Bush, Thomas & Judith Tesar, Stanley Vernier, Elizabeth & Bryan Bendokaitis, Christopher & Joan Caimi, Theodore Parigian, and Lynn Schreiner*

**Betty A. Sheldon** by *The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family*

**Irene Sopko** by *Suzanne & William Conn and Joanne Moore*

**Angela Di Teodoro** by *Olivia Di Teodoro*

**Pacina Di Teodoro** by *Olivia Di Teodoro*

**Settimio Di Teodoro** by *Olivia Di Teodoro*

**Father John Vrana** by *Alan Bartholomew*

**William Walker** by *Mark & Susan Hofener*

**Joanne Walsh** by *Renee & Joe Trunkett*

**Adolph & Rose Wichmann** by *The Kaaikaula Wichmann Family*

**Vance S. Williams** by *Olivia Di Teodoro*

**Charles Yungvirt** by *Jonathan Barbara, Anthony Polito, Christine & Jeffrey Holler, William Zelej, Michael & Linda Pizzino, Steven & Patricia Garn, Robert & Deborah Howell, Robert & Mary Downs, Karen Walcher, Carol & James Lepi, Nancy Zelej, Elizabeth Krolkowski, and John & Kathleen Dogger*

**Wladyslaw & Maria Zubel** by *Christine Bujnarowski*

**Yvonne Zuchowski** by *Roberta Barilla*





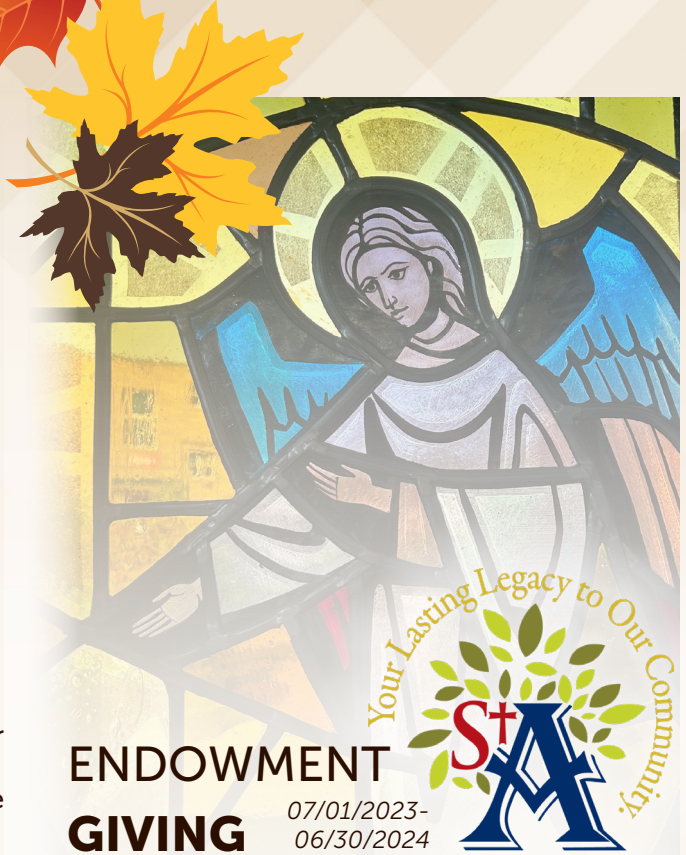
# Leaving a Legacy

**The legacies of many of our members now shines through to all who come to our church to celebrate in God's Word.**

This past summer, the Endowment Foundation sought a simple project that would significantly impact our church. After some conversation, we elected to replace the old plastic protective covering on our stained-glass windows with new, clear glass. This simple change has made an incredible difference in the church! The light now pours into the church, and the stained glass colors are crisp and clear. It is a whole new perspective on them! Each window and color is its own beautiful piece of art. But collectively, they tell the story of our Catholic faith and history.

In a similar way, the Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation is here to ensure that those windows stay clear and beautiful for a long, long time and continue to tell the story of our Catholic faith and the history of Saint Ambrose Parish. If you are looking for a simple project or a simple thing to do that can have a big impact on your Church home, please consider naming Saint Ambrose in your will or estate. This simple act can have a transformative impact.

**If you would like more information about learning how to give or getting involved in the Endowment Foundation contact Jake Bihari by emailing him at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us).**



## ENDOWMENT GIVING

07/01/2023-  
06/30/2024



*A heartfelt "thank you" to the following who have made contributions to our Endowment Fund:*

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>Michael &amp; Catherine Anderson</i>       | <i>Patty Lewis</i>                 |
| <i>Jane Bast Estate</i>                       | <i>Molly Mason</i>                 |
| <i>Elizabeth &amp; Bryan Bendokaitis</i>      | <i>Robert E Mier</i>               |
| <i>Jacqueline Bush</i>                        | <i>Rev Liv TRT</i>                 |
| <i>BWX Technologies, Inc./ Patricia Bator</i> | <i>Eleanor Paganelli</i>           |
| <i>Christopher &amp; Joan Caimi</i>           | <i>Theodore Parigian</i>           |
| <i>Shawn Dumann</i>                           | <i>Megan &amp; John Powers</i>     |
| <i>Louis &amp; Isabelle Galizio</i>           | <i>Lynn Schreiner</i>              |
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| <i>Robert &amp; Kristine Heinrich</i>         | <i>Patricia Sikes</i>              |
| <i>Sheryl Henderson</i>                       | <i>Marsha &amp; James Stepic</i>   |
| <i>Richard &amp; Gayle Hurley</i>             | <i>Karen Szentkeresti</i>          |
| <i>Daniel &amp; Cynthia Kalka</i>             | <i>Thomas &amp; Judith Tesar</i>   |
| <i>Dorothy A. King Estate</i>                 | <i>Stanley Vernier</i>             |
| <i>Margaret Koenig</i>                        | <i>Barbara Walgus Estate</i>       |
| <i>Michael &amp; Jayna Koler</i>              | <i>Mary Ann Welsh</i>              |
| <i>Donna Koler</i>                            | <i>Janet &amp; Joseph Yaniga</i>   |
|   | <i>Rhonda York</i>                 |

### ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION MEMBERS

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| Jake Bihari                      | Bob Heinrich    |
| Chuck Cangelosi                  | Michael Koler   |
| Lisa Cinadr                      | Michael Kubasak |
| Robert Downs                     | Father Bob Stec |
| Randy Fuerst, <i>Co-Chair</i>    | Heather Welsh   |
| Mary Jo Halenar, <i>Co-Chair</i> |                 |

**For years, Father Bob has suggested that if every member would be so thoughtful to include Saint Ambrose in their Will (and estate planning) and each simply gave "three or four years of their annual collection total" to Saint Ambrose Parish when they pass away, those funds could serve as a bridge for the parish to establish new members and new support. So here's the best story, late this summer, one of our members did precisely that. A straightforward, hardworking man remembered Saint Ambrose in his will and left \$6,400 to the parish, just about three years of his total collection. It is such an incredibly thoughtful gift, and we are so grateful!**

### What is the Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation?

- The Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation is set up as a separate foundation to receive restricted funds to go towards capital projects, outreach programs, and other specific ministries to continue the legacy and tradition of Saint Ambrose Parish.
- Gifts and contributions to the Endowment Foundation is a way to ensure the bright and hopeful future of our parish community.



# In Loving Memory

As we celebrate All Saints and All Soul's, we remember all of our family members and parish family members who have gone home to the Lord this past year. **Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord.**

Nick D. Augustine  
Dolores May Bacisin  
Jeffrey Allen Bar  
Sharon S. Barlock  
Angie M. Barth  
Jane F. Bast  
Dawn Baumgartner  
Daryl Beckett  
Linda D. Bezoski  
Hanora Lee Bihari  
Francelia G. Blake  
Walter Bukszar  
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Daniel R. Chriszt  
Gregory A. DeBrock  
Mary Angela DeSantis  
Angela DiTeodoro  
Donald Alex Duray  
Arnold Eifel  
Elaine Fedor  
Madeline Anne Ferrante  
James P. Ford  
William Formoso  
Joann Francescangeli  
Barbara Freiberger  
Shirley A. Garris  
Norma R. Gasparro  
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Regina R. Gerber  
Elizabeth "Beth" Gerding  
Philip Graff  
Jonathan Christopher  
Halsall  
Nancy Hanacek  
Elizabeth T. Holy  
Marian C. Hruschak  
Dale Hudak  
Linda Ann Hunt  
John Hurajt  
Frank B. Ivcic  
Maria Antonietta Izzo  
Ray Jarrett  
Gary Johnson  
Helen Joyce  
Olga Juergens  
Sandra Louise Kaaikaula  
Estelle Ann Karlatiras  
Denise Kastelic  
Robert E. Kastner Sr.  
Patrick Joseph Kelly  
Rose Mary Kemper  
Virginia Kitsteiner  
Daniel F. Klamert

Joseph L. Kortan  
Joan Patricia Krall  
Linda Jean Krupla  
Thomas Louis Labus  
Phillip G. Lanning  
Shirley Lemons  
Daniel C. Lewanski  
Lawrence F. Mach  
Joan "Jody" Marinczek  
Nadine J. Marlette  
Adela (Adele) Marotta  
Nancy Matras  
Matthew McFadden  
Joy McGraw  
John R. McGreer  
Patricia V. McKee  
James A. Meermans  
Philip Melicant  
Frank S. Merk  
Edwin C. Miller  
Richard Millett  
Mary M. Molchan  
Wallace (Wally) Morgan  
Nancy Anne Moyer  
Betty Ann Mulhorn  
David Michael Nalesnik  
Donna Merie Naypauer  
Dennis Nester  
JoAnne E. Newell  
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Lillian M. Scarpino  
Joseph E. Schmidt  
Mary Schreiner  
William P. Schultz  
James Sexton  
Joann Sheridan  
William Sherry  
Bradley C. Sieber  
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Joseph E. Sturm  
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Timothy Ulery  
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William Vectirelis  
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Joanne T. Walsh  
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Karen Werner  
William Whelan  
Jean K. Winemiller  
Douglas C. Wingefeld  
James Winkelman

Margaret Mary Yelsik  
Charles F. Yungvirt  
Lawrence Zander  
Charles Zaranec  
Lucille Zito  
Kevin R. Zonar  
Yvonne Ann Zuchowski

## Upcoming Masses

Dedicated to the dearly departed

**All Saints Day: November 1**  
8:15 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm  
Vigil: October 31, at 7:00 pm

**All Souls' Day: November 2**  
8:15 am

**Mass of Remembrance: November 3**  
5:00 pm with a reception to follow in Hilbert Hall







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AND  
GIVE  
THANKS