

*We are a Catholic community of faith, centered*

*on Jesus Christ who is everything for us.*



SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH

# COME & SEE

*THE GOOD WE DO TOGETHER*

*Annual Report July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025*

# Dear members of Saint Ambrose Parish.

## GO!!!

Remember that word. It was all over our campus, sung at every Mass, and included in every bulletin. It was a powerful message that marked out the 2024-25 Pastoral Year. It comes from Joshua 1, 9: **“Be steadfast. Be courageous. For I the Lord your God am with you wherever you GO!”** It’s God’s promise.

As you page through the 2025 Annual Report, it’s clear that the Lord, our God, is with us. By God’s grace, so many in our community keep **“going” with the Lord** and the blessings that follow in our personal and parish life are **abundant and overwhelming**. Every day we need to remember to **GO with God** and, in so doing, God will be with you – with us – **wherever we GO and in whatever we are going through**.

On your mark, get set, **GO!!!!** As you read through this Annual Report, you will see the great good we have done together. It’s one reflection of the great good that happens when we **GO** with the Lord.

In this 2025-26 Pastoral Year, we are called to **“Come & See.”** It’s the invitation of the Lord to **see the mighty deeds of God** in our lives. When Jesus began His public ministry, He did it with a simple invitation to his first disciples, **“Come and See.”** (John 1, 39). It’s the same invitation He offers to us today and every day – **Come & See!** Allow yourself to hear and respond to Jesus’ invitation. **“GO”** deeper with Him in your life of faith. **It will bear great blessings for you, your family and our parish community.**

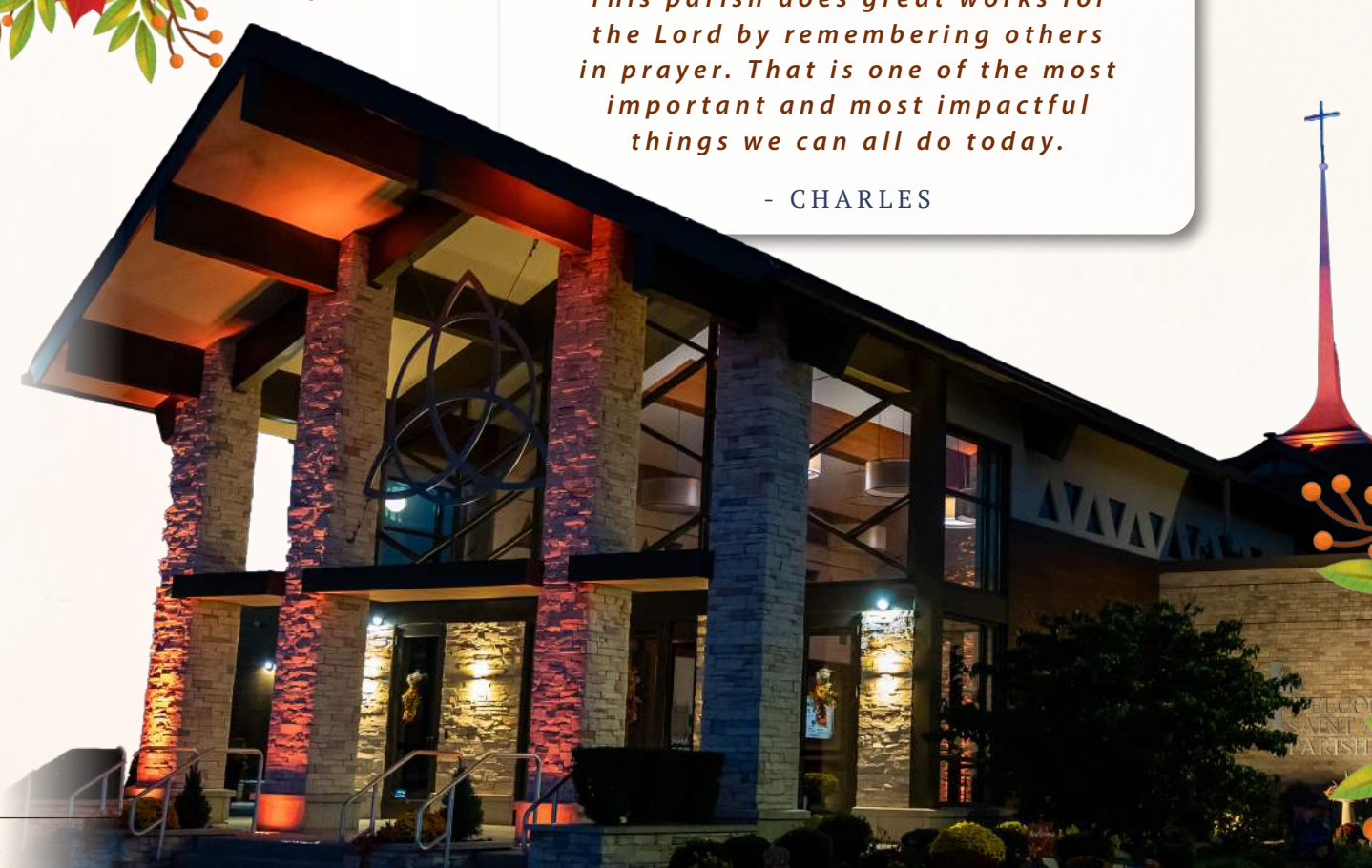
Thank you for all the ways you say **‘yes’** to the Lord. Thank you for your continued support for the ministry and outreach of our Saint Ambrose Parish. We are blessed to be together. I am so grateful for your continued engagement and support for Saint Ambrose.

When Christ invites you to **Come & See**, may you have the grace to **GO** where He leads and do as He asks.

Be assured of my prayers and great thanks.



Father Bob Stec



# Vision 2035

## “PLAN YOUR WORK. WORK YOUR PLAN!”

One of the big efforts of this past year was the development of our Vision 2035 plan. The numbers (right column) are a glimpse of the effort put forth to develop a **helpful and responsible ten-year plan for Saint Ambrose**.

After a lot of **input, discussion, building assessments, and hard work**, we now have a complete Master Plan which outlines both capital repairs and needs for our parish community. Take some time to go online to review the efforts and final report. You can also watch the video of the Town Hall meeting in August when this was presented to our parish community. **Scan the QR code or go to [StAmbrose.us/Vision-2035](https://StAmbrose.us/Vision-2035)**.

**Thanks to all** who shared thoughts, opinions, concerns, and needs. All of the efforts reflect a great love for our parish community and a heart-felt desire to make sure we can continue the mission and ministry which the Lord has entrusted to our care. May the Holy Spirit guide our efforts as we discern the path forward.

**Scan the QR Code or visit [StAmbrose.us/Vision-2035](https://StAmbrose.us/Vision-2035) for updates and more information.**

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*This parish does great works for the Lord by remembering others in prayer. That is one of the most important and most impactful things we can all do today.*

- CHARLES

**14**  
Months of Assessing, Listening, Planning, Sharing

**35**  
Town hall Meetings

**1,000**  
Saint Ambrose Participants

**30+**  
Committee Meetings

**1**  
Great Team working with us from Marous Brothers Construction

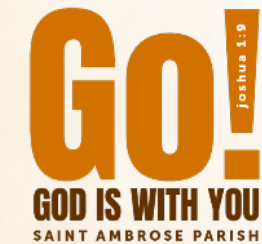
**2**  
Thorough Building/Campus Assessments

**118**  
Pages of the Master Plan Final Report



PARISH STATISTICS	23-2024	24-2025
Number of Households	7,296	7,747
Number of Parishioners	19,707	20,727
<b>Parish Stats*</b>	<b>23-2024</b>	<b>24-2025</b>
Baptism	180	191
First Eucharist	147	174
Confirmation	126	125
Marriage	57	41
Students (PSR)	663	696
Students (Day School)**	509	523
Littlest Angels Preschool**	159	162

\*FY 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025.  
\*\*Enrollment for Day School is for current year.





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**When we partake of Jesus, the *living and true bread*, we live for Him. By offering Himself completely, the crucified and risen Lord delivers Himself *into our hands*, and we realize that we were made to partake of God**  
 — POPE LEO XIV

We have **inspiring, joyful prayer and worship**. The Eucharist and the celebration of Mass are at the heart of who we are as a people of faith. We are best when we gather in prayer at the Table of the Lord. Vatican II said that **“Liturgy is the work of the people.”** We are blessed with so many of our members who serve the Lord and our parish community to help create **“inspiring prayer and worship”** at Saint Ambrose.

*Prayer & Worship*



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**In the family, faith is shared like food at the family table and like the *love in our hearts*. In this way, families become privileged places in which to *encounter Jesus*, who loves us and desires our good, always.**  
 — POPE LEO XIV

**Faith & Family go hand in hand.** Our parish family is working hard to be a great place that **supports and nurtures family life**. From hopeful and inspiring prayer, worship and Mass, to great family events like the Autumn Harvest Festival, Outdoor Mass and Movie Nights, our annual Halloween Trick and Treat, to our Summer Festival, we are working hard, **as a parish community** to be a place where parents and grandparents can center their homes and families upon the Lord. **Faith & Family at Saint Ambrose.** To learn more about the upcoming family events, go to: [StAmbrose.us/Events](http://StAmbrose.us/Events).



*Faith & Family*



*Come & See Service & Outreach*



**1,500** turkeys collected for the Thanksgiving season  
**11,168** meals prepared and served/distributed for the holiday season



**105** families served on average each week through our CWM Food Pantry  
**90** members serve on the Catholic Works of Mercy Team



**6,600** meals served through our Monthly Community Meal Program



**408** blankets and sheets were collected for Blanket Sunday



**2,265** bagged lunches prepared and distributed each week  
 CONTAINING



**200,000+** peanut butter & jelly sandwiches



**2,600** calls fielded over the year by the CWM Team



**410** students who received “Christmas in July” school supplies

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**God's love is vividly demonstrated by his *protection of the weak and the poor*... that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of *extraordinary renewal* both for the Church and for society.**  
 — POPE LEO XIV

One of our five parish charisms is that we **serve with the compassion of Christ**. Our parish is a **beacon of Christ's compassion and mercy** in our community and region. God bless our Catholic Works of Mercy for helping us bring the care and compassion of Christ to those most in need in our local community. God bless **YOU** for your generosity and support that make this important work possible.



# Come & See

# SEE



## Sports & Team Work



Athletes who never make mistakes, who never lose, do not exist. *Champions are not perfectly functioning machines*, Pope Leo said, but real men and women who, when they fall, find the *courage* to get back on their feet.

— POPE LEO XIV

Our parish is so blessed with a **thriving CYO program** for our children. We are blessed with **amazing coaches and Boosters**. Sports helps each child develop their God given gifts and talents while helping them learn teamwork and Christian sportsmanship. Over the past five years, the number of sports teams and offerings has expanded to meet the needs of all of our students. Cheer on our student athletes by following them on Facebook: **Saint Ambrose Athletic Boosters**.

235 Coaches  
 100+ Volunteers  
 2,500 Hours of Practice  
 450 Games in a year  
*Infinite Memories*



**183**  
 Players  
**21**  
 Teams



SPRING:  
**46**  
 Players  
**5**  
 Teams  
 FALL:  
**121**  
 Players  
**14**  
 Teams



**141**  
 Players  
**11**  
 Teams



CROSS COUNTRY:  
**27**  
 Players  
**4**  
 Teams  
 TRACK:  
**73**  
 Players  
**4**  
 Teams



**47**  
 Players  
**2**  
 Teams

“ We need to “dedicate yourselves to the *formation of the young*... on a “path that leads to the three languages that a mature person needs to know: the language *of the mind*, the language *of the heart*, and the language *of the hands*.”

— POPE LEO XIV

Every child needs - **and deserves** - the best possible faith formation so they can grow and thrive in the ways of the Lord. Our Parish School of Religion works to create the best possible experiences for our young people to learn about Jesus and the **rich traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church**. There are programs for our youngest children (*Sunday morning Preschool – Journey with Jesus*) and Vacation Bible School (*Summer, Advent and Lent Programs*). PSR offers Monday evening, Wednesday afternoon and Homeschool options for almost **500 students**. Our Junior High Students enjoy Ablaze and there’s fiat for high schoolers. There’s a way for **ALL** of our young people to grow as **disciples of the Lord**.



## Learning & Growing



“ Friendship can truly change the world. Friendship is a *path to peace*.”

— POPE LEO XIV

Our parish is fully **alive** and filled with **God’s mighty Spirit**. So many use words like “*home*” and “*family*” to describe Saint Ambrose. We need to pray together and serve together. We also have lots of fun together forging the bonds of friendship. There are wonderful events and activities at Saint Ambrose so everyone can find a way to **connect, belong and make good friends and lasting memories**. From our Summer Festival to the Polkafest – Men’s Breakfast to Walking with Purpose – Autumn Harvest Celebration to Route 66 Chinese New Year – almost every week there are events to bring us together in **Fun & Friendship**.



## Fun & Friendship



# Liturgy by Numbers

Saint Paul reminds us that **"we are many parts, yet all one body."** It takes all of us coming together and **'serving'** together to create **inspiring prayer and worship** which **glorifies** God, **renews** our spirit, and **strengthens** our family and parish community.

## LITURGY STATISTICS 24-2025

Eucharistic Ministers	210
Altar Servers	82
Lectors	51
Cantors	19
Adult Choir	40
Angels Choir	39
Cherub Choir	15
fiat Choir & Cantors	11
New Life Choir	26
fiat Band	5
Handbells	16
Instrumentalists	19
Teen Mass Coordinators	3
Sound Team	6
Livestream Team	11

**The greatest celebration that Christ left us is his very presence in the Eucharist. It is truly beautiful, especially at a young age, to open wide your hearts, to allow him to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity.**

– POPE LEO XIV



# Saint Ambrose Trivia

<b>1,400</b> meals served (on average) each week of the Fish Fry	<b>8</b> bus trips enjoyed by over 800 people	<b>720</b> donuts served on an average Donut Sunday	<b>3,600</b> Care Calls to our homebound and senior members
<b>8</b> buildings on our campus	<b>1</b> building off-site (Littlest Angels Preschool)	<b>3</b> storage buildings	<b>3</b> fields (football, baseball, practice)

# Adult Faith Formation

**Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you.** – POPE LEO XIV

**We are blessed at Saint Ambrose with so many ways for members of every age to grow as disciples of the Lord.** Our Adult Faith Formation Team offers a wide variety of programs and offerings to meet the diversity of need and schedules. What is most important is that each of us strive to be life-long learners in the ways of the Lord. Check out the most recent offerings by going to: [StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation](http://StAmbrose.us/Adult-Faith-Formation).

<b>203</b> Women in Walking with Purpose	<b>65</b> Men (on average) at our Monthly Men's Breakfast	<b>30</b> Active participants in the monthly Book Club
<b>20</b> Couples in our monthly Marriage Enrichment	<b>400</b> People participated in the Couples' Night Out	
<b>20</b> Young children in Baby Bible Time	<b>350</b> People joined Bishop Woost for our Lent Mission	<b>25</b> Adult Faith Formation Programs



# Staying Connected

**Our parish is Christ-centered, mission-minded, and people-focused.**

As of October, 2025, **68.7% of the world uses some form of social media.** It's important that we use these mediums of our time to tell the timeless message of Jesus Christ. News that is Good must be shared. Help us spread the Good News by connecting and sharing Saint Ambrose posts on your favorite social media platform.

**Saint Ambrose ranks is the top 25% for effective use of social media on Facebook.** God bless Rebecca and Hannah and our Communications Team.



[www.facebook.com/StAmbrose.us](http://www.facebook.com/StAmbrose.us)  
**7,991** followers  
**5,795** interactions  
**79** avg. posts per month



Instagram  
[@ambrosebrunswick](https://www.instagram.com/ambrosebrunswick)  
**1,736** followers  
**2,600** interactions



Website  
[StAmbrose.us](http://StAmbrose.us)  
**140,000** unique visitors  
**1m 42s** average time  
**3,838** most visited page  
*Watch Mass*

**Communication is not only the transmission of information, but it is also the creation of a culture.**

– POPE LEO XIV



# Saint Ambrose Catholic School

## OUR MISSION AND BLESSINGS

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 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 522 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:

- **Ayden M.** was the first student to lead an Impact Project: KickBall Tournament fundraiser that **raised \$7,317.**
- **300 student liturgical ministers** serve in over seven ministries for our school and parish.
- **Over 550 students, teachers, and staff** read together for **1 Book 1 School.**
- **4 Fifth Graders** received **Superior Awards** at State Science Day.
- **35 teacher and staff leaders** earned prestigious **Governor's Thomas Edison Awards** for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research through the Ohio Academy of Science.
- **Our entire school** had the historic opportunity to learn live from the **NASA Expedition 72** with astronauts *Nick Hague, Butch Wilmore, and Suni Williams.*
- **Littlest Angels Preschool** received GOLD AWARD Status for excellence in education and equivalent to the State of Ohio's **5-STAR Preschool rating!**



**YOU can become an Angel too!** Our Fall Open House for preschool through grade 8 is on **Sunday, November 2, 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).



## SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**TOP 5**

One of the top 5 schools in the State of Ohio redesignated as an Ohio Department of Education and Workforce/Ohio STEM Learning Network STEAM School.

**126**

engaging events throughout the year including faith, fellowship, service, learning, and leadership!

**\$537,167**

raised through funding initiatives (Fundraising, Angel Scholarship Fund, and Grant writing) via the Institutional Advancement Office for the 2024-2025 school year.

**24**

nationally-published student writers.

**12**

Our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has moved on to 12 different high schools (mainly Catholic).



## 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 2024, we raised **\$202,303 - a 40% increase from last year** - through the State of Ohio Angel Scholarship Fund which provided scholarships for **138 families to attend Saint Ambrose Catholic School.** The increase made put us in the Top 5 performing schools in the Diocese in the Angel Scholarship Fund.

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'.**

[www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us](http://www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us)



# SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

## SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

	PRIOR YEAR 2023-2024	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2025-2026
<b>Parish Receipts</b>			
Offertory Collections	\$2,319,278	\$2,417,866	\$2,298,000
Other Collections	\$4,030	\$2,713	\$3,000
Donations & Bequests (1)	\$9,981	\$307,489	\$440,000
Net Bingo Proceeds (2)	\$159,343	\$230,734	\$181,400
Net Fund Raising Income (2)	\$211,388	\$215,579	\$146,500
Income from Parish Programs	\$65,133	\$85,689	\$85,700
Unrealized Gain from Investments (3)	\$260,886	\$288,497	\$0
Net Rental Income	\$1,975	\$470	\$500
Miscellaneous Receipts (4)	\$667,353	\$48,896	\$67,000
Designated Collections (5)	\$14,931	\$16,642	\$0
Other Extraordinary Receipt	\$170,913	\$6,133	\$0
<b>TOTAL PARISH OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,885,212</b>	<b>\$3,620,708</b>	<b>\$3,222,100</b>
<b>Parish Disbursements</b>			
Clergy	\$114,588	\$90,972	\$94,700
Pastoral and Parish Staff	\$704,239	\$800,031	\$819,100
Maintenance Staff	\$88,722	\$95,046	\$99,798
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$167,854	\$186,161	\$185,096
Rectory & Household	\$19,804	\$16,701	\$21,200
General Administrative Expenses	\$332,253	\$322,955	\$310,750
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$121,838	\$124,494	\$125,300
Community Outreach	\$152,053	\$185,740	\$177,400
Religious Education	\$86,314	\$90,052	\$115,000
Stewardship & Evangelization	\$156,755	\$156,218	\$136,700
Utilities	\$72,050	\$90,690	\$99,800
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$25,081	\$27,166	\$28,795
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	\$160,120	\$182,047	\$168,800
Diocesan Assessments	\$240,000	\$257,448	\$312,000
Designated Collections (5)	\$14,931	\$16,642	\$0
Capital Disbursements	\$166,808	\$460,571	\$367,500
Fundraising & Development	\$3,055	\$0	\$0
Extraordinary Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Fund Adjustment	\$260,886	\$288,497	\$0
<b>TOTAL PARISH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,887,352</b>	<b>\$3,391,433</b>	<b>\$3,061,939</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$997,861</b>	<b>\$229,275</b>	<b>\$160,161</b>
PARISH SUBSIDY TO DAY SCHOOL	\$(341,554)	\$(156,212)	\$(156,199)
CASH USED FOR CHURCH RENOVATIONS RETURNED TO SAVINGS (6)	\$(600,000)		
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$56,307</b>	<b>\$73,063</b>	<b>\$3,962</b>

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

### NOTES FOR 2025 ACTUAL:

- Represents restricted income used for the designated expense purposes.
- See Event detail for support on page 15.
- Current stock market fluctuations impacting income.
- Easter/Christmas Flowers, Votive Candles, Bulletin.
- Income and Expenses for designated collections offset each other. All income is sent to the Diocese for proper distribution (ie. Propagation of Faith, etc.)
- For fiscal year 2023-24, the remaining \$600,000 was returned from the Capital Campaign/Church renovation to our parish savings. The true operating surplus was: \$56,307.

# SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

## SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

	PRIOR YEAR 2023-2024	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2025-2026
<b>School Receipts</b>			
Tuition & Fees	\$3,279,147	\$3,666,839	\$3,936,206
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	\$217,181	\$223,614	\$225,000
Fundraising & Donations	\$179,802	\$392,697	\$159,950
Other Student Receipts	\$35,627	\$20,435	\$18,000
Other School Income	\$27,579	\$29,191	\$26,000
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,739,336</b>	<b>\$4,332,776</b>	<b>\$4,365,156</b>
<b>School Disbursements</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$2,230,185	\$2,458,243	\$2,582,769
Instructional	\$169,528	\$209,481	\$267,250
Preschool & Guardian Angels	\$513,823	\$540,468	\$570,121
Library	\$1,729	\$1,510	\$2,000
Utilities	\$55,888	\$70,583	\$74,525
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$193,820	\$273,198	\$254,200
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$25,081	\$27,166	\$28,500
Student Services	\$139,649	\$114,204	\$129,100
Administration	\$204,295	\$240,554	\$286,890
Capital Improvements (1)	\$546,892	\$553,581	\$326,000
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$4,080,890</b>	<b>\$4,488,988</b>	<b>\$4,521,355</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$(341,554)</b>	<b>\$(156,212)</b>	<b>\$(156,199)</b>

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

### NOTES:

- See page 15 for detail of School Capital Expenditures

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

**2025-2026 SCHOOL ADVISORY 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, David Stec

## SCHOOL PTU

**2025-2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Father Bob Stec, *Pastor*; Lisa Cinadr, *Head of Schools/Principal*; Rachael Seidel, *President*; Shannon Tracy, *1st Vice President*; Kristen Osysko, *2nd Vice President*; Samantha Levandusky, *Communications*; Kristina Colant, *Secretary*; Ashley Sisley, *Co-Secretary*; Angela Swander, *Treasurer*; Julie Duritza, *Co-Treasurer*; Nicole O'Donnell, *Room Parent Liaison*; Christin Pozek, *Membership*; Christina Matusek, Julie Klag, *PTU Board Helper*; Becky Shultz, *Teacher Liaison*

### NOTES FROM KEY FUNDRAISERS REPORT:

- Thanks to the wonderful support of our school parents, the total fundraising in fiscal year '24-25 was \$479,914.23 of which \$17,060.54 has been set aside for projects which are paid for in the upcoming school year. Along with \$50,970 in grants and \$202,303 in ASF funds.
- See Page 17 for details of School Capital Expenditures.



During the 2024-2025 school year, Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Littlest Angels Preschool raised **\*\$486,197.12!** *\*before expenses & disbursements*

### key fundraisers

Angels Golf & Give 2024  
**\$71,940\***

Angel Gala 2025  
**\$178,203\***

Kick'n It with the Angels 2024  
**\$7,371.13\***

We Give Catholic 2024 (benefitted Performing Arts)  
**\$4,475\***

### fundraising profit distribution

Saint Ambrose School  
**\$109,734.35**

Littlest Angels Preschool  
**\$34,121.08**

Angels In Need Scholarship  
**\$9,167** (from Angel Gala)

Angels Annual Fund  
**\$3,200** (direct donations or additional cash donations)

SAS/LAPS Programming  
**\$17,060.54**

In-House/Memorial Scholarship  
**\$9,313**

SAS PTU  
**\$17,060.54**

Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF- tax credit fund)  
**\$202,303**

# By the Numbers

## WHAT THE NUMBERS REPRESENT

We are blessed as a parish community! Saint Ambrose Parish is alive, welcoming and caring, and doing great work for the Lord. This annual report is filled with examples.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) 2024-2025 Members

Marian Badaczewski	Jim Mangan
Alan Bartholomew	Karen Mangan
Karen Ginley	Raymond Maskow
Dennis Haas	Jeffrey McCrary
Mary Jo Halenar	Keegan McCrary
Al Higgins	Brendan Meidenbauer
Lorrie Higgins	Jason Monaco
Patty Higgins	Al Morrison
Kathleen Jake	Barbara Ortiz
John Kalemba	Conrad Roschival
Rosemary Kalemba	Stanley Socha
Karen Knirnschild	Father Bob Stec
Jayne Kurkul	Mary Stickney



## PARISH & SCHOOL ASSETS & LIABILITIES

June 30, 2024 and 2025

	PRIOR YEAR 2023-2024	ACTUAL 2024-2025
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	\$3,279,301	\$3,593,863
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	\$2,867,348	\$3,126,181
Accounts Receivable and Other Assets	\$187,981	\$80,575
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,334,630</b>	<b>\$6,800,620</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$1,268,224	\$1,147,989
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland (1)	\$7,228	\$7,701
Income Received in Advance (2)	\$280,108	\$261,889
Deferred Restricted Support	\$2,184,857	\$2,427,267
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,740,416</b>	<b>\$3,844,847</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$1,677,020	\$2,594,213
Parish	\$1,258,747	\$517,771
School	\$(341,554)	\$(156,212)
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year (3)	\$917,193	\$361,560
<b>Fund Balance, End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$2,594,213</b>	<b>\$2,955,773</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$6,334,630</b>	<b>\$6,800,620</b>

“  
I am from  
Columbus and  
attended Mass on  
the same weekend  
as Summer  
Festival...WOW. Not  
only in regards to  
Summer Festival.  
The Mass was  
great, the homily  
even greater, and  
the people were  
amazing.”

- BRIAN

#### NOTES:

1. Represents accruals for workers compensation and misc.
2. School Tuition, PSR fees and miscellaneous for next year received in this fiscal year.
3. For fiscal year 2023-24, the remaining \$600,000 was returned from the Capital Campaign/Church renovation to our parish savings. The true operating surplus was: \$56,307.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 and JUNE 30, 2025  
NEEDED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

PARISH	PRIOR YEAR 2023-2024	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2025-2026
Land Improvement (1)	\$6,611	\$5,160	\$0
Bldg Remodel/Improve/Rep (2)	\$29,513	\$33,850	\$15,000
Boiler Project	\$55,000	\$0	\$0
Parking Lot (3)	\$2,473	\$42,636	\$30,000
Church Renovation/Liturgical Items (4)	\$20,546	\$281,566	\$5,500
Parish Veh, Equip., Furniture (5)	\$6,959	\$8,980	\$4,000
Lehner Center (6)	\$7,106	\$7,325	\$0
Music/AV Equipment (7)	\$0	\$5,068	\$5,000
Hilkert Hall & Kitchen (8)	\$3,810	\$3,550	\$0
Parish Office Equip., Furniture	\$7,552	\$1,516	\$5,000
Computers & Equipment (9)	\$17,317	\$21,158	\$20,000
Other (10)	\$9,920	\$49,761	\$20,000
<b>Parish Total</b>	<b>\$166,808</b>	<b>\$460,571</b>	<b>\$104,500</b>

### SCHOOL

Land Improvement/Parking Lot (11)	\$9,673	\$61,842	\$20,000
Building Renovation (12)	\$399,854	\$337,075	\$165,000
Computers and Related (13)	\$62,774	\$35,010	\$48,000
Other Furniture & Equipment (14)	\$74,590	\$119,655	\$132,350
<b>School Total</b>	<b>\$546,892</b>	<b>\$553,581</b>	<b>\$365,350</b>

<b>TOTAL PARISH &amp; SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$713,700</b>	<b>\$1,014,152</b>	<b>\$469,850</b>
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#### NOTES FOR 2024-2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

1. Field Repair with Top Soil/Seed, Cut Down Dead Trees
2. Keying/Lockset for Doors, Building Work - Tuckpointing, Roof Repairs
3. Asphalt Milling & Resurfacing; Concrete Repairs; Catch Basin w/ new pipe and pad
4. \$256K CWM Storage Building Addition; Collection Baskets Holders, Wooden Holy Water Font; Chapel Camera
5. Rectory Furnace Replacement
6. Lehner Tuck Pointing Work
7. Sound Control in Mother Teresa Room
8. Kitchen Exhaust Fan
9. Ethernet switch; Copier Lease; Tech Support Sprinkler Issue; Replace main system battery backup
10. Portable Room Divider; Front Sign with Electrical Work; Church Lighting
11. Asphalt Milling & Resurfacing; Concrete Repairs; Catch Basin w/ new pipe and pad; North Parking Lot Expansion GEO Testing
12. School Vestibule and Entry; Unit Vents & Controls; Flooring
13. Copier Lease; Promethean Boards
14. School Safety Doors; Safety Equipment; Desks - teachers & students; Classroom Fans; Sun Shade; Ipad

### 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.

### PARISH EVENTS

Fiscal Year End from 2024 and 2025

	FYE 2024	FYE 2025
Bingo	\$159,343	\$ 230,734
Summer Festival (1)	\$146,611	\$145,763
Fish Fry (2)	\$64,777	\$69,816
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$370,731</b>	<b>\$446,313</b>

#### NOTES FOR PARISH EVENTS FYE RECAPS

1. Primarily used to support Parking Lot Resurfacing.
2. Fish Fry proceeds offset purchase and installation of new front sign.



# Parish Leaders

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM OUR PFC

We are blessed as a parish community! **Saint Ambrose Parish is alive, welcoming and caring and doing great work for the Lord.** This Annual Report is filled with examples.

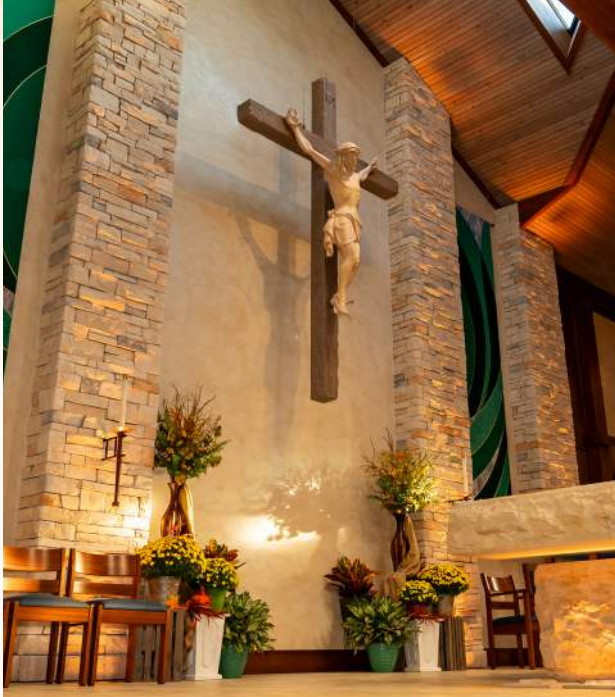
Every month we meet as a Parish Finance Council and are always mindful of the blessings of our parish and the goodness of our members. Thank you for your continued support.

As you can see in this Annual Report, we completed the 2024-25 fiscal year in the 'good'. **Thank you and God bless you.**

And as we look to the new fiscal year, we would ask you to reflect on your giving and please consider an increase in your offertory. In order to support the worship, ministries and outreach of our parish, we need your help.

### There are some needs that we face in this new

- We are in the final process of **purchasing the 2 acres of land** to the north of our campus for additional parking. You can use the **Parking Lot/Building Fund** envelopes to help address this substantial expense.
- The Diocese of Cleveland, in order to support the diocesan administration and ministries, has changed the Diocesan Assessment each parish contributes to the support of the Diocese. For Saint Ambrose, it changes from 11.5 percent of our offertory to 16.5 percent of our offertory. The first installment of this increase begins in January of 2026 (costing Saint Ambrose an additional \$60,000 per year). The second installment of this increase will begin in January of 2027 (costing Saint Ambrose an additional \$60,000 per year). Our total contribution/assessment to support our Diocese is currently \$266,712 and will increase to \$325,000 (est.) for 2026.
- As you know from your own homes, the cost of everything has gone up. The utilities alone increased about \$30,000 year over year. Help us continue to support our parish and the great work we do for the Lord.



**God bless you for your goodness. Please consider a meaningful increase in your offertory. We need your help.**

- Consider using **Automatic Giving**. It saves the parish costs while offers consistent support.
- If you are using ACH and would like to **increase your giving**, please reach out to Mike Schetz at: MSchetz@StAmbrose.us.
- You can also **support our parish online** by going to: **StAmbrose.us/Donate**
- As mentioned above, all funds given to the **Building/Parking Lot Fund** remain with the parish. If you can help our parish raise the funds for the cost of the new land, please make use of the Parking Lot/Building Fund envelopes in your monthly packet, give online (StAmbrose.us/Donate) or reach out to Mike Schetz to set up an ACH donation to the Parking Lot/Building Fund.

As always, thank you for your support. We are blessed to serve our parish community as members **of the Parish Finance Council.**

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC) 2024-2025 Members

Bob Cebula  
Joy Clickenger  
Jeff Cygan  
Luda Galinas  
Timothy Krall  
Bill Melchior  
Al Morrison  
Zach Padden  
Pat Palmer

Bryce Rausch, Co-Chair  
Mike Schetz  
Father Bob Stec  
Patricia Strazar  
Chris Studor  
Mark Tracy  
Mike Truchan  
Collin Vickers  
Thomas Welsh, Co-Chair

# Community Partners

## A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED!

Every year we are blessed with amazing members who wish to give back and get involved in a meaningful way! For some, that means donating money to the parish, for others, it means donating equipment or services. Both are needed and both make an incredible difference in the life of our parish and allow us to host incredible family events and do meaningful outreach work.

- ABC Equipment** on Pearl near Boston donates the generators and light towers we use for the festival along with lifts and other machinery we need for cleaning the church and maintaining our campus.
- Brunswick Auto Mart** blesses us with a brand-new car for our festival raffle, while **Engelke Construction Solutions, MDG Flooring America, Monarch Carpet One, Kiba Studios, Encompass the World Travel, BEYOND Juicery and Eatery and NEO Landscape Management** donate amazing prizes for our summer festival raffle – making it one of our top fundraisers!
- Sam LoFaso & LoFaso Real Estate Services** have a 10% Give Back Program which has raised thousands of dollars for our parish – and served many members extremely well!
- Cirino Eye Care, Koler Financial, Unity Catholic FCU** and many others donate so that we can have a parish that is alive and thriving!



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

Many thanks  
to all of our

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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



# Campaign and Capital Projects

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**In 2025, we continue the commitment to upkeeping our parish campus with making repairs and maintaining our equipment and facilities.**

**Some 2024-2025 highlights include:**

- Ongoing parking lot repair and replacement
- South Parking lot grinding and top coating
- School North Security Vestibule
- CWM Building Addition
- Ongoing upgrades and improvements to campus security and technology
- Rectory HVAC replacement

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

- As we look to next year and beyond, we hope to start implementing the Vision 2035 plan.
  - The first step of this is acquiring the land to the north of our campus (this is in process). We would then look to develop this lot into an additional 84 parking spots and future playground/greenspace for our day school students.

**Special thanks to the Vision 2035 Committee for their commitment and dedication in this process!**



School North Security Vestibule



CWM Building Addition

School North Security Vestibule

## Stewardship Prayer

My Church is composed of people like me.  
**I 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 rededicate myself to the task of  
being all the things I want our  
**Church – Saint Ambrose – to be.**



# In Memoriam Gifts

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

July 2024 - June 2025

**Mark Avery** by Sandra Avery, Julia Lojewski Maria & Guy Marrelli, Diane & Jim Donato, Barbara Ann & James Stanish, John & Esther Waltz, Jeffrey & Debra Cygan, Petar Necak, Mark & Carolyn Mysza, Edward Rocheck and Susan Traut

**Edward Barrett** by David & Susan Weiland

**Ann Baum** by Debra Shifrin, Ron & Linda Walters, Sue & Chip Brady, Sharon Fisher, Kristen & Jason DeSarle, Michael Liner, Sandra Kerka, Linda and Robert Cohen, Mona and Tom Mesereau, Catherine & Thomas Basista, Kellie Brubaker, Arlene Tino, Susan Baumgartner, Pamela Flittner, Sharon Panik and Frank & Irene Jancura

**Margaret Beckler** by Darryl & Jacquie Kasproski, Patty Schuck and Akron Children's Hospital C/O Stephanie Pettry

**Hanora Lee Bihari** by Jake & Becky Bihari

**Glen Bohusch** by Bernice Bohusch

**James Brandt** by Jeremy, Ashley, & Sophie Durbin

**Deborah Britton** by David Britton and Elizabeth Zavada

**Shawn Calvey** by Kelly Calvey

**Joe Cloughley** by Betty Cloughley

**Michael Crowley** by Martha Crowley

**Ben Envia** by Evlin Kamenar & Neli Envia

**Elizabeth Fanara** by Robert & Carla Brandt, Charles Malitz, Frank Demaria and John & Donna Gagnon

**Carmine Filice** by Donna Cash

**Judy Garn** by James & Carol Lepi

**Curtis Helman** by Linda Pawlowski

**Richard Houdek** by Richard Houdek

**Marian Hruschak** by Valerie Piatak

**John Hurajt** by PFM Financial Advisors LLC Pugh and Eleanore & Anthony Karp

**Sandra Kaaikaula** by Mary Louise & Terrence Wichmann

**Carol Kilbane** by Thomas Kilbane

**William Kroffke** by Rachel Sammon and Lauren Kroffke

**Angel Lopez-Candales** by Bernadette Scheid and Marcella Wensing

**Wilfred Luna** by Patty Lewis

**Janet Majka** by Caitlin Mason, Jill & Dave Winn, David Hastings, Kristen Fox, Stacy & Kim Juby, Linda Crane, Ed & Teri Matuszak, Kevin & Tracy Sitts, Kristie Zwiener, Kim Buchek, Ann Marie Frattare, & Robyn Vavrek, Ronald & Marilyn Kettering, Mark & Robin Mutz, Timothy & Pamela DeGeeter, Michael Brinkman, David & Cynthia Karikas, Robert Majka, Annette Fejes, Gregory Coogan, Ed & Paula Curtin, John H. Majka, Eugene & Mary Merrill, Dennis & Donna Koeth, Ben & Jill Kendrick, Nancy Monnin, Judith Rausch, Robert & Beverly Mauch, St. Barnabas Golf League, Irene Panlilio, David & Mary Jane Klimkewicz, Jeffrey & Julie Coleman, Terry & Dorothy Chadwick, Raffaella Montemarano, Debra &

**Janet Majka continued** Michael Bonezzi, Thomas & Jean Paul, Louise & Michael Bonomo, Nicole & Christopher Gibson, Bonnie & Jeff Longo, Christopher & Laura Bertin, Gregory Liptak, Helen Nowak, Lindsay Smiles Foundation, Anonymous, Cathleen Zakarowsky and St. Francis DeSales Holy Name Society

**Nancy Matras** by Kathleen Kopyt

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

**Frank Meray** by G&W Electric Co., C/O Natalie Forlani and G&W Electric Co., C/O Jean M Row

**Richard Plavecski** by Pamela Plavecski

**Edward Plitt** by Timothy J. Fangmeier

**Pat Richie** by Gloria Dzurhoff

**John Rossborough** by Bernice Bohusch, Mr. & Mrs. Duane Lewandowski, Mrs. Louise Fiszer, Mrs. Sandy Cayet, Mrs. Gloria Latran and Mr. & Mrs. William Cran

**Joan Serra** by Mindy Bedrossian & Everson

**Kenneth Sesko** by Mary Erbs and Buckeye Int. Sunshine

**Olive Marie Sleva** by Mark Sleva

**Anthony Walocko** by Patty Lewis

## MEMORIAL BENCHES

The benches in the courtyard and around the campus are a convenient place for people to sit, wait for their kids and grandkids, and rest. They come as gifts to our parish community from some of our members. They are a reflection of the goodness of our members, and they create a welcome and comfortable place for people to sit and pray, to enjoy the beautiful flowers and campus, and be at peace. God bless all who have helped make these new benches possible.

The Antonio & Lusardo Families  
Maria Antonio

The Cebula Family  
Bob & Linda Cebula

George & Pat Deutsch  
Cheryl & Diane Deutsch

The Dogger Family  
John & Kathleen Dogger

The Dudley & Halko Families  
Kevin Dudley & Stephanie Halko-Dudley

Richard & Paul Hibler  
Peggy Hibler

The Church & the Rundle Families  
Edward & Debra Rundle

Daniel C. Lewanski  
Anne Lewanski

Alfred & Christiane Luiere  
Jackie Lever

John E. Mirolak  
Henrietta Kleinhoff

Alec & Sandy Morrison  
Greg Morrison

Daniel A. Stepp and Bill & Yetta Vaughan  
Dianna Stepp

Don Yaughar  
Barb Yaughar

*All are welcome. all belong!*



**NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH** *List as of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025*

Ryan Ackim  
Cassandra Adams  
Brian & Eileen Adams  
Mark & Cheri Adkins  
Andres & Stephany Aguirre  
Joel Alsouss  
Juan & Jennifer Alvarez  
Patrick Angelis  
Michael & Judith Arena  
Lisa Argenziano  
Patrice Argenziano  
Aimee Arida  
Mildred Arnau  
Zachary & Kristi Balski  
Matthew & Ashley Barlak  
Thomas & Aimee Barrett  
Timothy & Carol Beck  
Dan & Amy Bednar  
Bruce & Deborah Bene  
Robert & Lauren Bernhard  
Nicholas & Hiba Betka  
Michal & Aleksandra Bieniek  
Samuel & Audrey Bitter  
Lucy Blake  
Jason & Stephanie Bockmuller  
Payton Bonifas & Lindsey Viskup  
Madalina Bordas  
Marcus & Jaclyn Borman  
Cory & Brittany Brady  
Nicholas & Kaely Brady  
Mary Brinton  
Kevin & Melissa Burant  
Matthew & Sheryl Bures  
Morgan Butas  
Patrick Callahan  
Jason & Stephanie Campbell  
James & Jennifer Campbell  
Paul & Candida Cancilla  
Joseph Cannavino & Jennifer Fiore  
Jonathan & Kristen Capadona  
Patrick Carabin  
Michael & Allison Cassandra  
Alexander Ceddia & Mary Marshall  
Jeffrey & Mary Chapman  
Ivan & Athalia Chen  
Perry Church, Jr.  
Erin Cinadr  
Shelbe Clester  
Chelsea Colant  
Justin & Courtney Confer  
Michael & Mary Conway  
John & Amanda Cordell  
Matthew & Brittany Costello  
Brian & Kathy Coughlin

Theodore & Lisa Czaplicki  
Jack & Lindsay Darnell  
Nicholas DeCore & Nicole Hetrick  
Vincent & Melinda DelPrince  
Siegfried & Mary Ditzig  
Keith Doucet, Jr. & Morgan Selig-Doucet  
Stephen & Lauren Dowdell  
Conor Downing & Rebecca Zemanek  
Linda Duale  
Kevin & Stefani Dubiel  
Robert & Lauren Dufala  
Paul & Anita Duncan  
Robert & Gretchen Eckelberry  
Robert & Heather Eckenrode  
Paul & Lorraine Faiken  
Thomas Fanara  
Darlene Fazio  
Carl & Elaine Fechko  
Timothy & Lorianne Ferko  
Joseph Filipiak & Jennifer Colosimo-Filiak  
James & Anita Finucane  
Michelle Fischer-Straka  
Charlene Flack  
Dave & Amy Flanhofer  
Eric Flanhofer  
Michael & Clare Fontana  
Tonya Ford  
Kirwin & Jeanie Ford  
Kevin & Lindsay Fox  
Fe Frantz  
William & Beth Frasure  
Joseph Friedl & Margaret Pelak  
Kenneth Frohlich & Taylor Lee  
Don & Darlene Frost  
Richard & Kalie Frys  
Brian & Margaret Gallipeau  
German & Michelle Garcia  
Bruce & Cathryn Garlitz  
Allyson Gaydemski  
John & Susanne Gerres  
John Gibney  
Jeff & Cindy Giuliano  
Marie Golden  
Christopher & Allison Golian  
Kyle & Elissa Golod  
Tyler & Christina Gordon  
Thomas & Sara Gorman  
Richard Grabowski  
Michael & Patricia Grace  
Michael & Catherine Grant  
Edward & Monica Gribus  
Kevin & Gabriella Grzymkowski

Laura Gushue  
Dennis & Evelyn Haas  
Christopher & Alexandria Hampton  
Nicholas & Ewelina Hanek  
Connor & Claire Hann  
Jeffrey & Nancy Hill  
Vincent Hoffman  
John & Jacqueline Hogan  
Terry & Melanie Holstein  
Kenneth & Catherine Hovanic  
Arron & Mary Howard  
Bernard & Lara Hudak  
David & Michelle Hurd  
Nicholas & Lisa Iacono  
Carla Imbrigiotta  
Jan Jaksa  
William & Patricia Jennings  
Michael & Alyssa Jensen  
Joseph & Christina Johnson  
Ryan & Brittany Jones  
Gloria Jurcisek  
Courtney Juris  
Robert & Sarah Kaminski  
Scott & Sara Kase  
Richard & Rachell Kawiecki  
Mike & Diana Kelley  
Michael & Trachel Kelly  
Kate Kerlin  
Jacob & Allison Kolar  
David Kostura  
Matthew & Lisa Kovach  
Fred & Yvonne Kowalczyk  
Markian & Michele Kowalsky  
Jared & Laura Kreis  
Charles & Geraldine Krencik  
Brandon & Lauren Kroffke  
Diane Krukemeyer  
David & Rosa Kufner  
Jeffrey Kullman  
Robert Lantz, Jr.  
David & Sandra Laurenty  
Madelynn Lavender  
Billinda Lavender  
Joseph & Emily Leary  
Mike Leonard  
Patrick & Eva Linn  
Cynthia Lopez  
Hilda Lopez-Candales  
Elaine Loy  
Nicholas & Samantha Ludwick  
Loretta Lunder  
Danielle Lutz  
Dyann Lynch  
Marcus Magers & Lauren White

Ronald & Suzette Majewski  
Alexander & Angielou Majkrzak  
Natalie Malone  
Mitchell & Caroline Manicho  
Peter & Lori Maraldo  
Shannon Marcelli  
Brandon Marks  
Jon & Sunny Marrone  
Miriam Martin  
Andrew & Emilia Martin  
Alexander & Taylor Martin  
Olivia Matuch  
Michael & Shari May  
Alexander & Candice Mayan  
Ryan & Ashley McCullough  
Judith McEwen  
Lisa McGee  
Matthew & Sokong McKinney  
Matthew & Mallory Mcweeny  
Sean Mendicino  
Joseph Mertens & Brianna Till  
Anthony & Susayn Milano  
Alliya Miller  
Carissa Mitchell  
Tyler & Julia Moats  
Austin & Madisen Monaco  
Mark & Laura Montellanico  
Charles & Brooke Morgan  
Kent & Stephanie Mowrer  
Rosemary Mullaly  
Stephen Mulloy  
Marissa Murphy  
Anita Naulty  
Edward & Amy Navratil  
Jaime Nazario  
Crystal Neale  
Brian Newberry  
Christian & Jeanne-Marie Nkengletac  
Douglas & Maria Nolan  
Alexander & Isabel Novelli  
Mary Grace Ogonek  
Mark & Sandra Orzell  
Brooks & Stephanie Ostergard  
Amirtha Owens  
Zachary & Erika Padden  
Patrick & Kathleen Palmer  
Kyle Paridon & Danielle Haas  
Dominic & Alyssa Passalacqua  
Matthew Patrick & Jennifer Lutz  
Adam & Nicole Patton  
Andrew & Jessica Peck  
David & Kathleen Peplin  
Michael Pesek  
Joshua & Alexandria Pesto

Christel Petro  
Marcia Phillips  
Robert Pieper & Rachel Roberts  
Adam & Shannon Pignatiello  
Kamil & Martha Piotrkowski  
Brandon & Jennifer Pizzuti  
Michael & Cassy Plicka  
Janice Plicka  
Rachel Post  
Jennifer Presser  
Taylor Pupkiewicz  
Robert Purcell  
Anthony & Katelynn Reale  
Terrance Romph, Jr.  
Stefan & Katelyn Rosas  
Carmine & Georgia Roselli  
Valerie Russell  
Connie Rusynyk  
Amer Saeed  
Richard & Mary Ann Sako  
Roberta Sako  
Colleen Salyards  
Angelito & Dolores Sanchez  
Linda Sandish  
Gabriel & Janelle Santiago  
Dina Satz  
Gary & Rachel Scensny  
Robert & Sarah Schaffer  
Joseph & Melissa Schebek  
James & Tina Schiely  
Ryan & Amanda Schilling  
Courtney Schmidt  
Matthew & Jacqueline Schmucki  
George & Jessica Schreiner  
Laura Schroeder  
Thomas & Judith Schuler  
John & Gianina Schwarzwald  
Austin & Jessica Seifert  
Albert Serafini  
Mera Serio-Cramer  
Travis Dean & Andrey Sherman  
Katherine Shevchuk  
Thomas & Helen Sienkiewicz  
Joyce Sitko  
Gary & Sharon Skotko  
Kelly Skyelar  
Ashley Smith  
Ann Smutko  
Bernard & Mary Sokolowski  
Ryan & Julia Solanics  
Ryan & Jacklyn Sookraj  
John & Jessica Soto  
Celina Soussou  
David & Susan Spaulding

Matthew & Ashley Spencer  
Justin & Georgina Stafford  
Mary Stamm  
Paul & Constance Stanton  
Jakob & Jessica Stevens  
Heather Straubhaar  
Suzanne Strba  
Jessica Strom  
Brent Strozyk  
David & Michelle Sullenberger  
Nicholas & Kenna Swank  
Sandra Szoke  
Aaron Talevich  
Katherine Taylor  
Stephanie Terry  
Janice Thieman  
Benjamin & Marisa Torchia  
Julius Tornabene & Kelly Dehrmann  
Patrick Valencic & Savannah Valco  
Raynette Valore  
Daniel & Faith Van Vliet  
Bryan Voit  
Valerie Walcher  
Marcos & Adriana Walker  
Robert & Katelyn Ward  
Dale & Barbara Weidman  
Trent & Gabrielle Weinman  
Christopher & Shauna Wetmore  
Robert & Sharon Woodring  
Paul & Justyna Woznicki  
Timothy & Rachael Wulff  
Nikolas Yash  
John & Christine Yurik  
John & Heidi Zak  
Maribeth Zeeck  
Allison Zoski

*“ I’ve been a member of Saint Ambrose since 1957. I love this parish and am so proud of our parishioners - SANDRA*

# Leaving a Legacy

## SAINT AMBROSE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

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

This past spring, through several generous donors and our Endowment Foundation, we were able to install a beautiful Last Supper Table with a bronze Jesus statue and a sandstone table, stools and paver stones. This beautiful piece of artwork in the courtyard is a gift and the legacy of several members who wanted to leave their mark on our parish and community. It is inspiring to walk by it and see people sitting next to Jesus in prayer, reading scripture at the table or simply sitting with friends at the table – a table that will endure for many years to come.

In a similar way, that is the mission of the Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation; to create a parish that will serve, educate, inspire and evangelize for years to come.

If you would like more information on the Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation or how to give, please reach out to Jake Bihari at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us) or 216.215.5015.

## MILAN SOCIETY

On November 2, 2024, we inducted 3 inaugural members into the Milan Society. John Dogger, Bob Downs and Kathy Plavecski. They are founding members of the Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation and have helped pave the way for the future of our parish. **This year, on November 1, we will remember in prayer, and honor and induct Jane Bast, John Hurajt, Dorothy King, and an anonymous special friend.** They remembered Saint Ambrose Endowment Foundation in their estate planning. Our parish is blessed by their goodness and living legacy.



If you would like to learn more about the Milan Society or have included Saint Ambrose in your Estate Planning, please let us know. It helps us honor you and inspire others. Contact Jake Bihari at [JBihari@StAmbrose.us](mailto:JBihari@StAmbrose.us).

### ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION MEMBERS

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



## ENDOWMENT GIVING

07/01/2024-06/30/2025



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

Patricia Bator  
James Dovalosky  
Jeff Filipski  
John Hurajt Memorial Fund  
Kimberly Janis  
Daniel & Cynthia Kalka  
The estate of Dorothy King  
Michael & Jayna Koler  
Patty Lewis  
Charles Ludovico  
Molly Mason  
Tom Poturica Memorial Donor Fund  
Stephen Skomski  
Alan & Joan Travaglianti

### 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 are 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.

Thomas A. Ackim  
Debbie Amata  
Joseph A. Armagno  
Sharon Auber  
Robert W. Auber, Jr.  
Mark D. Avery  
Edward Barrett  
Ann Valerie Baum  
Margaret Mary Beckler  
Lawrence Thomas Begin  
James Brandt  
Christopher Bush  
Donna J. Buy  
Shawn P. Calvey  
Raymond J. Carmack  
Donald J. Chambers, Jr.  
Edward Frand Chmura  
Daniel Ciccarelli  
Joan Cieslak  
Lawrence John Cobler  
Helen C. Coleman  
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## Upcoming Masses

Dedicated to the dearly departed

**All Saints Day:** November 1  
(not a holy day of obligation)  
4:30 pm

**All Souls' Day:** November 2  
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

**Mass of Remembrance:** November 2  
5:00 pm with a reception to follow in Hilbert Hall

Eternal rest  
grant on to them,  
O Lord.



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### 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.

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). 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.

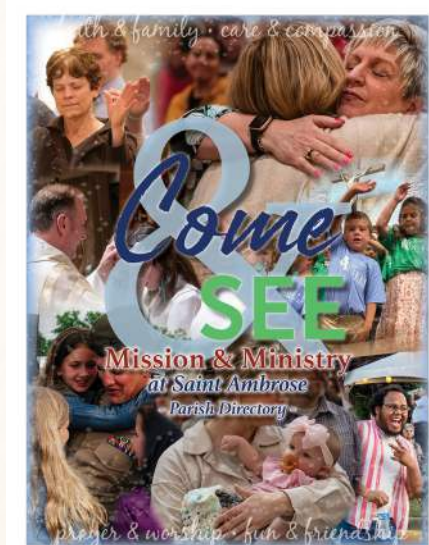
Never hesitate to talk with any of our parish staff members who can also help you **find a place – a job – a way to belong.**

**“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”**

—I THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

Thank you for taking time to review the 2025 Annual Report for Saint Ambrose Parish. **It is a glimpse of the great good you – and we – do together for the glory of God and the good of our community.** One of our five parish charisms is that we **“are thankful to God and grateful for one another.”** May God bless you for your goodness. Let’s continue to work together in prayer and in service to build up God’s kingdom of peace and mercy for all.

**Thank you over and over again for your goodness! God bless you, your family and our parish community.**



## 2024-2025 STATUS ANIMARUM HIGHLIGHTS

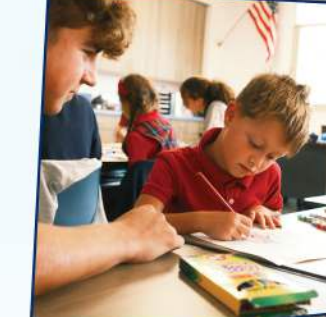
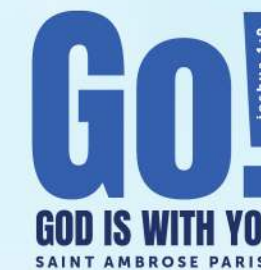
The 2024-2025 Pastoral Year was one of great blessing for the Saint Ambrose Parish Community. The year could be summed up in one word, “GO”! It comes from the Book of Joshua, “*Be steadfast. Be courageous. For I the Lord your God am with you wherever you go.*” (Joshua 1, 9). This scripture passage was the theme for the year. All of our members were reminded of this important message and promise of God everywhere on the campus and in the songs we sang at Church. **How comforting and hopeful is the promise of the Lord.** Clearly, the Lord, our God was with us throughout this new pastoral year.

The signs of God’s abiding presence and His mighty Spirit are all around our campus. Our parish ministries, programs and outreach continue to grow in size and spirit. This growth caused us to initiate a planning process in early 2024 called **Vision 2035**. Over the course of fourteen months, this planning process **assessed all of our parish facilities**, conducted over **30 Town Hall Meetings**, engaged over **1,000 of our members** to reflect on our campus and facility needs over the next ten years of the life of our parish. Working with the team from Marous Brothers Construction, the Campus Plan is an **expression of the life** of this parish, the ideas and imagination of those who engaged in the conversations, and outlines a clear path forward for our parish community.

While not part of Vision 2035, our parish embarked on two building projects in 2025: the construction of a **new vestibule for the north entrance of the school**. This new vestibule will control access to our building and do a best job in keeping our students and school community safe. The second project was the construction of a 2,400 addition onto our **Catholic Works of Mercy Outreach Center**. The original building is three years old. Given the needs and growth of our CWM programs, we desperately needed additional space. Given the current needs in our local community, the CWM team **cares for approximately 100 families each week** with groceries/food. Both of these projects are complete and will help enrich the safety and programming of our parish community.

**Saint Ambrose School and Littlest Angels Preschool** continues to **SOAR** to new heights. This year our school was **one of twelve in the country** to be able to connect and have a conversation with the **International Space Station**. The school also received the **Governor’s Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEAM education** and was designated again as a STEAM School by the Ohio Department of Education.

As a parish we continue to **GO** in directions that resonate and reflect the needs of our members. One area of great effort and growth is in our **Mental Health Ministry**. With a team of twenty-five members, we continue to offer programs of **awareness and support**. The highlight and major effort of the year was to sponsor and host a major regional conference on Mental Health and Accompaniment in February. We were blessed to welcome **Bishop Dolan from Phoenix, Arizona** as the keynote presenter to about 250 attendees. The workshop both **strengthened our own parish mental health ministry and team** along with **encouraging so many other parishes and churches** in our region to respond to the mental health challenges of our times.



Another area of growth for our parish community is our **Men's Ministry**. Established groups like the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly, Men's Fellowship, Men's Renewal, and Men's Monthly Breakfast are **all growing in size and programming**. Additionally, we established quarterly men's events to create a parish community that is a great place for men to **grow in faith** and to surround themselves with other godly men in our community.



**Our Endowment Committee** established a way to acknowledge members who have made or are making an extraordinary commitment to our parish by including Saint Ambrose Endowment in their estate planning. It's called **The Milan Society** named after Saint Ambrose of Milan. We inducted three members: **Kathy Plavecski, John Dogger and Bob Downs** as the first group in the Milan Society. It's part of an annual event to encourage planned giving and long-term support for our parish community. The Endowment Society in 2024-25, as part of their annual support for a parish project, helped offset the cost of replacing the exterior glass for the Stained Glass in the Church.



We are in our second year of developing a **Performing Arts Ministry**. We are blessed with **200 members using their gifts and talents** to create amazing and inspiring productions for our parish including: 13 – The Musical and Into the Woods. This is in addition to our **growing Music Ministry** that performed seasonal concerts and supports our weekly liturgy. We also have develop a collaboration with the **Medina Community Band**. Together we created a concert for the National Day of Remembrance.



**We were blessed to welcome deacon-candidate Rob Musial** to Saint Ambrose for his field education as part of his diaconate formation program. We were also blessed to welcome **Brandan Bizzi as our new PSR Coordinator**. Brandan had the blessing of working side by side our long time DRE Janet Majka. Janet did an amazing job of coaching and guiding Brandan through the year and many aspects of the PSR/VBS programs. As the year unfolded, Janet focused her attention to her valiant fight with cancer. She was called home to the Lord on March 22, 2025. **The impact of her ministry will be lasting on this community.**



In June, **Father Carlin** retired as Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Parma. Father Carlin had two parish assignments. His first was Saint Ambrose and then Saint Charles. Upon his retirement, Father Carlin **returns back to Saint Ambrose** to share in the life of the community and assist with sacramental needs. **Welcome home Father Carlin.**

We were blessed with some wonderful spiritual programs and inspiring presenters this year including: **Steve Angrisano, Sarah Kroger, and Bishop Michael Woost**. We were also blessed to host a number of diocesan conferences this year in addition to the Mental Health Workshop. These include: **Diocesan Eucharistic Ministers Congress and The Pilgrimage for Justice**. In cooperation with The FEST, we hosted **Brandon Heath** for a Christmas Concert.

- **Safety Planning** is a top priority for our parish community. **Chief Jim Powers** (retired) is working closely with all our parish staff and programs to review all safety protocols and procedures and to conduct ongoing training for parish staff, leadership and groups.
- **Outreach to those in need:** We continue to prepare and distribute **2,250 bagged lunches for outreach** to those deeply in need in Cleveland and Akron. There's a great team who works daily to keep this important ministry going for over five years. We also have a food distribution in Cleveland taking care of approximately **500 families each month**. This year we conducted bike collections for children in Cleveland.
- **Holy Spokes Bike Riding Ministry:** A couple of our members wanted to lead a bike riding ministry. They have **over 50 active members** who take regular rides through the spring, summer and fall. **They enjoy a good ride and great friendship.**
- **Vocations are a priority for our Parish.** We are blessed to prayerfully support **Dominic Kucera** as he continues his **discernment and studies at Borromeo Seminary**. Many of our members attended the Diaconate Ordination of **Nathan Frankart** who spent his internship year at Saint Ambrose. Currently there are **three high school young men** discerning and seriously considering entry to Borromeo Seminary in Fall of 2026. We have several weekly holy hours in support of vocations.

