

We are a Catholic Community of Faith, Centered on Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!



Dear members,

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, we will have hired a general contractor for the Lehner Center. He will be responsible for the construction of four meeting rooms, a dedicated food bank, as well as infrastructure improvements (i.e., no more flooding). We are hopeful that construction can be completed by late September. While the updated and new facilities will be helpful for our community, what is more important is what this construction communicates about our parish:

...We are alive and full of life, and in a wonderful way, out of room.

...When we work together – giving, sharing, and helping – we can do good things for the Lord.

...While we are taking care of our space needs (four new meeting rooms), a large piece of this project is the creation of a dedicated space for our Catholic Works of Mercy Program to support and maintain a food bank.

This food bank will extend our care and concern for those most in need.

Last week, 24 members of our parish came together to review the specs, plans and bids – a sign that our members are invested and working together to make good decisions for our parish. In a similar way, two weeks ago, 28 parish leaders came together as part of our Pastoral Council meeting

to discuss parish pastoral and spiritual needs and priorities for the upcoming year.

All of the above are signs of life and growth. All are signs of our members coming together at Saint Ambrose in service to the Lord. The building will be helpful, but what is far more important is what all this communicates – a community centered on Jesus Christ, and committed to serving and building God's kingdom.

May these summer months be a time of refreshment and peace for you and your family. In a few weeks, please join us for our Parish Festival; it will be a GREAT kick off to summer! All proceeds from the Festival and the raffle will be used to maintain and care for our parish facilities. I look forward to seeing YOU there!

If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me at frbob@stambrose.us or 330.460.7333.

May God bless you and your loved ones,

Father Bob Stec



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Welcome to our Parish Community!

A warm welcome goes out to the many families and individuals who have recently joined our parish community. May you find Saint Ambrose to be a place where you are always welcome!

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Adrovet
Mrs. Rosemary Bogdas
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Borsuk
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bryan
Mr. Jim Bryson
Mr. Paul Busch
Mr. Daniel Carr
Mr. & Mrs. John Cicerone
Ms. Christine Cowan
Mr Anthony DeMutis
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Foos
Mr. & Mrs. Josh Jeffi
Ms. Tiara Monique Jones
Ms. Lois Kelly
Mr. & Mrs. Evor Kerr III
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kijek
Mrs. Elaine Lynch

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Manzo
Mr. & Mrs. James Naelitz
Mr. Robert Quinn
Mr. R. William Romph
Mrs. Kathleen Sarazin
Miss Kathleen Sergott
Ms. Gina Shrader
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Shrodes
Mr. Dominic Simeone
Ms. Mary Toman
Miss Angel Vealey
Mrs. Maryann Walsh
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Warner
Ms. Susie White
Ms. Angela Windau
Mr. Jay Yagersz
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zamiska



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Groundbreaking Potluck

Thank you for joining us!



Lehner Center Groundbreaking...A Vision Come True.



by Judy Edinger

Ceremonial groundbreaking for an addition to the Lehner Center was "exciting" and "satisfying" for those who have worked so hard to see this day. The ceremony took place May 12 after the 4:30 pm Mass. Construction is expected to begin after the Summer Festival in June.

After a prayer and scriptural reading, Pastor Father Bob Stec introduced five parishioners with shovels who turned over the turf: Jake Bihari, Bob and Linda Cebula, Bob Howski, and Mark Oldfield. All are members of the Vision 20/20 committee. The ceremony concluded with another prayer and a song.

Father Bob singled out Bob Howski, who was responsible for buildings and grounds for 28 years. Even after retirement he continues to work part-time. Last year he conducted tours for parishioners, pointing out furnaces and boilers that date back to 1962. This day Howski said he was excited about the start of "something we really need". The addition to the Lehner Center will add another four meeting rooms, as well as ample room for food storage to feed the hungry.

"Without our Vision 20/20 leadership team, the project would be nowhere," Father Bob said later. "They did a lot of hard work in fundraising as well as getting the word out", he added.

Jake Bihari, who oversaw portions of the project, said it was "a great day for the parish, a good step, the first of many to come." He also credited Howski for much of the work. "Before there was St. Ambrose Buildings and Grounds, there was Bob Howski," he said.

Bob Cebula, who became involved with the Vision 20/20 fundraising project last September, said he was "excited about what we've accomplished" and that it was satisfying to see the groundbreaking finally take place.

After the ceremony, parishioners enjoyed a potluck meal that included hamburgers and hotdogs in Hilbert Hall.



Jake Bihari, Mark Oldfield, Linda Cebula, Bob Howski and Bob Cebula



PROJECT TIMELINE:

- MAY 7 //** Leadership Team met with the architect to narrow the bids down to two contractors
- May 11 and 12 //** The Leadership Team met with the two contractors
- May 12 //** Ceremonial groundbreaking
- May 16 //** Leadership Team held a conference call to select contractor
- May 21 //** Fr. Bob and Bob Downs, Finance Council Chair, selected Marous Brothers as the Lehner Center Expansion contractor on behalf of the Leadership Team
- May 24 //** Letter was sent to the Diocese requesting permission to move forward with the project
- June 11 //** Official first day of construction



Summer Parish Events

- JUNE 2**
Star4Life Relay for Life 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run
- JUNE 7-10**
Parish Summer Festival
- JUNE 20-21**
Indoor Garage Sale
- JUNE 24**
New Parishioner Welcome Breakfast
- JULY 7**
Outdoor Mass & Movie Night
- JULY 9-13**
SKY Vacation Bible School
- JULY 21**
Knights of Columbus Annual Golf Outing
- AUGUST 25**
Steak Roast and More!

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Saint Ambrose Community Meal Continues to Serve



by Marion Drake

It was nearly four years ago when the Community Meal became the brain child of a group of Saint Ambrose parishioners who had a calling to serve a Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in the Brunswick community. The Community Meal blossomed from there to a meal served on the third Sunday of every month. Each month, Jim and Pixie develop the menu, order and shop for the food and coordinate the volunteers for the preparation, cooking and serving of the community meal. On the Saturday before each meal, a group of 10 to 12 dedicated volunteers prepare the meal in the church kitchen. They return on Sunday morning to finish any remaining preparation, set up the serving line and dining room and cook the food for the day's meal. Linda Cebula is responsible for setting up and managing the serving line and Bill Zarefoss is responsible for the dining room. In addition to their food prep duties, Saturday's prep volunteers handle the serving line for Sunday's meal. Pixie and Bill Zarefoss coordinate the volunteer assignments for the kitchen and dining areas. Approximately 30 - 40 volunteers join in each month to ensure that Sunday's meal is a success.

"I really enjoy cooking, that's why I do it this," laughs Jim. "But really, it is because it is a great community event that brings a lot of people together. The volunteer commitment has been outstanding and many of the volunteers have been with the program since its inception. Some of our guests come for the food and some come for the companionship and conversation. I really enjoy the people who come for dinner and it brings those together who are looking for a fresh hot meal or just someone to visit with."

To date, the volunteers have served over 8,000 meals not including the Thanksgiving Dinners which account for an additional 2,000 meals and 6,000 box lunches. The dinner is funded through the annual Souper Bowl of Caring event sponsored by FIAT (Faith In Action Teens). Through their fundraising efforts and generous parishioners, FIAT was able to raise over almost \$8,000 in 2012. "Our meal is self funded and we are able to prepare a hot and delicious meal that is well balanced and healthy strictly from donations and the Souper Bowl of Caring Event," adds Jim. "Our parishioners bake beautiful homemade desserts and cakes to serve our guests," noted Pixie. Buehler's has been a partner with Saint Ambrose by donating bread and bakery items for the meal. For more information about the Community Meal, contact the Parish Office at (330) 460-7300.

Mission Possible Outreach Efforts in the Dominican Republic continues to Grow!

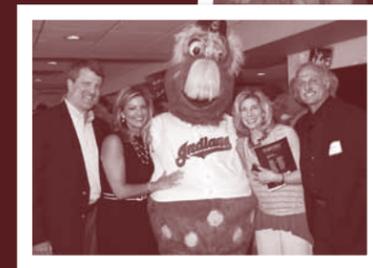


by Jake Bihari

On April 4, the night before opening day, Mission Possible hosted a fundraiser at Progressive Field. The event was a huge success, raising \$129,519. This money will be used for shipping a container in November, ongoing social services and care, construction of a baseball field and will allow workers to begin the construction of new homes.

This June, Mission Possible will be accompanied by a group of 43 missionaries from Saint Ambrose, Holy Angels, Saint John Neumann and Our Lady of Mount Carmel preparing to go on the trip. We are planning to do many great things for our brothers and sisters: ongoing social outreach and education, continued maintenance and upkeep of our existing community, medical outreach, and the construction of 2 new homes in our current community.

If you are interested in making a donation to support our efforts or would like more information, please contact Beth Yaughner (Yaughner@aol.com).



Saint Ambrose Celebrates Sacraments of Initiation

by Pattie Batchman,
Director of Religious Education



People of all ages celebrated Sacraments of Initiation this spring at Saint Ambrose! From those experiencing the water of Baptism to the Confirmation anointing by Bishop Roger Gries and those who were called to the table of the Lord as they celebrated First Eucharist, we are reminded that Saint Ambrose is Alive and Centered on Christ.



May God walk beside you always and forever!

Is GOD calling you...to a deeper faith?

RCIA Information Nights

St. Ambrose Parish invites you to join the RCIA journey. RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for people interested in learning about our Catholic faith and traditions as a means to discern if God is calling you to become Catholic.

For more information contact Father Bob Stec at 330-460-7300 or frbob@StAmbrose.us

Would you like to learn more about RCIA?

Join us in the School Library:
July 11, 7:00 p.m.
August 22, 7:00 p.m.





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"True success is found in improving ones talents and passions in order to help others in the hopes to promote the Glory of God. I am using my passion for anatomy and fascination about the human body to quite literally end others physical suffering through Athletic Training and Physical Therapy... My purpose is greater than me and my wants."

– Megan Newrones '04

Soar

Seussical, Jr.

On May 4 & 5, the Saint Ambrose Fine Arts Program presented Seussical, Jr. at Padua Franciscan High School to a packed crowd. Our Angels showcased their amazing talent. Seussical, Jr. was directed by Chris Monczewski and Lauren Lloyd.



Rita Stec Scholarship Awarded



Alaina Ricciardi and Frank Stec

On Sunday, May 13 five Saint Ambrose Day School students were awarded the Rita Jane Stec Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship that was established in memory of Father Bob Stec's mother in 2010, is to provide students resources to continue their Catholic Education into junior high and high school. Students selected demonstrated strong academics, character, leadership as well as service. Sixth graders, Eric Scalfano and Alaina Ricciardi each received \$500 scholarships to Saint Ambrose Day School and eighth graders, Lucas Herman, Megan LoFaso and Erika Rogers each received \$1,000 scholarships to Padua Franciscan High School.

Saint Ambrose PTU Event a BIG Success

This past March, 270 parishioners, family and friends entered Hilbert Hall for a night in the Big Easy. The event raised \$58,000, providing funds for scholarships, technology and resources for our parish to install air condition on the third floor of the school.



Saint Ambrose Annual PTU Gala & Auction

PTU Fundraiser 2012
"The Big Easy!"

Saint Ambrose Students Lay Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown

A trip to Washington, D.C. is a rite of passage for most eighth grade students. Most remember their experience as a trip of a lifetime. Four students from Saint Ambrose School will be able to add wreath layer to their trip's memories.

On April 21, Alec Biller, Elizabeth Wish, Jordyn Nuti and Tony Monczewski had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown during the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery is known as one of the nations most sacred shrines honoring our nation's Veterans and their families who sacrificed their lives for our freedom while serving in past and present conflicts.

An essay contest was conducted to select the students that participated in the ceremony. "I was overwhelmed with excitement when I found out I was a contest winner because I knew this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity," said wreath layer Alec Biller.

Students followed a mandatory dress code and strict visitor rules including meeting with the Tomb Guard Sentinels prior to placing a wreath the students provided. "The guards instructed us on the important parts and reminded us not to be nervous. They also explained what an honor it was for us to participate in this experience because it is how we remember the brave people who have fought for our country," added Tony



Monczewski, eighth grade student council president.

During the ceremony, the students followed a sequence of events that kept with the mission of Arlington National Ceremony and preserved the dignity of the services. "My grandfather was a guard at Arlington and I felt his presence as I was laying the wreath," remarked eighth grader Elizabeth Wish.

"This was an experience I will remember forever," said Monczewski.

Saint Ambrose Angels Continue to Soar



Megan Newrones

Saint Ambrose alumna Megan Newrones, 21, graduated from Wheeling Jesuit University as the valedictorian of her class on May 19 with a degree in athletic training and physical therapy. She played soccer during her time at Wheeling Jesuit and was team captain all four years beginning as a freshman. Megan won scholarships

for soccer, service and academics at Wheeling Jesuit. After a brief break, she will begin studies at The Ohio State University June 19. Megan plans to earn a doctorate degree in physical therapy in three years.

The Newrones family has lived in Medina "since I've been born," Megan said. She graduated from Saint Ambrose School in 2004 and Walsh Jesuit High School in 2008 where she led her team to two State Championships as team captain.



Dr. Michael S. Benninger

After graduating Saint Ambrose School, Dr. Benninger attended Saint Ignatius High School. A graduate of Harvard University, Dr. Benninger received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently the Chairman of the Head and Neck Institute at The Cleveland Clinic and is Professor of

Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

In addition to his work at the hospital, Dr. Benninger has been very involved in Regional, National and International medical organizations. He is the President of the American Laryngologic Association, the President-Elect of the International Association of Phonosurgery and a member of the Board of Directors of the Voice Foundation. Dr Benninger has authored or edited 6 books, including his most recent books, "The Performer's Voice" and "The Singer's Voice". He has 2 additional books in press. He has also has written over 50 book chapters and over 170 scientific articles, focusing primarily on voice care and laryngology, nasal and sinus disease and health care management. He has lectured extensively across the country and throughout the world.

Saint Ambrose Alumni Association

Join us at the Summer Festival on Saturday, June 9. Look for the "Alumni" sign.

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FIAT Summer Sand Volleyball League is Back!

The Sand Volleyball League is an opportunity for Jr. High through current graduating Seniors, to take part in a summer long league. The league will run Tuesdays from June 12 through July 31. This FIAT sponsored summer volleyball league is open to all teens of Brunswick, not just high school teens involved with FIAT or parishioners of Saint Ambrose. Teams should consist of 6 participants, additional players will rotate in as new server during change of possession. Each match will consist of best 2 out of 3 games. Games will be rally scoring and played to 25 points; team must win by 2pts. If necessary a 3rd game will be played to 15 points, must win by 2 pts.

Members of the Youth Ministry Team will keep score and facilitate each match. Each team's captain will be responsible to relay pertinent information. For more information about the Youth Volleyball League, please call the Youth Ministry office at 330-460-7334. Looking forward to another GREAT season! Permission Forms and Medical Release Forms are required before any teen is eligible to participate in this Sand Volleyball League.



Upcoming FIAT Dates

- JUNE 27**
Cedar Point
- JUNE 29 & 30**
Steubenville Trip
- JUNE 12**
Volley Ball League Begins
- JULY 9 & 10**
White Water Rafting Trip
- AUGUST 12 & 13**
Guys and Girls Retreat

SUMMERTIME...a time for fun, faith and service at St. Ambrose Vacation Bible School - July 9-13!

This summer "Sky - VBS" will be the setting for young children to learn that... with God ALL things are possible... leading to greater trust in our loving God. Children participants and teen and adult volunteers work, play and learn together for a week in July. Last year 95 volunteers worked together to provide crafts, songs games, snacks, movies and scripture stories for the children.

discussing the bible stories, and sharing snacks – together. No one is too old to enjoy VBS! Many teen volunteers actually help out because they so enjoyed participating when they were younger. They look forward to being able to help when they reach junior high. Adults return year after year, for this summertime week of fun, because they see how the week touches so many young hearts!

The inspiring part of VBS is watching everyone – both participants and volunteers – enjoy the gift of playing games, creating crafts, singing songs,

No matter who you are, how you feel, what other people do, what happens, or where you are ... trust God! A good lesson for all to learn. So invite a friend

and come and participate or volunteer at VBS. Sessions are available mornings, 9 am to 12 noon, afternoons, 1 to 4 pm or for one evening, Tuesday July 10 from 6 to 8:30 pm, including dinner for families. Registration and volunteer forms are available at www.StAmbrose.us, on Together.StAmbrose.us, and can be picked up in Church or at the PSR Office in the Rectory. Come join us!!

Into Our Heart



by Tony Lisy

Basic psychology calls the combined conscious and unconscious mind the psyche. Freud broke this into three parts: 1) The Id – our instincts and desires; 2) The Ego – our awareness of reality; and 3) The Super-Ego – our morality. This has been used for a century as a model for understanding human behavior. It is a good

model as far as it goes. But what is missing from this picture is the soul, the part of God that lives within each of us.

From our soul comes grace, God's gift to enable us to live good and moral lives filled with His Love. It is the Heart that joins our soul with our psyche. Thus the most important thing the Heart does is allow God's graces to flow into us. This is also how the Holy Spirit comes to us, how the Spirit sets our Hearts on fire, inspires us, fills us with an abundance of divine gifts.

What is even more remarkable is that this is not the full extent of God's gifting. God made us human and knows we have human needs. As one of His last acts on earth, Jesus gave us His body and blood. When we receive Eucharist, we physically receive God into us.

So between the graces flowing through our Hearts and the Eucharist, we get a double shot of God's Love – mind and body. It is like being caught in a cross fire.

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For more information contact: Marion Drake at 330-460-7315 (m Drake@StAmbrose.us) or Father Bob Stec at 330-460-7300 (frbob@stambrose.us)

Join us for St. Ambrose Vacation Bible School July 9-13
REGISTER TODAY!
Spend a week with friends this summer.... Come for great Bible experiences, crafts, games and tasty treats.

For more information, contact Shelly Yanke at syanke@stambrose.us or 330-460-7327.



IN MEMORIUM

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

- Butscher Robert
- Case Jennifer
- Cesear Willard
- Cikunczuk Marie
- Dietrich Carl
- Fields Emma
- Finnegan Chad
- Hirchak Leonard
- Kniceley Oscar
- Kuczek Edward
- Lombardi Daniel
- Matulionis Viola
- Mickler Ethel
- Olexa Antoinette
- Pearson Marie
- Powell Jacqueline
- Rieger Anna
- Schuessler Loretta
- Schultz Fred
- Seese Roy
- Spirnak Michael
- Summers Judith
- Wahl Tracy
- Wilcosky Dorothy

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Outdoor Mass & Movie

Presenting

"TOY STORY 3"

THE TOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!



Saturday July 7

Mass celebration at 6:30 p.m.
followed by dinner.
Movie begins at dusk.



2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing

Sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus Council 4879

Saturday, July 21

Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.

Bunker Hill Golf Course
3060 Pearl Rd., Medina

For more information:
Jim Maslach - (maslachj@frontier.com)



Summer Festival...More Than Just Country!

LISTEN TO GREAT FAMILY FRIENDLY BANDS!

	Thursday, June 7 5:30 - 10:00 P.M.	Friday, June 8 5:00 - 11:00 P.M.	Saturday, June 9 5:00 - 11:00 P.M.	Sunday, June 10 1:00 - 9:00 P.M.
MUSIC	LOVE AND THEFT 8:30 P.M.	MOCKINGBIRD SUN 8:30 P.M. COLLEGE ID NIGHT	TONY RIO AND RELENTLESS 5:30 P.M. JT HODGES 8:30 P.M.	MINDY CALLAHAN 1:30 P.M. THE AVENUE 4:30 P.M.

Saint Ambrose is celebrating its fifth annual summer festival in a BIG way by going country. This year's festival promises to be the best yet.

The festival will feature up-and-coming country bands from Nashville, including Love and Theft, JT Hodges and Mockingbird Sun. These bands will be sure to take this year's festival over the top. The previous few years have brought around 8,000 people over the four days of the festival.

Not only is Saint Ambrose featuring bands from Nashville, but also local sounds from Mindy Callahan to Rick and the Cutting Edge, The Avenue and Iconic. Each bringing their own distinct style of music.

Mindy Callahan – contemporary, uplifting Gospel singer, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The Avenue – uniquely modern R&B/pop style and jazz, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Rick and the Cutting Edge - 7-Piece band that offers unparalleled music & entertainment, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Iconic - current pop hits and an expert mix of classic dance tunes and ballads, Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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- Check out the website at www.theFEST.us
- Mark your calendars for Sunday August 5th and tell your family and friends!
- Sign up TODAY to be a volunteer (visit the website!)
- Join the planning team – we need you! (email frbob@theFEST.us)



SAINT AMBROSE ANNUAL STEAK ROAST & MORE!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012

5:30 - 9:00 PM

Food Served 5:30-7:00
Dessert Served 7:15
Music 5:30-9:00

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Saint Ambrose 1st Annual Indoor Garage Sale

June 20-21

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Hilkert Hall



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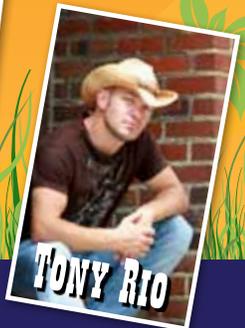
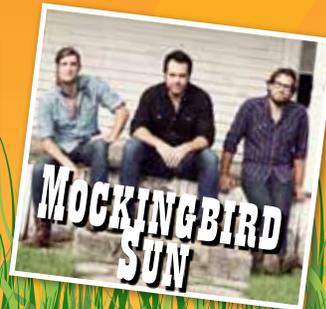
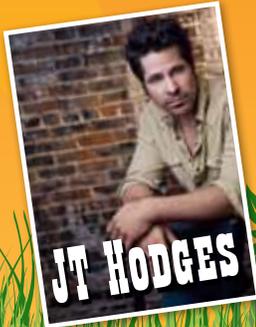


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