



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

APRIL 7, 2024 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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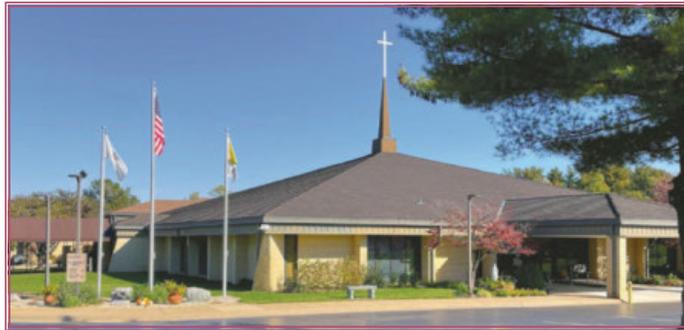
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON and
1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON and
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.



ST. AMBROSE, GODFREY

ST. MICHAEL, BELTREES



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Triduum and Easter celebrations truly joyful ...

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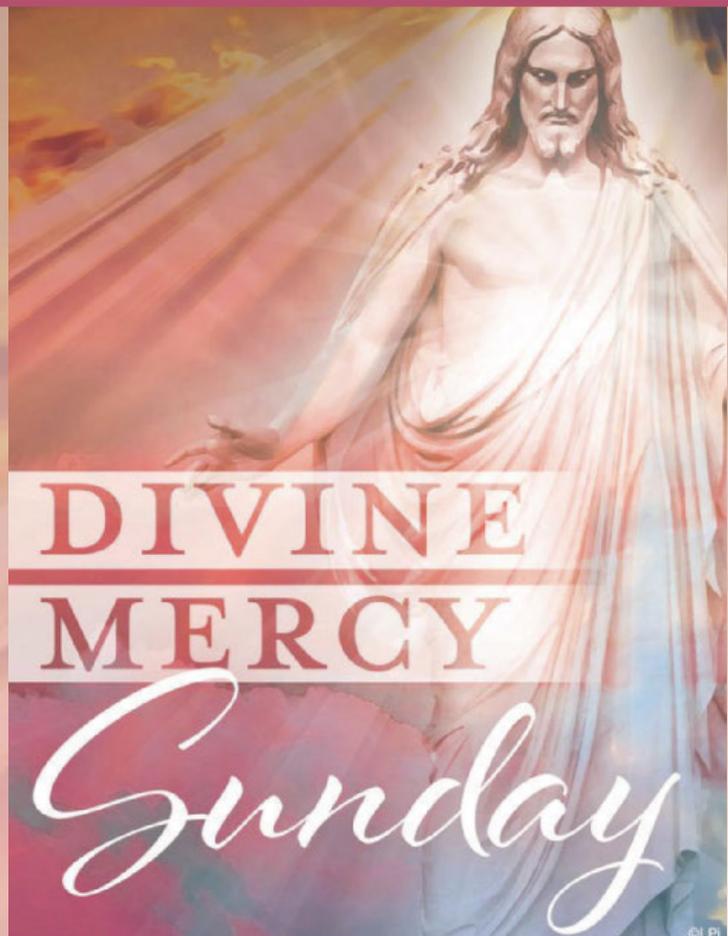
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

Happy Second Sunday of Easter, also called "Divine Mercy Sunday". I apologize for not extending the APRIL Birthday blessing last weekend ... but I assure you that I lifted up in prayer those who celebrated their birthday this first week of April ... and the blessing extended this weekend is retro-active.

Congratulations to those who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

Front row:

Brenna, Sophie,
Nolan, Wyatt,
Hunter, Christian,
Tammy, Matthew,
Rachel

Back row:

Deacon Tom,
Deacon Jay, Scott,
Marli, Fr. Steve,
Deacon Bill



And to Tristan and Jennifer who were received into the Church on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (**pictured on right**).

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Triduum and Easter celebrations truly joyful: the choir, musicians, cantors, the ministers of the Word and Eucharist, "apostles", altar servers, ushers, fire starters, decorators, cleaner-uppers, OCIA Team, Deacons, our sacristan, the Godfrey Knights of Columbus, and the members of the community of believers...and anyone else I failed to mention. You are all a true gift to our Parish Family.



Have a blessed and holy week ahead as we continue our journey through the Easter Season!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish community of St. Ambrose and St. Michael Catholic Churches strive to live by God's Word. By sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure, we grow in our faith and in our love of God and one another. It is in Jesus Christ that we are one family in our homes and broader community through the sacraments, outreach, faith formation for all ages, and our sister parish San Juan Baptista In Guatemala.

WEEK OF APRIL 7 - 14 MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS AT ST. AMBROSE

Monday at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Praying of the Rosary

Tuesday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 in the Daily Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Jim Gross, Thomas & Susan Stephan, Ed Cordes Family, Joe Certa, Sr., and Nancy Godar

Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Carolyn Davis, Joe Haar, Sr., Anita Wetzel, John Carroll, and Jeanne Rynders

Monday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Elma Staab

Tuesday, April 9 at 8:15 a.m.

Harry Schwab

Wednesday, April 10 at 8:15 a.m.

Jeanne Rynders

Thursday, April 11 at 8:15 a.m.

John & Lillian Mullen

Friday, April 12 at 8:15 a.m.

Pat Wheeler and Grace Kulyambanino

Saturday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Mary Beth Reed, Mary Pinkerton, Gene Fiedler, & Roy Mossman

Sunday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m.

Joe Haar, Sr.

Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parishioners



WELCOME to Bishop Tony Krotki, OMI, the Bishop of Churchill-Hudson Bay in Canada who is visiting the Oblate Novitiate in

Godfrey this weekend. Bishop Tony presided at the 8:00 a.m. Mass this weekend. Thanks for being with us again this year, Bishop! You are always welcome!!

Mark your calendars for our April Women's Group gathering on **Wednesday, April 10th, at 11 a.m.** the Community Center. ALY SLAUGHTER (Marquette alum) will be our guest speaker. Aly is legally blind and she's a yoga instructor & world traveler.

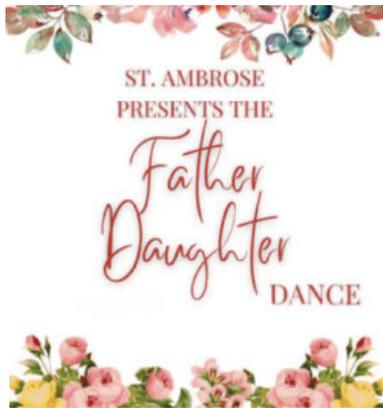
Come hear her inspiring story as she speaks of traveling by herself across the globe. She is an amazing young woman and you won't be disappointed!

REMINDER 11:00 a.m. (not our normal time)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

| WEEKEND OF APRIL 13/14 | Eucharistic Ministers | Servers | Ushers | Lector |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------|
| Saturday at 4:30 p.m. | Matthew Darr Julie Gorsage Maxwell Gorsage Richard Lucido Leanne Ridolfi Genevieve Roberts Thomas Schmidt Linda Wickenhauser Sandra Willings Kathleen Wittich | Piper Adams Dakotah Kelly Lucas Lacy | A. Wayne Hensley Cathy McCune James Stephan Henry Vize VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW | Sue Stirnaman |
| Sunday at 8:00 a.m. | Gwen Baalman Terry Croxford Paige Dawdy Carol French Drew Joehl Michelle Pulaski Joseph Stephan Mary Lou Sutton | James Erwin Colton French Lily Yemm | James Baalman Allan Daniel Clarence Davenport Anthony Joehl Paul Krueger Stephan Mikoff | Patty Rhodes |
| Sunday at 10:30 a.m. | David Dornes Ben Droste Lena Droste Scott Droste Monica Ellebracht Lisa Hayes Julie Schranck Page Selby Minnie Stalker | Charles Droste Natalie Droste Sophie Hoefert | Robert Baird Stephen Hieke John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson VOLUNTEER NOW | Page Selby |



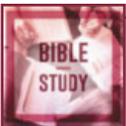
Please join us for our annual **Father/Daughter Dance!** We can't wait to see you there! RSVP is below, while not required we would love to have an idea on how many to expect.

Saturday, April 13th | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | St. Ambrose Gym | Cost is free!

RSVP on our website

We're looking for volunteers and help providing snacks/drinks. If you'd like to donate or volunteer, please sign-up on our website.

We look forward to dancing the night away with you!



Bible Study on **Saturdays** in the Pastoral Center
**Men's 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. &
Women's at 9:30 a.m.**

Questions? Contact Greg Mattingly at
618-466-2911 or grgrymt1@icloud.com



Join us for weekly **Inquiry Sessions** each
Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Questions? Contact Deacon Bill at 618-466-2921 x6 or
email him at deaconbillk@gmail.com

Join us for **Faith Formation Tuesdays.** This program about *The Eucharist* is offered
every Tuesday at 9 a.m. following Mass and repeated in the evening at 6:30 p.m.

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Peace, Deacon Bill Kessler

Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy, a recently given devotion to our beloved Catholic Church by St. Pope John Paul II. **On Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center**, we will have a well-developed video on the Feast Day and a discussion of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

God blessed our Parish with new members at the Easter Vigil. Please thank God in prayer for these gifts to us and welcome them at our Weekend Masses. Stay tuned for more testimonials next week!



We have felt so welcome joining Saint Ambrose! Our family was walked through the entire process, step by step, and made to feel very comfortable along the way.

THE NIXON FAMILY



Our girls were very excited for their baptism and appreciative of the support they received from the parish throughout their journey over the past several months.

THE GRANT FAMILY



The boys are very excited about their new journey with Christ. We are extremely happy with their decision.

THE JOHNSON FAMILY



"March for Life Illinois" will take place on **Wednesday, April 17th, at the Illinois State Capitol**. The event kicks off at noon with a rally, followed by a brief outdoor walk around the capitol at

1pm. For more information, please visit <https://marchforlife.org/illinois/>

Carpooling is encouraged - Susan Piazza is attending and can take 3-4 passengers with her. Reach out to Susan at 618.791.3465 if interested in riding up with her. Please keep the entire event in prayer for safety and conversion of hearts to recognize the sanctity of life.

St. Ambrose School Board Opening

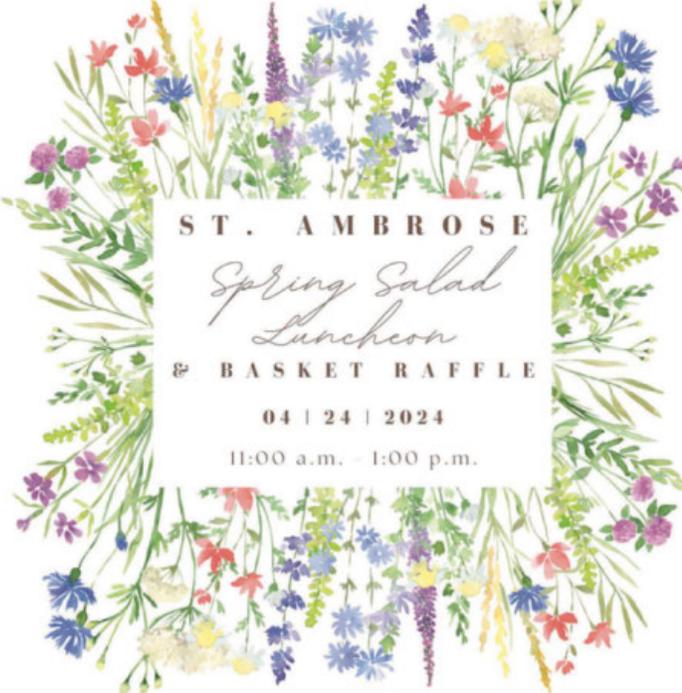
Our school board members are essential participants in shaping the success of our school. The insights & strategies they share help to address the needs and issues we face. The position is for a three year term beginning at the 2024-2025 school year. Interested candidates are asked to complete an application which can be found on our website. **Please return completed applications by April 13** to the Parish office or via email to schoolboard@stambrosegodfrey.org

Candidates are also asked to come to the April 17 school board meeting to introduce themselves and share why they would like to be on the board.

Questions? Please reach out to Father Steve, Mr. Baird, or any current school board members.



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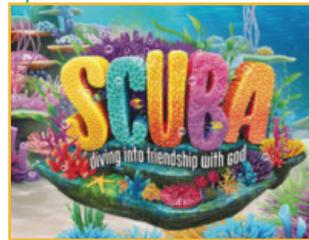


ST. AMBROSE
Spring Salad Luncheon
& BASKET RAFFLE
 04 | 24 | 2024
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by
the St. Ambrose Parish Women's Group
April 24th in the Community Center
Cost \$15 | Children 6-12 \$7 | Under 6 Free
Carry outs available

April's Hospitality Weekend will be next weekend, April 13-14

Join us in the Community Center after every Mass this weekend for fellowship and snacks



SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School at St. Ambrose

June 3rd-6th
 Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God

We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to help organize and lead Vacation Bible School this year. If you are willing to join us on this adventure, please contact EITHER Chris Bachman at cbachman@stambrosegodfrey.org, Kate Hoefert at khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org or Kim Wackerly at kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org.

We hope to schedule a meeting soon!



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FEATURED SPEAKERS

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|  Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ |  Fr. Chris Alar, MIC |  Mrgt. Eugene Morris |  Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz |
|  Mother Mary Assumpta Long, OP |  Bob Gannon |  Eric Genies |  Fr. John Broussard, CPM |

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 Email info@stlmc.org

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To book your hotel room: www.stlmc.org
 or 800-468-3571 (mention group rate code SLM)

The 25th Anniversary Saint Louis Marian Conference will be held May 17-19, 2024 at the Renaissance Hotel - St. Louis Airport. Everyone is welcome & parking is FREE!

The cost is only \$60 for 3 full, dynamic days of inspiring talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, a large selection of vendors, beautiful music, & fellowship with Catholics from all over the country (14 states so far)!

For more information, to register, or book your hotel room please visit us at www.stlmc.org

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ST. AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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MAY 4TH
SATURDAY 2024

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Deadline 4/20



Volunteer
Opportunities

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: JRFRELENGRD@GMAIL.COM

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Pray for the Sick, For those in our Military, for Caretakers of the Sick, and for all who are struggling ...

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| Joan Anzalone | Melissa Jones |
| Kate Baird Ashlock | Linda Jun |
| Brianne Barry | Rachel Kirchner |
|  Steven Blair, Jr., Navy | Robert Klaus, Jr. |
| Rick Boyer | Pat Klasner |
| Carissa Burke | Kraig Kline, Army  |
| Sharon Cadell | Rachel Kuithe |
| Doris Cress | John Manio |
| Steve Daniel | James Manns |
| Steve Darr | Noel Merkle |
| Ann Dooling | Christopher Moore |
| Ursula Dwyer | Beverly Mosbarger |
| Elaine Eberlin | Freda Mullen |
| Michelle Eberlin | Donna Narrup |
| Terry Eberlin | Joyce Nichols |
| Monica Ellebracht | Margaret Nicholson |
| Mary Ellis | Marsha Norris |
| Patti Freeman | Joe P. |
| Nina Giardina | Vern Phillips |
| Natalie Gordon | Dr. Janis Robinson |
| Walt Gregory | Dr. William Robinson |
| Ruth Guntren | Larry Ruder |
|  Haley Haar, Air Force | Danny Selby, Air Force  |
| Jody Hagen | Anthony Serio, Army  |
| Darlene Henke | Nicholas Smith, Navy  |
| Emily Hollinger | Sarah Stirton |
| Cheryl Ingle | Liz Stockhausen |
| | Angie Wiener |

To be added to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office at (618) 466-2921 x2 or email Mary Jo at mzykan@saintambroseparish.org



If you have a friend or loved one sick or in hospital please let the



Please contact Tom Schmidt (retired grief and trauma counselor) at 618-219-0612 to discuss your options.

Grief Share, support for the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, friend, pet, etc. meets every Monday at St. Ambrose from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | **The Compassionate Friends**, support for the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling meets the last Friday of the month at St. Ambrose from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Help Wanted | One or two volunteers to help fill boxes with food items for Catholic Charities. Usually work 1.5 hours, one or two days per week. Very flexible. Any questions, call parishioner Jim Reinersman at 618-466-0822 or Catholic Charities at 618-462-0634 .

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows "Our Shared Journey of Loss and Grieving: How Does Our Faith Inform, Influence, and Inspire Us?" Presenter: Gary Behrman, PhD, LCSW **May 3 – 5, 2024**, beginning with Friday dinner at 6:00 pm through Sunday lunch at noon at the Shrine Visitors Center, with lodging at the Guesthouse. Whether the loss of a job, family member, or our health, our faith can be strengthened, our hope inspired, and love achieved. We will also discuss what we are called to let go of to grieve in lifegiving ways. Cost: \$200.00 per person (includes lodging and meals) or commuter rate of \$165.00 per person. **Register online** at <https://kh.snows.org/events/behрман-wknd-2024/> or call 618-397-0584.



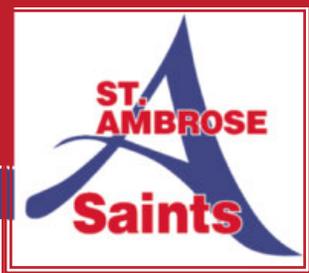
\$10,000 RAFFLE

Madison County Catholic Charities Hosts **23rd Help On The Move Annual Fundraiser** **Saturday, April 13** from 6 – 11 p.m.

The event will be held at Julia's Banquet Center, 101 Eastgate Plaza in East Alton, IL. The evening will include dinner, drinks, & DJ music, a \$10,000 raffle, and other activities.

Dinner tickets are \$50 each.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 2 and get 1 free. **Tickets may be purchased** on our websitecc.dio.org or by calling 618.462.0634.



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

State Recognition & Diocesan Accreditation Visit | On Monday, March 25, St. Ambrose Catholic School, completed our State of Illinois Recognition & Diocesan Accreditation process. These evaluations occur once every 5 years. Our site visit evaluators indicated they were very impressed with St. Ambrose Catholic School and that we effectively met the requirements and expectations set forth by both the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Springfield.

Eclipse Event | On Monday, April 8, 2024, the extremely rare eclipse is set to occur. St. Ambrose students will be allowed to participate in an eclipse viewing if they have a signed permission slip from their parents/guardians. ISO certified viewing glasses will be provided for students. Classes will watch the event from approximately 1:30-2:05 (just after max coverage in our area). Parents are welcome to come be with their child during the viewing or students may be signed out with a parent or guardian.

St. Ambrose Catholic School Alumni Success | We congratulate our alumni and their continued success at our local high schools and beyond in college and the professional world. Recent graduates at Marquette Catholic High School have achieved many accomplishments. Some of these include MCHS National Honor Society inductions. In the last few years, our St. Ambrose alumni have represented 20-30%+ of each new class of NHS inductees. Each year, our students represent about 10% of a MCHS class and our NHS inductions double or triple our population representation. Of 16 St. Ambrose graduates at MCHS this year, 8 of them were on high honor roll and 3 more on honor roll. In addition to this information, this past Fall our MAP test scores were one of the best in the area and the best in the Diocese. As we look to grow and improve it is important to recognize and reflect on our students' many successes!



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2024-25 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

April 8 | Eclipse Event

April 12 | Student Council Sports Day

April 13 | Father Daughter Dance
6-8 p.m. in Gym

April 15-19 | MAP Testing

April 17 | 1:30 Dismissal

April 19 | Student Council Hawaiian Day | Middle School Dance

April 21 | Baccalaureate Mass at 10:30 a.m. | PreK Open House 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & Spring Sing at 12:30 p.m. in Gym

FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**

SCHOOL NEWS

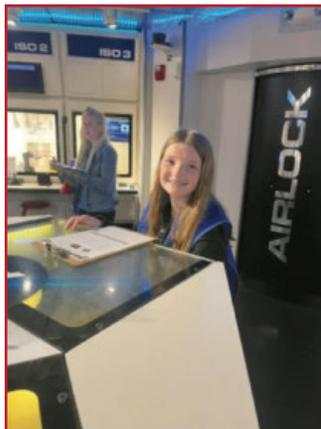
SCHOOL BOARD OPENING | Our St. Ambrose School Board has a 3 year term open and is seeking interested individuals that want to serve. The application is on the school website under the ABOUT US section and the School Board link. If possible, we would like the applications submitted by April 13 and the candidates will be asked to attend the April 17 school board meeting to introduce themselves and share why they would like to be on the board. If they have any questions, they can reach out to Father Steve, Mr. Baird or any current school board members. Applications can be turned in to the Parish office, school office, or to the school board email address schoolboard@stambrosegodfrey.org



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6th Grade Visits the Challenger Learning Center St. Louis

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