



# ST. AMBROSE PARISH

APRIL 28, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### 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



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FR. STEVEN JANOSKI, Page 2

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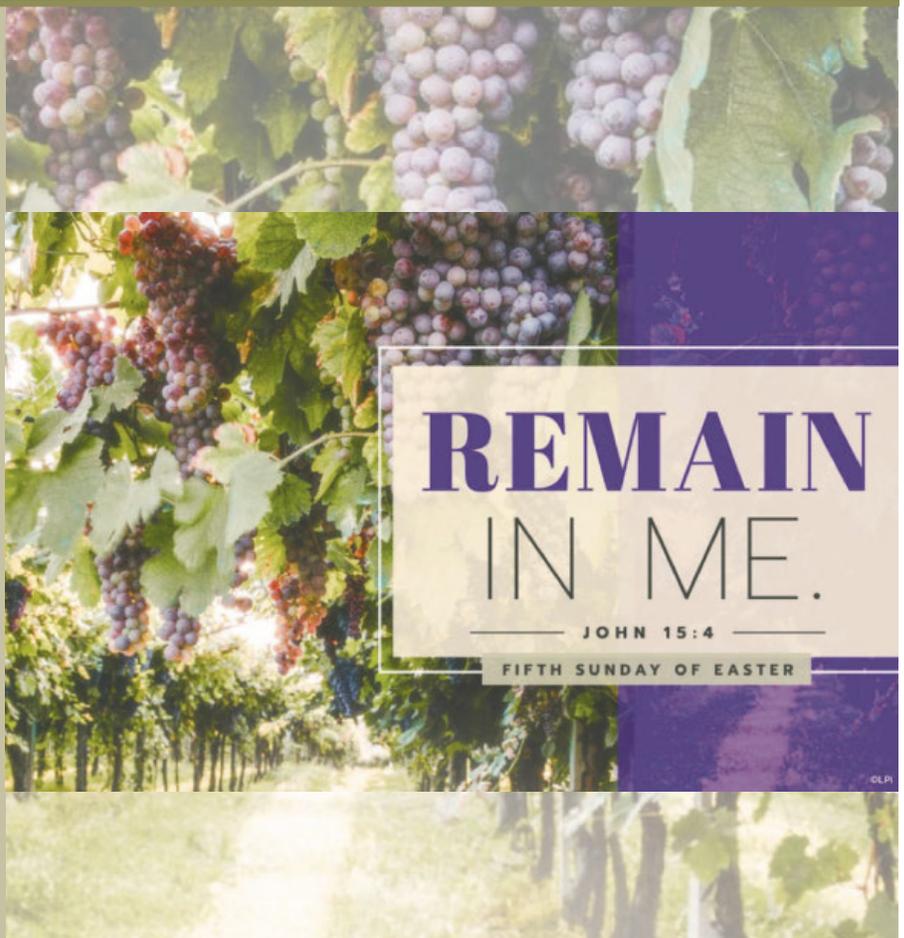
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ambrose Parish Family,

This weekend, we hear another I AM statement from Jesus who says, "I AM the vine and you are the branches." When we are connected with Jesus, his lifeblood flows into us and gives us life. I AM the Good Shepherd. I AM the Bread of Life. I AM the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE. As I've mentioned before, I AM is the name God gave Moses when Moses asked God's name before speaking to the people on God's behalf. God said, "I AM. Tell them I AM sent me to you." As Jesus continues to reveal himself using I AM statements, we learn about who God is. Our God is the God of life.



Fr Steve

I am grateful to Fr. Frank and Fr. Louis for providing sacramental ministry to our parish for the next couple weeks. For pastoral needs, please contact Deacon Bill while I'm away.

God bless you!

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him; (Acts 9:27)

#### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)  
Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

#### Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)



Join us for a Mother's Day Breakfast celebrating all Moms

**Sunday, May 12**

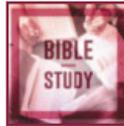
**8:45 - 10:00 A.M.**

in the Community Center

Hosted by the Godfrey Knights of Columbus

*There will be no hospitality gathering after Saturday 4:30 or Sunday 10:30 Masses*

Monthly **Pastoral Council** Meeting  
**Thursday, May 2** at 6 p.m.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

During the month of May, green bins will be placed at the church entrances to collect any **school uniforms** you would like to donate for the resale event that will take place in the fall.

Our next **Baptism Preparation Session** is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd at 11:30 a.m. **Questions?** Contact Deacon Jay.

**Scholastic Book Fair** coming May 4 - 8 in the Community Center! Stop by after Masses that weekend or visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/saintambroseschool>

# 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 29 - MAY 5 MASS SCHEDULE

### **f** 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

**f** 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 27 at 4:30 p.m.**

*Kenny & Lucille Roderfeld, Don Schulz, Milt Williams, and Cassella & Derwin Families*

**Sunday, April 28 at 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*

**Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Stephen Kennedy, Carolyn Davis, and Bill Horn*

**Monday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m.**

*Dennis Olston*

**Tuesday, April 30 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Jack Terlisner*

**Wednesday, May 1 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Bill Horn*

**Thursday, May 2 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Dale Krepel*

**Friday, May 3 at 8:15 a.m.**

*Martha Wyss Cordes*

**Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.**

*Ed Cordes Family and Mary Pinkerton*

**Sunday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m.**

*Pat Wheeler and Dorothy Bruns*

**Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

*St. Ambrose Parishioners*



Visit our website to **REGISTER ONLINE** to attend Vacation Bible School at St. Ambrose  
[www.saintambroseparish.org](http://www.saintambroseparish.org)

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

We are also 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](mailto:cbachman@stambrosegodfrey.org), Kate Hoefert at [khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:khoefert@stambrosegodfrey.org) or Kim Wackerly at [kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:kwackerly@stambrosegodfrey.org).

Register by May 20th to receive a FREE VBS T-shirt!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND OF MAY 4/5	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
<b>Saturday at 4:30 p.m.</b>	Diane Adams Nancy Blair Stacey Eccles Lisa Heffington Richard Lucido Genevieve Roberts Susan Schmidt John Von Ah Sandra Willings	Toby Eberlin Tucker Eberlin William Monahan	Delaine Dressman A. Wayne Hensley Andrew Narup James Stephan Henry Vize <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b>	Matt Darr
<b>Sunday at 8:00 a.m.</b>	Gwen Baalman Mary Bethel Carol French Anthony Joehl Patricia Kimbro Jo Ann Krueger Stephen Mikoff Laurie Milnor Carmen Serio	James Erwin Hunter Horton Cam Weirich	Terry Croxford Clarence Davenport Dick Dover Mary Erwin Thomas Juravich Paul Krueger	Sue Stirnaman
<b>Sunday at 10:30 a.m.</b>	Jennifer Baird Eric Braundmeier David Dornes Monica Ellebracht Mary Grant Arlene Mathus Charles Sethaler Patricia Steinmann Noah Wilkinson	Elizabeth King Joseph King Madeleine King	Robert Baird Stephen Hieke John Kline David Stafford Samuel Wilkinson <b>VOLUNTEER NOW</b>	Minnie Stalker

**ST. AMBROSE DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS**

Roald Dahl's  
**Willy Wonka JR.**

Tickets on sale now in the School Office!  
Candy-coated fun for the whole family  
May 2, 3, & 4 at 7 p.m. nightly in the School Gym

NATIONAL  
Day of  
PRAYER  
MAY 2

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**St. Ambrose Parish & School Wish List of Needed Items** | At St. Ambrose, we are blessed to be financially stable, with parishioners and friends of the parish that continue to generously give of their time, talent, and treasure. Despite this stability, year in and year out our parish and school face increasing expenses and financial challenges. We do this while continuously striving to improve in the many ministries for our parish and school families. Typically, our annual budget is very conservative, and it is only through the generosity of so many that we continue to remain financially stable and will remain viable for the future. This area of the bulletin is provided so that parishioners and friends of the parish are aware of our current needs and estimated expenses. These are expenses that St. Ambrose will have to absorb and any support for these costs is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that donations to school and Church projects are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

- **Copy Machine** | St. Ambrose Catholic School relies on 2 copy machines to provide for our school needs. Recently, one of the two machines went down. The parts to repair the machine, may be as much as a new machine. **Cost for replacement machine is approximately \$5,500.**
- **Gymnasium Sound** | More than a year ago a generous donor provided funds to purchase new wireless microphones for our gym for student performances and more. That upgrade enhanced the sound in the gym. Recently, we ran into another new sound issue in the gym. One of the two speakers in the gym recently went out. Improving and enhancing the sound in the gym has been a goal and focus the last several years. We received quotes to replace the broken speaker and to upgrade the other necessary components of the gym sound system. These include:
  - 4 new speakers, a new mixer, speaker amplifiers, power conditioner, and AV cabling for new screens in the gym. This sound system will be connected to 3 new flat screen TVs that will be mounted in the gym to provide visual displays for games, assemblies/presentations, events, and more. **The new speakers and the upgraded sound equipment is just under \$10,000.**
- **Detailed Security Audit** | This past November, our Safety and Security Committee met for our bi-annual meeting. This committee is composed of current and retired members of law enforcement, most of which are parents to students in our school. These individuals have generously donated their time to help enhance security at St. Ambrose. This group has been meeting now for almost 3 years and have helped identify the projects that will be completed (hopefully this Summer) with our IEMA grant funds. The Safety and Security Committee suggested our next step to improve security would be to hire a company to provide St. Ambrose a detailed security audit. This audit would cover our entire St. Ambrose campus (*Church, Community Center, School, and Rectory*) and the audit would identify realistic and important future enhancements to safety and security at St. Ambrose. **To have a security firm complete this audit, will cost approximately \$2,500.**



Enjoy a great ballgame AND help support our 7th grade class in reaching their fundraising goals for their 8th grade class trip!

**Tickets are on sale now** to see the Alton River Dragons take on the Jacksonville Rockabillys on **Sunday, June 9th at 5:35 p.m.**

Tickets are \$10 each and the Class of 2025 will get half of the proceeds.

If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Marissa Murray directly at [marisamurray1018@yahoo.com](mailto:marisamurray1018@yahoo.com), or any 7th grade parent can help you out!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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   | Emily Hollinger  |
| Kate Baird Ashlock  | Melissa Jones  |
| Brianne Barry   | Linda Jun  |
|  Steven Blair, Jr., Navy | Rachel Kirchner  |
| Rick Boyer  | Robert Klaus, Jr.  |
| Carissa Burke   | Pat Klasner  |
| Sharon Cadel  | Kraig Kline, Army         |
| Grayson Clasby  | 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  |
| Dick Frank  | Joe P.   |
| Patti Freeman   | Vern Phillips  |
| Nina Giardina   | Dr. Janis Robinson   |
| Natalie Gordon  | Dr. William Robinson   |
| Walt Gregory  | Larry Ruder  |
| Ruth Guntren  | Danny Selby, Air Force  |
|  Haley Haar, Air Force | Anthony Serio, Army     |
| Jody Hagen  | Nicholas Smith, Navy    |
| Darlene Henke   | Sarah Stirton  |
|   | 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](mailto:mzykan@saintambroseparish.org)**



Donald "Don" Wayne Schmidt, 61, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 17th. Beloved husband of Laurie Davis Schmidt, son, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend. Don was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his grandkids. He enjoyed the weekends boating with his family. A funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski officiated. Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children.



As we continue to rejoice in the glories of the risen Lord and anticipate the coming celebration of Pentecost, stay tuned to Covenant Network Catholic radio for the best in programming to assist in your daily devotions and prayers. Listen to WRYT at 1080 AM or 92.7 FM on the radio or anytime on our free Covenant Network app or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center** | Other Gospels: The Gospels of Peter and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

**Fridays, May 10 & 17, from 10 am to Noon**

These "other Gospels" offer insights into the diverse beliefs about Jesus and his mission held by early Christian communities. In this series we will focus on the Gospel of Peter, in which Jesus' cross actually speaks; and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, which depicts the boy Jesus as a "holy terror."

Cost: \$10 per session / \$20.00 for the series

Register online at

<https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs> or call 618-394-6281.



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.

# MAY CALENDAR

## May 2024 St. Ambrose Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass	29 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary	30 8:15 a.m. Mass Adult Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	1 8:15 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. SAPA	2 8:15 a.m. Mass May Crowning 7 p.m. SCHOOL MUSICAL	3 8:15 a.m. Mass School Social 7 p.m. SCHOOL MUSICAL	4 Bible Study 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Golf Tournament at 8 a.m. at Woodlands 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass Scholastic Book Fair 7 p.m. SCHOOL MUSICAL
5 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass Kerkemeyer Baptism Scholastic Book Fair	6 Scholastic Book Fair 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary	7 8:15 a.m. SCHOOL Mass Candle/Rose Ceremony Adult Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair	8 8:15 a.m. Mass Scholastic Book Fair 1:30 Early Dismissal SCHOOL BOARD (Closed Session)	9 8:15 a.m. Mass 6 p.m. Military Mass at SSPP	10 8:15 a.m. Mass Lasy Day of School for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade   Run Down the Hill 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass	11 Bible Study 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
12 8:00 a.m. Mass Mother's Day Breakfast 8:45-10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Mass	13 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary	14 8:15 a.m. Mass 3:00 p.m. Mass ASBURY VILLAGE 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation	15 8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Women's Group Noon SERRA 6:00 p.m. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	16 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour with Adoration 6:00 p.m. Pre-K 4 Graduation	17 8:15 a.m. Mass LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Awards Ceremony 11:30 Dismissal 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass	18 Bible Study 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
19 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass	20 5:30 p.m. Mass Rosary	21 8:15 a.m. Mass 1:30 p.m. Mass CEDARHURST	22 8:15 a.m. Mass	23 8:15 a.m. Mass	24 8:15 a.m. Mass	25 Bible Study 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass
26 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Michael Cemetery, Beltrees OFFICES CLOSED	28 8:15 a.m. Mass	29 8:15 a.m. Mass	30 8:15 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. FINANCE COUNCIL	31 8:15 a.m. Mass	1 Bible Study 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. 3:30-4:00 p.m. Penance 4:30 p.m. Mass

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

May	Birthdays	08	15	22	29
01	Clifford Cooper Dominic Gibson Joan Soboleski Suzanne Stephan	Patricia Ann Eccles Michael Marko Elaiynah Morris Scott Weiner	Beth Holtz Virginia Long Richard Lucido John Siener Andrew Stutz Noah Zumbaum Paul Zykan	Joyce Evans Carol French Paul Krueger Nancy Orrill Linda Presto Thomas Scyoc	Finn Stephan
02	Scott Dorris Lucille Haar Margaret Keshner-Monte Andrew Merkle Steven Wilton	09 Donald Beiermann Jennifer Gentry Debra Kruse Janelle Wilson	16 Nick Dawdy Patricia Rhodes Stephen Schenk Joseph Schwank Christina Wendle	23 Jean Ervin Jeffrey Erwin Ellen Estes Ellen Frances Lindsay Linda Pritchett	30 Mark Brown Stephen Hasse David Lauschke David Totten Stevie Zirkelbach
03	Jeremy Grover James Nolte Killian Steiner	10 Nathan Bartlett Kiersten Marie Connolly Walter Hayes Kevin Everett Robertson Becky Stampfer	17 Johny Aguirre Thomas Brinkman Sophie Grant Douglas Kelly Jacqueline Klockenkemper Jamie Middleton	24 Hadley Bohn Matthew Croxford Amy Pilger, Jr. Mary Pulido	31 Morrison Connolly
04	Gregory Beasley Bailey Beiser Anna Dixon Mia Marko Francis Suchomski	11 Daniel Bennett Amber Kerkemeyer	18 Bennett Beiser Amanda Everitt Roger Motley Catherine Pulaski Gary Short	25 Anna M. Baumgartner Kendall Kribs	
05	William Dawdy Stephen Hartzell Hazel Kasten Caleb McClintock Grace Rull Sophia Statos Jeffrey Wilcox	12 Cameron Belchik Michael Brown Carmen Cronin Cindy File Kara Govreau Lucas Lacy Nicholas Pichee Alvin Roderfeld Donna Wood	19 Patty Dooley Bradley Gentelin Joseph Penning Allie Weiner Jack Wickenhauser	26 Haley Bohn Delaine Dressman Cheryl Haas Lauren Ashley Hoefert Marisa Murray Jacob Zumbaum	
06	Randy (George) Bassett Olivia Copeland Jacob Fischer	13 Amanda Doherty-Jockisch Simon Joaquin Lindsey Keith Aslyn Keith Emma Reece Grayson Sidwell Sara Taylor	20 Wilfred Wappelhorst	27 Wade Bachman Kaylee Bagwill John Gottlob Betty Horn Marli Nixon	
07	Sally Bienvenue Kim Croxford Natalie Ellebracht Stephanie Salas Hunter Schoonover Nathan Schulz Brittany Talley	14 Martha Morse Ronald Roderfeld Nancy Telkamp	21 Connor Hampton Jacob Hendrickson Lori Macias Amanda Marko Eric Pulaski Gabriel Salvador Christina Varady	28 Emma Nicholson Joseph Retzer David Sonderen Mark Terry Morgan Uptergrove	
08	Michael Certa	15 David Chiolero		29 Diane Baumgartner Bonnie Finger Arthur Paniagua	



**SAINT AMBROSE  
CINCO DE MAYO  
TOURNAMENT**

**MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY 2024**

8AM Tee Time



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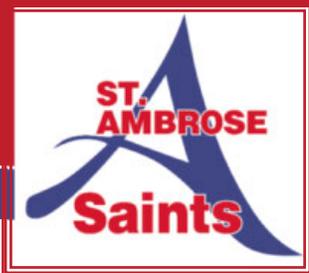


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# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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## HELLO ST. AMBROSE COMMUNITY!

**State & Diocese Recognition Visit** | We received the report from the State of Illinois regarding our recent Recognition visit. They did not identify any areas of concern that would need to be addressed. We met all the expectations set forth by the State of Illinois. This past week, we received the report from the Diocese of Springfield and we were awarded full Accreditation.

**Invitation to May Crowning** | Our annual May Crowning celebration of Mary our Mother, will take place on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Our 3rd grade students along with other new recipients of the Sacraments will lead the ceremony and are encouraged to wear their outfits from First Communion. All other students will create an art flower to present to Mary. Students are also welcome to bring in a real flower to present to Mary.

**School Social Sign Ups** | Our annual school social is Friday, May 3, 2024. Students may dress down that day. We need approximately 12 parent volunteers to help distribute food and snacks that day. A signup was sent out this past week.

**St. Ambrose Graduates at Alton High School** | Recently we shared the wonderful news regarding the success of our graduates at Marquette Catholic High School. We are also pleased to share with you news of our St. Ambrose alumni at Alton High School. Currently there are 19 graduates of St. Ambrose enrolled at AHS. **All 19 of them made the Honor Roll!** Six of them were on the Honor Roll and thirteen of them were on the High Honor Roll! Way to go Saints who are now AHS Redbirds! A big congratulations to one of these graduates, Eric Braundmeier. Eric was recently named the Hayner Library Alton High School student of the month. Eric is a member of the NHS Honor Society and currently has a 4.6 GPA. Congratulations Eric!

**English-Language Arts Curriculum** | Our ELA Adoption Committee has been reviewing options.

### FROM THE DESK OF



**ROBERT BAIRD,  
PRINCIPAL**

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
WEEKEND!**

Committee members are reviewing options and providing feedback. We plan to make a selection in May and complete an order for the 2024-2025 school year as soon as possible.

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**April 28** | Sports Banquet at St. Ambrose 5:00 p.m.

**April 29** | Vintage Voices with Mr. Meehan as Benjamin Godfrey at 2 p.m..

**May 1** | Sapa at 6 p.m.

**May 2** | May Crowning 9 a.m.

**May 2-4** | Spring Musical Wonka Jr. at 7 p.m. nightly in gym

**May 3** | School Social

**May 4** | Golf Tournament

**May 4-8** | Scholastic Book Fair

**May 7** | Candle & Rose Mass at 8:15 a.m.

**May 8** | 1:30 Dismissal

**May 10** | Last Day for 8th Grade & Run Down the Hill | \$1.50 Dress Down Day

**May 14** | Kindergarten Graduation at 6 p.m.

**May 15** | 8th Grade Graduation at 6 p.m.

**May 16** | PreK Graduation at 6 p.m.

**May 17** | Last Day of School End of Year Celebration Awards Day

# SCHOOL NEWS

**MAP Testing Completed** | This past week, 3-8 grade students completed MAP testing. Individual results will be sent home as soon as possible. Group summary results will be available in early May. A big thank you to SAPA for providing snacks to help encourage student success. Thank you to Dr. Chris Varady for talking to the students about test anxiety awareness. Thank you to Mrs. Kim Wackerly, Mrs. Peggy Kory, Mr. Eli Hawkins and our teachers, for helping the testing be completed successfully!

## Remaining Dress Down Days for the 2023-2024 School Year

Friday, May 3 - School Social, Dress Down Day

Friday, May 10 - \$1.50 Dress Down for Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Friday, May 17 - Awards Day, Dress Down Day

**Last Day of School/Awards Day Schedule Changed** | The last day of school is Friday May 17, 2024. This day is an early dismissal at 11:30 and this is awards day. The day will begin with students in their rooms completing any final task within the classroom. Grades 1st-7th will then have awards recognition within their classes. At 10:30 we will all meet in the gym for an end of the year celebration with a video montage of photos and events that went on during the year. Awards recognition will be provided to 8th graders, Kindergarten and PreK students at their graduations.

**Virtus - Empowering God's Children Program Coming Soon** | Each year, the Diocese of Springfield requires schools to provide the Empowering God's Children program to all students. The program is designed to make students aware of individuals that may harm them. The lessons that will be presented, along with a parent-guide book are posted to the school website. The material will be presented the week of May 6. If you would like to opt your child out, please submit the form by Friday May 3, 2024.

**Benjamin Godfrey - Presented by Mr. John Meehan** | On Monday, April 29, students will have the opportunity to learn about our community namesake, Benjamin Godfrey. Parishioner John Meehan will present as Mr. Godfrey and will help the students learn some about our local history.

**Fall 2024-2024 Sports Information** | In the next few weeks, we will send out advance registrations for our Fall sports that will begin during the Summer. We will be registering for Golf (6-8 grades) and middle school baseball (6-8 grades).

**St. Ambrose Seeks Public Relations (PR) and Marketing Director** | St. Ambrose Catholic School is in need of a talented individual to coordinate marketing and public relations efforts. If you have these skills and this passion and would like to serve, please contact Principal, Mr. Baird at [rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org)

**Marquette Catholic HS Summer Camp Opportunities** | Marquette Catholic HS has announced its 2024 athletic summer camp schedule and opened its registration! Teams will be holding camps throughout the summer, giving the kids the opportunity to learn from their fantastic coaching staff and meet some of our exceptional student-athletes. Kids will get one-on-one instructions from coaches that have led our programs to countless IHSA Regional, Sectional and even State championships! There is an early registration discount and every kid that registers receives a camp tee-shirt. We hope to see you this summer! To learn more or to register, please go to [marquettecatholic.org/summercamps](http://marquettecatholic.org/summercamps)

**Summer Tutoring & Camps/Programs** | Some teachers will be available to tutor this Summer. We are working on developing Summer Camps/programs. A list of any tutors and programs will be available soon.

**Alton Knights of Columbus Offers Scholarship** | Students attending Marquette Catholic HS this fall can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. The application can be found on the Council's website at [www.altonkc.org](http://www.altonkc.org) Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024. The scholarship will be awarded in early June.

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