



Empowering God's Children® Safe Environment Program Information Sheet & Optional Opt-Out Form

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 28, 2026

To assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, St. Ambrose Catholic School is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child within the youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. This year, your child will be presented with information in Lessons 1 and 2

Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*
Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*
Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*
Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*
Lesson 6: *Boundaries: Feelings and Facts*

Research shows that child sexual abuse prevention is most effective when there is a partnership between parents and Lesson Leaders, when material is reiterated in a school setting, and when the training is interactive and activity based. As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time. Please review the lessons on your own to start these vital safety conversations at home. Two additional resources may be available to you for review through this location upon request: *The Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*, and *The Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module*. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For questions, please communicate with: Principal, Robert Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org or the classroom teacher.

Please note: Parents and Guardians may “opt out” youth from formal in-program safety lessons. *Please complete, detach and submit the form below only if you plan on offering the safe environment education at home and do not want your child to receive information via their youth program about ways to protect themselves. Your coordinator will reach out to you regarding relevant accommodations.*

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO the SCHOOL OFFICE by FRIDAY MARCH, 13 2026

I, *(printed name of parent or guardian)* _____, have reviewed the actual safety lessons and DO NOT give permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children* Safety Lesson to my child *(printed name of child)* _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____