

ST. AMBROSE NEWSLETTER

September 11, 2026

CALENDAR

September 18 - NO SCHOOL, Applefest Setup

September 18-20 - Applefest

September 23 - Fall Picture Day

September 25 - \$1.50 Dress Down

September 30-October 2 - 8th Grade Camp Ondessonk Trip

October 3 - First Communion & Confirmation at the Cathedral

8TH GRADE TO VISIT CAMP ONDESSONK FOR CLASS TRIP

Our 8th grade class is set to visit Camp Ondessonk on September 30, October 1, and October 2.

Camp Ondessonk is a youth camp in Southern Illinois operated by the Diocese of Belleville. Each year, our students talk about what a tremendous experience the trip is and the lasting memories they make.

We pray for their safe travels and that they have a wonderful time at Camp O!

APPLEFEST FAMILY & STUDENT SERVICE REMINDER

Applefest is right around the corner! Applefest is our most important Parish fundraiser, and this year it is scheduled for September 18-20.

Please remember that all school families are expected to volunteer 2 of their 16 service hours at Applefest. Our middle school students in grades 6-8 are also expected to donate 1 hour of service to Applefest.

The volunteer sign-up links are here:

- [Main Adult Sign Up](#)
- [Middle School Sign Up](#)
- [High School Sign Up](#)

Thank you for supporting St. Ambrose Parish and School!

FALL PICTURE DAY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 23

Our Fall Picture Day is set for September 23. Order forms will be coming home next week.

Please remember that students are to be in school uniform for Fall pictures.



CONGRATULATIONS, GIRLS SOFTBALL!

On Tuesday, September 8, St. Ambrose celebrated our 8th grade softball players before their game against St. Paul.

Congratulations to Charlotte Hendrickson, Emma Kory, Lydia Lara, and Abby Murray on a great season!

Thank you, girls, for being the first 8th graders to help bring softball back to St. Ambrose! This was the final game of the season, and we congratulate all of our girls on participating in softball for the first time. We look forward to continuing the program next year!

BOYS BASEBALL TO COMPETE IN IESA REGIONAL

Our boys baseball team continues to work hard and be competitive. The team is looking forward to competing in the IESA Regional next week.

The first game of the regional is set for Thursday, September 17, at 4:30 PM at St. John's in Carrollton.

GO SAINTS!

"SAINTS SPOTLIGHT" VIDEOS RELEASED

Our first "Saints Spotlight" videos have been released!

Each week, a calendar video will be shared highlighting upcoming events for the next week or two. Periodically, feature videos will also be released.

Feature videos on SAPA leadership and dismissal procedures have already been released this year. Be sure to watch for future Saints Spotlight videos!

CROSS COUNTRY IS OFF AND RUNNING!

Our cross country runners participated in their first race this past Thursday, and the team had a tremendous first competition!

All three of our 8th grade runners had strong showings. Liam Rose finished 4th out of 152 boys! Lydia Lara and Emma Kory finished 31st and 33rd, respectively, out of 141 girls.

Way to go, Saints!

FALL PLAY

Get your tickets, program ads, and official merchandise now for the St. Ambrose Drama Club's upcoming production of Book Reports of Destiny! Running October 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ambrose gymnasium, this fast-paced, high-energy comedy turns a standard classroom assignment into an unforgettable theatrical adventure. The play takes place in Ms. Kim's classroom, where ordinary student presentations instantly jump off the page and come to life through the characters' wild imaginations. Audiences will be treated to a chaotic variety of storytelling, beginning with Chloe's spunky mystery about a missing pony, twisting into a fractured fairy tale mutiny during Isabella's report, and reaching its peak with Adam and Emerson's hilarious superhero climax featuring the "Damp Knight" and a hypnotized principal. Don't miss out on the fun. Secure your seats, purchase your program ads, and grab your show gear today at our website www.saintambroseparish.org/dramaclub

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, from 6:00–8:00 PM.

For those attending Mass, setup for the event will begin at 5:30 PM, but Trunk or Treating will not begin until 6:00 PM.

There is no cost to attend, but donations are gladly accepted, and something must be given to the class to attend. Donations benefit the 7th grade class in their fundraising efforts for their 8th grade trip to Camp Ondessonk in Fall 2027.

There will be prizes for:

- Best Decorated Vehicle
- Best Adult Costume
- Best Child Costume

Please remember that if you plan to bring students who will Trick or Treat at other vehicles, you should also have candy available to distribute.

This event is for St. Ambrose families only, and all families must preregister by October 17.

Registration:

<https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/633/responses/new>

SEPTEMBER 11 PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday, September 11, St. Ambrose students gathered in the gym to pray for the victims and families of those lost on September 11, as well as those who lost their lives in the conflicts in the years that followed.



APPLEFEST NEWS

Online Auction Launches This Sunday, Sept. 13! The online auction is back after last year's massive success, and the bidding starts early! We have some incredible items lined up for you this year. Watch for a school-wide email and keep an eye on our Facebook page this Sunday, September 13, for full details explaining exactly how to log on, browse the catalog, and bid big!

GOT TALENT! Register for the Talent Show: Saturday, Sept. 19! Step right up and shine at the annual St. Ambrose Applefest Talent Show. Parishioners of all ages—from kids to adults—are welcome to sing, dance, lip-sync, or show off a unique skill. Snag your spot today by completing the online registration [HERE](#) and reviewing the guidelines on our Applefest website.

PIE EATING CONTEST: Back by popular demand, get ready for a deliciously messy showdown. Kids will compete by grade level using mini pies filled with vanilla or chocolate pudding (no fruit filling—just creamy, face-first fun). Grab your napkins and your game face. This one's going to be a blast! Permission slips will come home on Monday.

If you want to skip the paperwork, you can take care of everything online today. Head over to our official page to secure your **AFest tee, Grand Raffle tickets, Pulled Pork Order, Wristbands for unlimited play at the Video Gaming Truck, and sponsorships** at www.saintambroseparish.org/applefest

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Our upcoming Capital Campaign, Restore, Renew, Rejoice, is a focus for the future health and viability of St. Ambrose Parish.

Our students have participated in promoting the campaign by creating poster art with their Faith Families. The different grade levels, K-8, also developed a prayer to be used in a "9 Day Novena" for the success of our campaign and for the future of St. Ambrose.

More details about the Novena will be shared soon, and all will be invited to participate in these nine days of prayer.

GOLF TEAM TEES IT UP

Our golf team participated in their first match on Wednesday and came away victorious!

Congratulations to all of the pairings that won their matches, including:

- Ryan Terry / Ben Burns
- Charlotte Hendrickson / Abby Murray
- Barrett Kohl / Tucker Eberlin
- Elijah Baird / Jack Lacy

Way to go, Saints!



SCOOTER'S & ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

DINE TO DONATE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

STOP INTO SCOOTER'S
5330 GODFREY ROAD
5:30 AM - 8 PM

A PORTION OF ALL
SALES THAT DAY WILL BE
DONATED BACK TO ST.
AMBROSE SCHOOL



St. Ambrose Parents Association

NEWSLETTER

Cash Bash!
Starting Soon!

ST. AMBROSE
FALL INTO CASH
CASH BASH

GRAND PRIZE
\$10,000

\$100 PER TICKET

OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 1, 2026
FINAL DRAWING: DECEMBER 5, 2026

EVERY 10TH TICKET WINS \$100, \$250, OR \$500!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- September 15th – Scooters Dine-to-Donate!
Grab some coffee (or a smoothie) and help out our school!
- September 18th & 19th – Applefest!
Come join us for fun and games, stay for the basket raffles and auction items!
- October 1st – Cash Bash starts!
Grand Prize is \$10,000 and every 10th ticket wins a prize!
- October 3rd – City-wide Litter Cleanup!
A great student service hour opportunity as well as a great way to help out Alton!

18 SEPTEMBER
19

ST. AMBROSE
APPLEFEST



Scan for more info or visit:
<https://stambroseparish.org/applefest>



Scooters Dine-to-Donate
September 15th

A portion of all purchases made at the Godfrey location are donated to the school!

SAPA Dress Down Pass Dates

10/2, 10/16, 12/4
1/8, 1/15, 2/5, 4/2, 4/9

Still need passes?

Visit:

<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 7th @ 6:00PM
Community Center

Sign up for our Remind!

Class Code: **@sapa26**



ST. AMBROSE

FALL *into* CASH CASH BASH

\$100
PER TICKET

OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 1, 2025

FINAL DRAWING: DECEMBER 5, 2025

EVERY 10TH
TICKET WINS!

 **\$100**
 **\$250**
 **\$500**

GRAND PRIZE

\$10,000

You could be our next winner!

★ EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS ★

EARLY BIRD #1
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2025

EARLY BIRD #2
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2025

More chances to win before the grand prize drawing!

HOW TO GET YOUR CASH BASH TICKETS



**AFTER MASSES
ON SELECT
WEEKENDS**

Stop by our table
after Mass to
purchase your
tickets!



**WEDNESDAYS
AT SCHOOL
PICKUP**

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM
We'll be in the
parking lot!



**BUY DIGITAL
COMING SOON!**

Convenient. Secure.
Support St. Ambrose.
Link to purchase
coming soon!

★ CHECK BACK FOR THE LINK TO BUY ONLINE! ★

2 TICKETS

Each family is required to sell or purchase
2 CASH BASH tickets.

Thank you for supporting St. Ambrose School!

★ PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ★

City-Wide LITTER CLEANUP DAY

≡ Fall 2026 ≡



≡ SAT OCT 3, 2026 ≡

Join us for a **City-Wide Litter Cleanup Day!**

This is a GREAT opportunity for students to get their required **Student Service Hours** while helping to beautify our community!



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026**

9:00 a.m.-Noon
Rain or Shine!



Students must have
an adult/parent/
guardian chaperone.



OUR MEETING LOCATION:

College Ave Presbyterian
Church parking lot
(across from Taqueria Maya)
1702 Clawson St,
Alton, IL 62002

Sign Up Today!



SIGN UP HERE:

<https://signup.com/go/vnHGKtf>





**ST.
AMBROSE**

Saints

Stay

CONNECTED

WITH SAPA ON



remind™

SAPA uses the Remind app to keep families informed with important **updates, reminders, event announcements, and volunteer opportunities**—all in one convenient place!



WHY JOIN?



INSTANT UPDATES

Get alerts on events, deadlines, and important news.



STAY INFORMED

Never miss out on what's happening at St. Ambrose.



EASY CONNECTION

Simple communication between SAPA and school families.



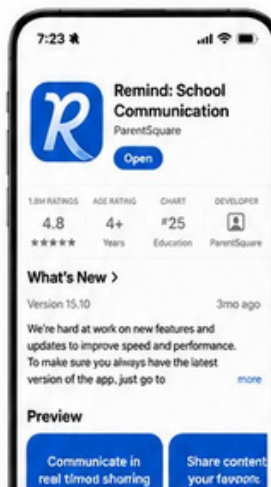
ALL FROM YOUR PHONE

Quick, simple, and convenient communication.

HOW TO JOIN OUR REMIND CLASS

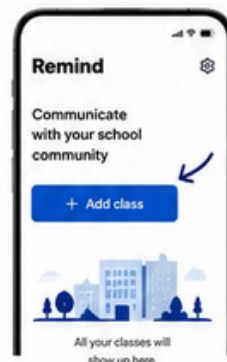
1 DOWNLOAD

Download the Remind app from the App Store or Google Play.



2 OPEN THE APP

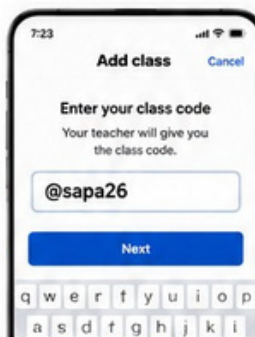
Open Remind and tap "Add class".



3 ENTER THE CLASS CODE

Enter the class code when prompted.

@sapa26



4 YOU'RE IN!

You'll start receiving important messages from SAPA.



ONE APP. ALL THE UPDATES.

Everything you need to know, right at your fingertips!

GET THE APP:



Let's work together to make this the best year yet!



Questions? Email us at sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org



ALL DAY EVENT!

St. Ambrose Catholic School

**DINE TO
DONATE**

**ST.
AMBROSE**

Saints

Sun., Oct. 18

11AM-8PM

Bakers & Hale

7120 Montclair Ave., Godfrey, IL

**Dine in
or Carry out!**

Bakers & Hale will be
donating a percentage
of their proceeds.



HAPPY HOUR - 1-4PM

LIVE MUSIC - 3-6PM

NAKED SOUL ACOUSTIC

CALL OR ORDER ONLINE FOR CARRYOUT

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**LC
TRAILBLAZERS**



LCCC SOFTBALL SKILLS CAMP

Join your Lewis and Clark softball team for a day camp designed for 5th-8th grade athletes who want to improve fundamentals, participate in competitive drills and receive hands-on instruction in hitting, fielding, throwing, and baserunning.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME!



COST- \$40

PER ATHLETE FOR 3 HOUR CAMP

OCTOBER 10, 2026

9AM-12PM



**5800 Godfrey RD
Godfrey, IL 62035**

Contact Us:

AMNEDWARDS@LC.EDU



APPLEFEST ORDER FORM

NAME

GRADE

These are items that are available to order now. You can use this paper form and **write one check to "St. Ambrose Applefest" and return with your student.**

All of these items are also available for purchase online on the Applefest webpage.

Please, feel free to go QR-azy!



Applefest Webpage

PLEASE LIST ALL TSHIRT SIZES ORDERED HERE:

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	SUBTOTAL AMOUNT
GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS Each ticket is \$25 and when you buy 4 (\$100), you receive a bonus ticket FREE! The winners will be drawn Sunday, September 20th.			
Pulled Pork Cooked Pork Butts 5 lb. cooked is \$35 each. Orders Due by Friday, Sept. 11th. Pick up will be Saturday, Sept. 19 th at the Food Tent after 5 p.m.			
Wristbands Presale \$15 Each Night or Both Nights for \$25. Price will increase at event. <i>*See boxes below to provide us with detailed information</i>			
AFest TShirts Red with navy lettering T-Shirt Price: \$15 each Orders Due By September 4 Sponsors Listed On Back Youth: Small(6-8), Medium(10-12), Large(14-16) Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL(+ \$3), XXXL(+ \$3)			
AFest Drawstring Bag \$5 Each			
Class Basket Monetary Donation →	WHAT GRADE(S)? →		
TOTAL			

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE APPLEFEST WEBPAGE FOR THE VOLUNTEER LINKS!

ADDITIONAL WRISTBAND INFO NEEDED BELOW

CIRCLE THE NIGHT(S) NEEDED AND PROVIDE CHILD'S NAMES/GRADES UNDERNEATH

FRIDAY

SATURDAY