

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, September 12th



Calendar

September 15

Fall Pictures IN UNIFORM

September 17

8th Grade Trip
to Camp Ondessonk

September 18

Sine to Donate at Scooter's
Coffee

September 22

Safety and Security Committee
Meeting 9:00

September 26

No School - Applefest Setup

September 26-28

Applefest

September 30

6th Grade Vocations Day

October 1

SAPA Meeting 6:00

School Safety

On Friday Sept. 5, a letter from David Hayes and our Safety and Security Committee was sent out explaining past efforts and our focus moving forward. On Monday Sept. 22 our Safety and Security Committee will meet and provide further recommendations for adjustments to our policies and practices. In the interim, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Baird have already adjusted in day protocols and will continue to work with the Committee to make necessary changes. During the first two weeks of school we conducted a fire drill with the Godfrey Fire Department and a Lockdown Drill with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The Lockdown drill occurred while students were in classrooms. Both of these drills were conducted prior to the incident in Minnesota. At the SAPA meeting on Wednesday Sept. 3, Mr. Baird discussed with parents the need to drill in different settings of the school (back playground recess, lower parking lot recess, mornings in the gym and more). On

Thursday Sept. 4, the Diocese provided instructions, directing each school to conduct intruder/ Lockdown drills in all the different settings the students experience while on our St. Ambrose Campus. We will conduct these drills after the Safety and Security Committee meeting. These drills will occur on Wednesday Sept. 24 and Thursday Sept. 25. We will be careful to be sensitive to our youngest students with the language and actions while conducting the drills.

Club/Extra Curricular

Sponsors & Coaches Wanted

St. Ambrose Catholic School continues to seek to provide our students with opportunities for growth in all areas including spiritual, academic, and through extra curricular activities. The goal with extra curricular activities is to offer as wide a variety of opportunities as possible. If you are someone that would like to share your special talents with our students in a club or group format, please let us know as soon as possible. Two specific areas of need are sponsors/coaches for a

Computer/Technology Club and our Chess Club. We also would begin any club or activity that would be of interest to students and would have appropriate adult leadership. All volunteers would have to be fully vetted before working with our students.

Congratulations St. Ambrose Fall Sports

Congratulations to our Fall sports teams that are off to a great start. Our middle school (5-8 grade) baseball team is off to a 5-1 start. Friday Sept. 12 against St. Boniface/St. Mary's (EDW) our baseball team is competing for the conference championship! Our golf team has also had a successful start and is 1-1 in team matches.

New Before Care Hours

New this year, our Before Care program begins at 6:15 AM and the posted information regarding Before Care has been updated.

Spotlight on Saints Weekly Informational Video

New this school year we are looking for additional ways to connect with our St. Ambrose school community and the community at large. One approach we are implementing is the use of a weekly video blog to share St. Ambrose news. This spotlight on St. Ambrose will have stories on different events/happening at St.

Ambrose, as well on things like new school staff, calendar/school news, and more. Please feel free to ask questions or request different topics be addressed/discussed. The weekly video will be posted on our school/parish website as well as on our St. Ambrose Facebook page.

Trunk or Treat Save the Date Oct. 28, 2025

Please save the date Oct. 28 for our annual St. Ambrose Trunk or Treat. More information and registration will be shared soon.

Prayers for Students Preparing to Receive Sacraments

Many of our students are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Mass celebrating these Sacraments will take place with the Bishop at our Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday Oct. 18, 2025. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their formation and prepare for these significant milestones in their spiritual journeys.

Report It Tool Available

On our St. Ambrose Catholic School website under the Quicklinks we have a tool called "Report It." This is an anonymous reporting system that allows students or parents in the school community to

anonymously submit information, tips, or notification about things like safety threats, bullying, alcohol or drug use, depression, suicide or self-harm, violence, and more. Important information to report may include talk of or posts about any dangerous or threatening behaviors, information regarding someone or some groups of individuals in distress, or information about negative behaviors that may harm our students, staff, and/or overall school community. This system has been developed to help maintain everyone's safety and provide the most positive school environment possible.

SAPA & School Advisory Council Positions Available

There are openings for positions with SAPA leadership as well as openings for chair persons for different events. Our School Advisory Council also has an opening for an interested individual. To inquire, please contact members of SAPA or our School Advisory Council.

Fall Picture Day Coming Soon

Our annual Fall Picture Day (Sept. 15) is right around the corner. Forms and ordering information will be shared soon. New this year, we would like for our students (K-8) to be in school uniform on Fall picture day as these are our yearbook photos. Our Spring picture day

will continue to be a “dress down” day for the photos.

Applefest Sign Up

Parents and adults please sign up to volunteer at Applefest. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and St. Ambrose needs everyone’s support. Families are required to complete 2 of their 16 hours of family service at Applefest. Students in grades 1-8 are expected to complete a number of service hours corresponding to their grade (i.e. 1st - 1 hour, 2nd - 2 hours, 3rd - hours, etc). Our middle school students in grades 6-8 are expected to complete 1 of their service hours at Applefest. Sign ups for adults and students are available.

Sock It To Cancer Drive

Our annual “Sock it to Cancer” starts next week. The yellow socks will be delivered to your classroom on Friday and they will be picked up on Tuesday, September 23rd, so they need to be brought back in by that day.

- Students are welcome to (but not required to) decorate their sock. If they do, please make sure their name and class is written on the sock. There's usually a prize for the few socks that are the best decorated.
- The class that collects the most money will win a party.
- If you need an extra sock, there will be extras in the office.

This is the video that Kellsie's Hope Foundation made for their ten year anniversary a few years ago.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsgIMZWURV8>

This is their website if you would like to look at it and read some more about what they do each year. <https://kellsieshopefoundation.com/>

Basketball Registrations Sent (Due by Sunday Sept. 14)

The registration link for basketball was sent out this week. For those interested in playing basketball.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word Reflections for 4-8 Grades

Each week, 4-8 grade students are assigned a reflection on the weekly Liturgy of the Word. For those that are unable to attend Mass or are persons of other faiths, the information is available on the live stream in the videos on the website. This is a weekly expectation in the curriculum for our Religious education.

Lunch Volunteers Wanted

The sign up for lunch volunteers can be found [HERE](#). Please remember that volunteers must have completed Safe Environment expectations from the Diocese of Springfield, including an updated background check and required training.

Information on Becoming a Volunteer

Please see the attachment regarding the requirement for becoming a volunteer at St. Ambrose

Athletic Association Needs You

One of the goals for the 25-26 school year is the return of our St. Ambrose Athletic Association with regular meetings. Our new Athletic Director, Mr. Justin Johnson will be leading the renewal. If you are interested in becoming involved with our St. Ambrose Athletic Association, please message the department at athletics@stambrosegodfrey.org

✉ stambroseapplefest@gmail.com

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SEPTEMBER

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ST. AMBROSE PARISH
820 W. HOMER ADAMS PARKWAY
GODFREY, IL



► We asked for you to all fall into the Applefest spirit and you all did! THANK YOU! Your support so far has helped fuel the committee as we approach the final days of prep for the big weekend. The schedule is out and an updated Order Form has dropped to keep us organized on our deadlines. Please check them out and don't forget ... volunteer, we need you!

We are ready to harvest all kinds of wonderful memories this year. If you have any questions, let us know!

Warmly,
Mike & Lynne Adams
Your 2025 Applefest Chairs



PIE EATING
CONTEST

CLASSROOM BASKETS

Accepting donations for Classroom Baskets and ALL baskets donations until SEPTEMBER 19TH! Don't forget you can shop our Amazon wishlist too ... the QR code for that is on the Order Form page ... THANKS!

- Preschool-Play Doh
- Kindergarten- Art Supplies
- 1st Grade- Outdoor Games/Toys
- 2nd Grade- Barbie
- 3rd Grade- Lego
- 4th Grade- Lego
- 5th Grade- Movie Night
- 6th Grade- Ice Cream Party Basket
- 7th Grade- St. Louis Sports/ Sports/ Baseball Cards
- 8th Grade- Family Game Night

-----DETACH AND RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER-----

PERMISSION SLIP

ST. AMBROSE APPLEFEST ~ KIDS PIE EATING CONTEST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 6:00 - 6:30P.M.

Will be done by grade level and will be mini pies. Not fruit filled, just vanilla or chocolate pudding.

CIRCLE ONE

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

VANILLA CHOCOLATE

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STUDENT NAME

GRADE

VANILLA CHOCOLATE

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

www.saintambroseparish.org/applefest

St. Ambrose Parents'
Association

September 12,
2025

NEWSLETTER

Dress Down Day Pass Sale

Purchase by
September 15!

<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>

Upcoming Events

Sept 26-28	Applefest
Oct 4	Alton City-Wide Litter Clean-up
Oct 31	Halloween Parade
Nov 8	Trivia Night
Dec 12	Family Movie Night

SAPA Dress Down Passes

Purchase by **September 15** at

<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>

Questions?

Email us!

sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org



Applefest

Volunteers are needed!

<https://bit.ly/applefest2025>



Spirit Wear

Snag some cool new St. Ambrose gear while supporting our school.

Shop here: <https://bit.ly/3zIPA8x>

Next Meeting:

October 1
6:00 pm
Community Center

APPLEFEST ORDER FORM

NAME

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
Volunteer Page



Applefest Online
Purchasing
(Pulled Pork, Raffle
Tickets, Wristband,
everything!)



Applefest
Amazon Wishlist

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 28th.			
Pulled Pork Cooked Pork Butts 5 lb. cooked is \$30 each. Orders Due by Monday Sept. 22nd. Pick up will be Saturday, Sept. 27 th at the Food Tent after 5 p.m.			
Wristbands Presale \$25 Each Night: <i>Provide more info below</i>			
Basket Raffle monetary donation			
TOTAL			

ADDITIONAL WRISTBAND INFO

CIRCLE THE NIGHT OR NIGHTS NEEDED AND
PROVIDE CHILD'S NAMES/GRADES UNDERNEATH

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



SCOOTER'S & ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

DINE TO DONATE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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



Heritage Farm

Would like to invite our fellow

✦ St. Ambrose families... ✦

FOR A DAY OF FUN ON THE
FARM!

Sunday, October 12th
10am-5pm

A PORTION OF THE DAY'S SALES WILL BE
DONATED TO SUPPORT ST. AMBROSE