



# Saint **AMBROSE**

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### USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are the key ministry in ensuring everyone feels welcomed as they enter our Catholic community for Mass. They also help elderly individuals- and families with small children- find seats, take up the collection, and wish us well as we leave Mass. If you are interested in getting involved, please stop an usher after Mass once we reopen.



### ONLINE GIVING

<https://stambroselatham.com/egiving>

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am—noon  
(Hours subject to change as we begin to slowly reopen)



SCHOOL UPDATE

Hi there Saint Ambrose Families!

We are in the midst of wrapping up our school year, which has been particularly sad since we have not been able to be together. However, it has been amazing to see the hard work that students, parents, and teachers have accomplished during our time of distance learning. I feel so blessed to be part of a community that brings support and positivity to one another at all times, no matter the circumstances.

To keep some tradition for our students and families, we will be hosting personal graduation ceremonies this week. During a drive through service, students will be able to be recognized for their accomplishments, while also being able to see their teachers once more before summer begins. We are so excited to celebrate with our students! Check out next week's bulletin for some pictures.

I hope that you are all staying well, and are finally enjoying the beautiful weather that has descended upon us. I ask that you keep our students in your prayers as they finish their final week of learning and embark on their summer journeys.



Thank you and God Bless,  
Mrs. Spera

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THIS WEEK'S BLOG FROM *ST AMBROSE LIVE***We're all God's Toddlers by Darrin Anderson, Parish Administrative Assistant**

"I can press the button!" "No, Daddy, you can't put your shoes on first." "One more book!" "Is my burger ready yet?" "I don't need a bath." These are just a sample of a few of the phrases I hear at least 20 times a day, every day. Anyone who has children, or is currently raising children, knows it's hard work. Patience and forgiveness, I believe, are two of the most God-like qualities we as humans possess. For childrearing, you need a LOT of both. COVID-19 has compounded these normal parenting rites of passage, ensuring that my wife and I do not get much of a break from the questions, demands, and tantrums. This may sound quite harrowing, and it can be, but there is also a tremendous gift in it.

We are all made in God's image, but we are far from perfect. Our own children are very similar: they look like us, but they don't have the same social graces most of us as adults have. For example: manners, good hygiene, an attention span longer than that of a goldfish, impulse control, etc. It is our job to teach them through example, as God did through Christ. Our children will stumble as we do. Our responsibility as parents is to be patient with our children, and forgive them, as God does for all of us.

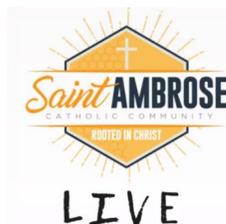
I will admit, I've struggled my whole life with forgiveness. It's a defense mechanism to protect myself from getting hurt again. My brain thinks "you hurt me, I shut you out;" however, that is not what God wants. Since I became a parent, I have gotten frustrated with my little guy. What parent hasn't gotten frustrated with their child?! The more important fact of the matter is that I also know that there is nothing he has done, and there is nothing in my heart that I feel he could ever do, that I could ever not forgive him for; there is nothing I could ever stop loving him for. This is the same love God has for us. Don't get me wrong, this is not a free pass. He still will need to be held accountable for his actions. He will still need to say sorry when he messes up. God asks the same from us, and allows that through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

There are times when we look at our situation and we get upset, or angry with God. Many people are doing just that with regarding this pandemic. Instead, they should take comfort in knowing that God has a plan, and we have to trust Him...just as my son needs to trust me as his earthly father to know what's best for him. He neither understands, nor likes it when I tell him he can't have Oreos for breakfast. It's the same thing on a different scale.

I won't sugar-coat it: this pandemic has been horrible for everyone in many different ways. For me specifically, it's been tough balancing work and home with a toddler. Like I said at the beginning though, there is a gift in it. I have had time to reflect on understanding God and His love for all of us as OUR FATHER. It's also allowed me (and hopefully you too in sharing this) to see that God's love, grace, patience, and forgiveness live in each of us. These times may be hard, but I believe that God doesn't give us anything we can't handle.

I encourage you to find the gift(s) He has given you in these hard times. God Bless!

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with everything going on at the  
parish while we are apart:**



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**PRAYING AT HOME**

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please Check**
- New Registration
  - Change of Address
  - Moving out of Parish
  - Want Envelopes
  - Would like information on e-giving
  - Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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