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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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dear Saint Ambrose families,

Let’s make this a summer of reading to remember! You’re invited to shop our Read-a-Palooza Virtual Book Fair now through September 4, 2020 to support our school and help students discover favorite characters, series, and collections all summer long.

Stocking up for summer reading has never been easier:

- Find the same exclusive titles as our in-school Book Fair
- Orders ship direct to home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over $25*
- All purchases benefit our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click “Shop Now” to get started: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stambroseschoollatham

Happy reading!

Mrs. Lily Spera
Principal

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of $25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.

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A few weeks ago, at the first session of St. Ambrose’s Catholicism 360 Zoom meeting, we watched an excellent video by Bishop Barron about characteristics of God, followed by a discussion where we each shared our reasons for believing in God. This is something that’s not always easy to articulate, but everyone who participated had a great answer that seemed to resonate with the whole group. My response was that I believe in God because I’ve seen what he has done in my life and in the lives of others. But the response that nailed it for me came from a parishioner who asked the rhetorical question “How could you not?” (believe in God). Bingo! That said it all. And it got me thinking how that statement/question is even more pertinent given the pandemic we’re all currently living through.

Some people see tragedies as evidence against God’s existence, reasoning that a good God wouldn’t allow such devastation. For those of us who have been catechized in the concept of Free Will and how central that is in the Judeo/Christian tradition, it’s not that simple. I don’t enjoy tragedies and crises anymore than anyone else does, but I actually see them as further evidence of God’s existence. I feel this way because of the great good that I see even in the midst of catastrophic events. Despite the heartache, fear and uncertainty that COVID-19 has introduced into our lives, blessings have arisen from it. Families have become closer in many cases despite social distancing. Heroes have surfaced. Miracles have occurred. Only God could bring good from something so devastating.

The Internet is full of testimonies of people from secular backgrounds who have experienced these unexpected blessings during this difficult time. I assume many of these people are probably atheists or agnostics. Yet I see their testimonies as evidence of God, because without God I don’t believe that evil could ever be transformed into something good. Cynics might say that it’s the people themselves who are turning the evil into good, by choosing to respond by looking for joy. I certainly give them credit for doing that, but I still don’t see how it would be possible for evil to be transformed into good without the existence of God. I just don’t think humans would be capable of it if they hadn’t been created by a good God. Transforming evil into good is God’s ultimate victory.
STAY CONNECTED

WHAT’S NEW?

ST. AMBROSE LIVE:
This is St. Ambrose’s online campus! Travel over to our squarespace site to register for Catholicism 360, read our blog, listen to episodes of our podcast, and so much more!

CATHOLICISM 360:
Our Parish Faith share. Join us at 10:00am on Sundays on Zoom, as we discuss a spiritual topic in small and large group settings. (special time for 6/7/2020 - 11:00AM)

PODCAST:
Our parish podcast, where we discuss current events, prayer, and always the Sunday Gospel reading.

YOUTUBE:
Find all our masses, Father Kelly’s updates, the podcast, Psalms by our music ministry, and much more!

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Father’s
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☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
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Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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