This week in the gospel and in Father's homily, there's a lot of talk about foundations; I'd like to build on that idea more.

I want you to think of a brand new building being built which has no foundation yet, when it's just dirt; an empty lot. If you have ever watched a construction crew start to pour a new foundation, you would have seen that they put many different things into the cement before they mix it. It's not just the setting powder, it's not just the water, it's a combination of things mixed together that create the basis for one solid structure.

We can think about our prayer lives in the same way. If our prayer lives are made up of just one thing, do you think that will get us into heaven? The obvious answer is no, we have to combine multiple things together to strengthen our prayer life. Some of the more obvious ones are going to church regularly, receiving the sacraments, praying daily when possible, and many more things that help us.

These things on their own are just like the ingredients in cement. They don't seem like much on their own, but added up they form a strong foundation. In the beginning, when you first start mixing, it might not feel that strong at all. But don't worry, at least you have a foundation to start with. You can grow from there! Just keep adding more “ingredients” like praying the rosary daily, or maybe reading the Bible once a day. Another thing that I've found really helpful in this faith journey is not comparing my journey to someone else's. That could make your foundation weaker just as you're starting to build it. You might look at someone and think, 'Wow they're doing so well!' When in reality they're struggling too, or they have in the past, because we all struggle in our prayer lives. There is always dryness that comes at one time or another, there is always temptation and trials that will throw you off balance and leave cracks in the foundation of your faith. Don't focus on how well other people are doing in their faith journey, just focus on yourself. I know you want to look over at what someone else is doing, but don't. The foundation is going to crack, it's going to leak, it's going to fail in every way, shape, and form. If you let that thought scare you, it can deter you and stop you from growing in your faith! Remember Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert for 40 days straight, if Jesus can take that temptation, which he even dealt with, and use it to command Satan away and raise God up, then you can use that temptation to strengthen you in prayer and spirit.

This week and into the following weeks I want to challenge you, like push-ups, to spend one minute with God several times a day, then two minutes, and so on building upon God's love and fixing those small cracks you have in your faith life. Then, in no time, your foundation will be solid and sealed, you'll have cracks form but you'll then know how to fix them.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

Ciara Torrey
St. Ambrose Intern
Spring into Ireland

Come Across the Sea to Ireland with us!

NEW OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday TBD
(Hours subject to change as we begin to slowly reopen)

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021
Sign up your family (children Pre-K to Grade 8) to our updated program today!
Program info and registration can be found at www.stambroselatham.com/ff
Signing up from now helps us make sure we have enough materials to kick off the year!

HAILEY’S CORNER
Did you know that Faith is like Wi-Fi? It’s invisible, but has the power to connect you to what you need.

Reconciliation
Wednesdays 5-6 PM
Saturdays 3-4 PM
In the Chapel

VISIT OUR CHAPEL
Don’t forget that our chapel is open for private prayer DAILY from 6am - 9pm.
Please bring a mask and remember to social distance if anyone else is in the chapel.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BIBLES & Bonfires
Join us every Tuesday this summer for a teen Bible study around a camp fire. Meet at the St. Francis Circle.

RSVP to Robyn: robyn.spateholts@rcda.org 518-785-1351 x 303

Our April “Spring into Ireland” trip is now scheduled for April 25 - May 6, 2021, and we have space available for you!
Our 10 night vacation will take us across Ireland, beginning and ending in Dublin. Limited space is now available.
For more details and pricing info, please contact Julie at Journeys By Julie, LLC: 518-326-2187
or by email at journeysbyjulie@gmail.com.
Thank you for all of your questions and feedback about our Reopening Plan! Please do not hesitate to email me any further questions you may have (lily.spera@stambroselatham.com). Our Reopening Plan can be found on the school website.

God Bless & Stay Safe

Mrs. Lily Spera

Thank You, Ms. Schaffer and the rest of the Summer Camp Staff for a great, safe summer!

Please consider donating an item from our Amazon St. Ambrose School WISH LIST

e-mail salatham@rcda.org for the link

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August 23, 2020

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our parish is blessed to possess many individuals who want to share their talents. Let us know how we can be Christ's hands, feet, and presence in your life.
Email us at: StAmbrosePAC@rcda.org

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Are you receiving text and email notifications from St. Ambrose? Text the word ambrose to 84576 to opt in

REPAIR OF OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Did you know there's an outdoor Stations of the Cross behind the church and school? Ryan Martinkat of Scout Troop 1277 will be leading an effort to repair the Stations of the Cross and clear the path as his Eagle Scout Service Project in August or September. This will allow the congregation to pray at the Stations of the Cross outdoors. Ryan is looking for volunteers and donations of money or supplies to help with the project. If you’d like to participate email him at the address below. Thank you and God Bless.

Ryan Martinkat
ryanmartinkat@gmail.com

SUNDAY HELP NEEDED FOR OUTDOOR MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE

Parishioners who would like to serve on Sundays, please fill out the Serve form (https://stambroselatham.com/serve) by Wednesday at 5pm. We need assistance with welcoming, traffic control, setup, and takedown. After you've completed the Serve form, complete the online COVID form. Then the Parish Advisory Council will follow up with you. Finally, on Sunday morning, bring your mask, rain gear (weather permitting), lawn chair and hand sanitizer. Any questions, call the office at 518-785-1351 or email: StAmbrosePAC@rcda.org

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