



Saint **AMBROSE**
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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It's been a strange year...

Our families have been sorely tested, our routines have been upended, and we live in the midst of so much uncertainty.

At St. Ambrose we've been working on a way to move forward, to help form our kids in the faith (Pre-K to 8th Grade). We've found a program that we pray will work for you and the craziness we all deal with.

The program is simple:

- **Out Of The Classroom**— Instead of the children meeting in the classroom every week (with periodic parent/family meetings) for 22-24 weeks of the year, we would meet as parents for a monthly meeting.
- **The Monthly Parent Meeting**—At this meeting you'd learn about the material for the month. We'd discuss a topic and how to translate it to our children. The main meeting would be in person but if you don't feel comfortable meeting in person I'll be hosting a Zoom version for parents the next week.
- **Student Work**—Using the program parent's guide, you'd cover a couple lessons a month with your child at your convenience. Some activities are geared towards younger kids, some towards older kids. Accomplish what you can, there will be no pressure. The monthly parent meeting will be our place to regroup and take stock on how things have been going.
- **A Family of Faith**—The goal of the program is to bring families closer together through the faith. Parents are given the tools to communicate the faith to the kids in a way that's simple and approachable.
- **Looking Towards The Future**—When things begin to open up in society, we will build in added opportunities to gather with our kids in fun and meaningful ways.

I hope this makes sense. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. We want this to work for you and your family.

Top 4 Things to Know for the 2020-2021 Year

- 1) **This year, we're asking all students to register.** Students can be registered at stambroselatham.com/ff
- 2) **This is for grades Pre-K to 8th Grade.** The program is adaptable because of the materials and the unique role parents play in formation.
- 3) **You will receive a parent's guide, a student activity book, a catechism and a Bible.**
- 4) **The fees for the year \$60 for 1 student, \$50 each for 2 or more. \$150 limit per family. Plus a \$5.00 Safe Environment fee for each child, and a \$15.00 First Communion fee for each second grader.** You can pay by cash or check as well as online at: <https://stambroselatham.com/ff> *(no family is ever turned away!)*
- 5) **You can do this!** This is a different model of formation but the program is designed with you in mind. You don't need to be a professional teacher, you just need to be you.

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Stay connected

We communicate with our families electronically using “Flocknotes”.

Sign up for Flocknotes at “stambroselatham.flocknote.com”

You can choose email or text message updates and can opt-out any time.

Middle School

This year, we’re using this model for formation of Middle School aged kids. Be on the lookout for other opportunities to gather and serve once we are able to.

Sacramental preparation is an essential part of our program. Our second graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation this year. **It is absolutely vital that we receive a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate at the time of registration if they are going to be making their sacraments. We will not consider your child’s registration complete without it.**

We will have more info on how plan on preparing the children for First Communion and First Reconciliation as the year goes on. There may be some special sessions required to help them be best prepared

Regardless of grade level, **if your child (or you) is missing a sacrament please let us know and we will be happy to ensure they (or you) are able to receive the sacrament!**

Parent Sessions

Faith Formation is 10:15-11:15am. We’ll let you know where we’re meeting via Flocknote. If you opt to meet in person, we’ll follow social distancing protocols.

2020

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| September 13 th | The Basics |
| September 20 th | The Basics (Zoom option) |
| October 4 th | What is faith? |
| October 11 th | What is faith? (Zoom option) |
| November 1 st | Made in the image and likeness of God |
| November 10 th | Made in the image and likeness of God (Zoom option) |
| December 6 th | God becomes Man—the Incarnation |
| December 13 th | God becomes Man—the Incarnation (Zoom option) |

2021

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| January 3 rd | Who is Jesus? What is Baptism? |
| January 10 th | Who is Jesus? What is Baptism? (Zoom option) |
| February 3 rd | The Holy Spirit and the Church |
| February 10 th | The Holy Spirit and the Church (Zoom option) |
| March 7 th | The Paschal Mystery and the Last Judgment |
| March 14 th | The Paschal Mystery and the Last Judgment (Zoom option) |
| <u>(Easter is on April 4th so we will meet on the second Sunday of the month)</u> | |
| April 11 th | The Church in Heaven and on Earth |
| April 18 th | The Church in Heaven and on Earth (Zoom option) |
| May 2 nd | Wrap-up session |
| May 9 th | Wrap-up session (Zoom option) |

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