

ST. AMBROSE PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

For more information, or to join one or more of our organizations, please call the rectory office at (314) 771-1228 during normal business hours.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

St. Ambrose Athletic Association covers a wide range of sports. Our young girls and boys, grades K through 8, learn the value and importance of good sportsmanship and the mechanics of their sport while having a fun time.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 212

The St. Ambrose Scouting program offers young men the opportunity to learn and develop through its structured programs and through interaction with leaders, parents, the community and each other. The young men are given recognition for their accomplishments; leadership qualities are encouraged.

CHOIR

Our choir group consists of men and women who share a love for singing. We celebrate the liturgy through song.

CLEANING CREWS

Groups of dedicated men and women keep the church building clean and ready for worship. The men's crew cleans every Monday morning, and the women clean every other Wednesday morning.

CUB SCOUT PACK 212

Pack 212 a family-and home-centered program that develops ethical decision making skills for boys in the first through fifth grades. For our first graders we emphasize shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding. For boys in second through fifth grade we emphasize character development, citizenship training and personal fitness.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

The Eucharistic ministers serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during Mass. The lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass through the assigned Scripture readings.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

We make home visits to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. We also stay in touch with members of the St. Ambrose community who are homebound on a permanent or temporary basis.

GIRL SCOUTS

The St. Ambrose Girl Scout program works toward building girls of courage, confidence and character. Girls join for fun and friendship, but also build character and serve their community. Partnering with committed adults, we participate in annual fundraisers, and also host bake sales and other seasonal events within the parish and community. Membership is open to girls in grades K through 8.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is a religious and social organization for the men of the parish.

LA FESTA

La Festa is the parish's annual parish picnic. It's a wonderful, fun gathering of parishioners, community neighbors – near and far – and a perfect way to reunite with school alumni and former parishioners. The event features booths for all ages, some favorite Italian foods, a flea market and an Italian band. Proceeds of *La Festa* support the parish and school.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel organization provides opportunities for social and spiritual growth to the women of the parish. Women of all ages are welcome.

PTO – PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The PTO sponsors events to bring the school community – parents, teachers and students – together by planning and conducting family-oriented social activities.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA program provides group instruction/catechesis for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church.

ST. AMBROSE SOCIETY

The St. Ambrose Society lives out the Gospel mandate to care for our poor brothers and sisters. Members meet periodically throughout the month to prepare and serve meals for poor and homeless persons in various locations in the city. All are welcome to join.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

The tradition of St. Joseph's Altar dates back to the Middle Ages when Sicily suffered drought and famine. The people asked St. Joseph to intercede on their behalf, and they promised to prepare a feast to honor him if he answered their prayers. This tradition is carried on at St. Ambrose. Food prepared by parishioners and local restaurants is shared by all who come to honor St. Joseph on this very special day.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 in Paris by Frederic Ozanam and six of his friends. In 1845 the Society came to the United States, starting here in St. Louis. The goal of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is to assist persons in need to provide for themselves. We give assistance for utilities and rent, and vouchers for food, clothing and furniture.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board advises the pastor and school principal on matters pertaining to St. Ambrose School.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Senior Citizens Club is a social group whose goal is to make sure our seniors keep in touch and have fun.

USHERS

The ushers welcome worshippers as they enter church, take up collections, and distribute the parish bulletin after Mass.