

March 14, 2024

Dear St. Ambrose Family,

Greetings in Christ. Thank you for the outstanding effort to make our **141st St. Ambrose Annual Spring Fair** a great success! It was wonderful to see our parish pull together to create a very blessed day for our local community. God blessed us with the most perfect weather! The new band, "*Money for Nothin*" was outstanding! So many guests commented on how welcoming our parishioners were and how beautiful our campus grounds are.

There were so many parishioners who put many, many hours of work *prior* to the Fair in order to get things ready for the day of the Fair. *Thank you!*

It was a great blessing to see the large number of parishioners who came for the food-prep, making it go smoothly and quickly. *Thanks!*

All of the "leaders" of the various aspects of our Fair are to be commended. We had a few new leaders this year. Thank you for organizing your specific area and for all of your hard work. You put many hours prior to the day of the Fair into your specific area. *We are so grateful to the leaders!*

As has been our custom, we want to thank those non-parishioners who volunteered their time to serve. Please send Lainie Horowitz (lainiewitz@yahoo.com) the volunteer's first and last name and complete mailing address. We want to express our gratitude for their assistance.

This year Cecil Gibson was inspired to start a "*Reverse Raffle*" in order to raise money for our future Family Life Center. It was a fabulous idea! Parishioners and non-parishioners purchased tickets and we met our goal. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for selling tickets after Mass and to those of you who took tickets and sold them to your friends. We give thanks to Daniel Horowitz who sold 45 tickets to his friends. We are so grateful that he has a lot of friends!

Thanks to our entire parish family this was a financially profitable Spring Fair! In past years I have published the amount of profit we made in this thank-you letter, but inevitably a few bills come in a week or so later. Thus, please check the bulletin in a few weeks for an accurate tally of our profit. We have incurred a lot of overhead the past two years due to the police officers hired, the Lovely Loo Lavatory, the waste dumpsters fee, the extra portable cooler, the increase in food prices, and several other miscellaneous expenses. Thus, our profit margin isn't as great as it used to be in the past.

We give special thanks to Daniel and Lainie Horowitz for being our Spring Fair co-chairs. *They did a super job!* They have worked months in advance planning out all of the details. Next time you see them please acknowledge their hard work. *We are so grateful to them!*

Thanks so much for your love and service to our parish. It is wonderful to see how everyone pulled together to make the 141st Annual Spring Fair a tremendous success! Most of all, our Spring Fair is about serving and loving our most gracious God and one another.

With a grateful heart,
Fr. Steven

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