



In May we were thrilled to announce the location of our future school building: at the intersection of Nobel Dr. and Fahey Glen in Fitchburg, WI, just west of McGaw Park. The next question we often hear is, "Where are you going to be in the meantime?"

Our leadership team diligently researched, visited, and assessed many sites. After enlisting experts and weighing all the options, we've landed on a fantastic, high-quality facility built for education. We're pleased to share that 3 Point Place, Madison will be the interim home of St. Ambrose Academy while the Christ Our Light building campaign continues!

Our interim site is close to our previous home and has:

- enough classrooms so that each of our full-time teachers can have their own classroom
- ample office space,
- lunchrooms for the junior and senior high, and
- a large greenspace for students to enjoy fresh air between classes.



We'll be close to Holy Name Heights, a convenient location both for our weekly all-day visits from newly appointed chaplain, Fr. Greg Ihm, and for our dear Bishop Hying to easily stop by for a few scheduled visits this coming academic year.

The new space will also house an oratory where students and staff can gather for daily Mass three times a week and Eucharistic Adoration. Students submitted suggestions for a name and school leadership is pleased to announce the new St. Joseph Oratory.

St. Joseph has been our constant protector, and we have turned our hearts in confidence to him repeatedly and regularly throughout our efforts to find a new home for our school. We contemplate his beautiful care of our dear Blessed Mother and baby Jesus, and in faith and trust we continue to place the needs of our school in his protective arms.

How blessed we are to have on our school campus an Oratory in his name, with him as our beloved patron. Dear St. Joseph, be near to us always as you lead us to your Son! We will take delight in coming often to your Oratory to meet your Son and find His presence and peace there.

We look forward to making this new site our home while we continue to raise the funds to build a beautiful, permanent home in which we can continue to grow our enrollment and impact on students and families in south-central Wisconsin.

This summer, we rejoice together in celebration and thanksgiving for the first St. Ambrose Academy alumnus to be ordained a priest of Jesus Christ!

On June 25, 2021, Bishop Donald J. Hying ordained Fr. Michael Wanta (SAA '13) as a priest for the Diocese of Madison. Fr. Wanta will return for a final year in Rome to finish his advanced studies before returning to serve the people of the Diocese.

Just days after his ordination, Fr. Wanta witnessed the marriage of fellow alumnus, Stephen Carey (SAA '16) and his new bride Abbey - a true occasion of joy!



Moments like this are the culmination of grace and prayer as young people discern the Lord's call and boldly follow His path.

We share this joy with the many benefactors who have prayed for and supported students like Fr. Wanta, Stephen and many more! Without your support, we would not have been able to grow throughout these past two decades in order to impact many young students and their families.

These young people are now bringing the hope found in Christ to others through the witness of their vocations and very lives. Deo gratias! *St. Ambrose, pray for them!*

As our motto states - *Omnia Christus est nobis* - Christ is everything for us! Coming together to pray and worship the Lord in the Holy Mass is one of the greatest gifts found in a Catholic education.

This year marks a new chapter in our school's history as we move into an interim space of our own. While we were blessed to pray with the St. Thomas Aquinas community for many years and attend Mass with the church community there, we now carry on our spiritual formation of students in the newly established St. Joseph Oratory within our school building.

As we begin the new year, we invite you to 'light a candle' to unite your prayers, and personal intentions, with ours.

Much like walking into a church and lighting your candle to offer your intentions to the Lord, your gift will sponsor a candle that will burn during our thrice-weekly Masses and regular Eucharistic Adoration until it is

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finished. For each candle sponsored, we will remember you and your personal intentions made present in a particular way through your gift.

Visit www.ambroseacademy.org to light a candle by making a gift of \$10 per candle. We encourage you to also share any personal intentions for which we can pray.

Thank you for your continued support, which brings the richness and beauty of the Catholic faith to the young men and women formed at St. Ambrose!

Come visit us in person to see the Ambrose Advantage firsthand! Get a peek at our interim site, enjoy a light breakfast while hearing from a few students about their experience, and visit classrooms to see the difference of a Catholic classical education.





St. Ambrose Academy warmly invites alumni, families, and benefactors to join us in celebrating the ordination of Fr. Michael Wanta, class of 2013!

Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass on Sunday, September 19 at 2pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Monona. An outdoor reception will follow immediately afterward behind the parish school.

Enjoy refreshments and conversation with fellow supporters and members of the St. Ambrose community, receive a blessing from Fr. Michael, and celebrate this historic and joyful moment as the first St. Ambrose alumnus-turned-priest begins his priestly ministry in our Diocese!

Children are also welcome and can play outdoor games and enjoy the large school playground during the reception.

Visit www.ambroseacademy.org to RSVP.

Reservations are not required at this time, but we encourage you to reply by Wednesday, September 15 to help us plan. We look forward to celebrating and thank you for your encouragement of vocations at St. Ambrose Academy!