

11 February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Recitation Confessions will be heard on the first Sunday of each month, 7:15-7:45 a.m., or contact the parish office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office in advance as preparation and arrangements for each sacrament are needed.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

RCIA is the process of initiating adults into the Catholic Church. It is for those desiring full membership through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office for information.

CARE OF THE COMMUNITY:

Please contact the parish office when pastoral care is needed or to request prayers.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 10 February

Micah Taylor
Libby Ross

Sunday, 11 February

People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Wednesday, 14 February

Mary Ellen Bryan

Thursday, 15 February

Johnathan Allen Brian

Saturday, 17 February

James H. Brown
Barbara Brown Castle
Harl Brown
Jessie Brown

Sunday, 18 February

People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Mass Intentions for deceased loved ones can be scheduled throughout the year through the Parish office. There are many Mass days still available for this calendar year. A minimum of \$10 per Mass Intention is encouraged.

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Leviticus 13:1-46; Psalm 32; 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1; Luke 7:16; Mark 1:40-45
“I turn to You Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, Who teach us that You abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to You, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse, and renew us and may it become for those who do Your will the source of eternal reward, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live, through Christ our Lord.....

Ash Wednesday, Year B; 14 February, 2024

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Psalm 95:8; Matthew 6:1-18
“We are Ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian Service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through Christ, your Son.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord, that, through works of penance and charity, we may turn away from harmful pleasures and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son, Who lives and reigns.....

Prayer after Communion: May the sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord, that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy; through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

“If you are expecting candy from your Sweetheart on Saint Valentine’s Day this year, for God’s sake, don’t give up chocolate for Lent!” I suppose we will be hearing comments like that a lot this year.

Many of us may have a lingering sense of Lent as a burdensome time, something that we do not anticipate with the joy of other Liturgical Seasons such as Advent. Yet, this is the time of the year when we focus on the humanity of Jesus as He touches our own humanity. The result is redemption which produces hope and joy. That human-ness in both Jesus and ourselves is made visible in our bodies. I cannot claim credit for the idea, but I am told ashes will be distributed in a heart-shaped sign on the forehead. That happens of course this week, following the schedule below. Our Lenten journey will also include the Way of the Cross and Benediction as we have offered this devotion in the past, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 pm. On the week-ends of 9-10 and 16-17 March we will offer Anointing and Reconciliation. This week’s schedule for Blessing and Distribution of Ashes is as follows:

13 February	4:30 pm	Saint Clare Oratory
14 February	Noon	Saint Ignatius Parish
14 February	5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Saint Ambrose Parish Saint Ambrose Parish

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MESSAGING

Parish messaging has begun! If you are not receiving the weekly messages, please text or call **Marianne Sheroan** at 270-312-5587 with your name, phone number, and whether that number is a mobile or home number and you will be added immediately!

FAITH FORMATION

Does your child/grandchild need religious education? We have materials for family-based faith formation for any child K through high school. Email sarahcfellows@gmail.com or text/call 502-419-0681 with the names, ages and grades of each child and if any child needs to receive a Sacrament in the next year.

ONLINE GIVING

St. Ambrose is now offering online giving to all its parishioners! Please consider ParishSOFT, our online giving service, to support our parish. You can also support St. Clare Oratory (Maintenance and Cemetery) and St. Ambrose's Capital Campaign on the eGiving page. We are providing this option in addition to cash or check donations. You can still give through traditional methods, but now you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Here are four ways to give:

1. Text 'Give' to 270-671-9324
2. Scan the QR Code below with your smartphone camera
3. Enroll Online:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

Scan me!



Celebrate!

February Birthdays: Brenda Bush – 02/02; Allison Stuecker – 02/04; Sharon Kennedy & Jessica McGuffin – 02/05; Amy Hadden – 02/13; Kara Graycarek – 02/23; John Stuecker – 02/25

February Anniversaries: David O. & Virginia Hart (40 Years) – 02/11; Michael & Karen Williams – 02/15; James & Marie Stuecker – 02/26; Charles Dave & Donna Hart – 02/28

Prayer Requests

Please keep our sick, recovering, and home-bound members in your prayers: **Dennis Arnold, Kelli Bush**

Please send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at vahplans@live.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FEEDING AMERICA

The second Tuesday of the month is our parish night to help put together food bags for school children and area seniors. Volunteers must be 7 yrs. or older and wear closed-toe shoes. The next volunteer date is **Tuesday, 13 February 5:30-7**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

WARM BLESSINGS

The second Friday of the month is our parish night to pack to-go dinners for those in need. Our next date is **Friday, 8 March**. If you or your family would like to join, please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502.419.0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

STEWARSHIP

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$111,318.20
In-Pew Collection 2/4	\$2,609.00
FYTD Total:	\$113,927.20

Saint Paul goes straight to the essence of stewardship, “do everything for the Glory of God.” If we see stewardship as a life in gratitude to God, all we do, say, or give is a thankful response that gives glory to the Giver of that very life.



PARISH COUNCIL



Sarah Fellows, Rick Thomas, Rita French, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheroan, Charlie Wise, Jason Crutcher, and Joe House

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Prayer gives us the strength to strive ahead, overcome our fears, and glimpse the salvation that God prepares for us, even amid the darkness. Prayer also draws God's salvation near. #YearOfPrayer



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“O God, strength of all the Saints, who through the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess”



Lenten Prayer

O Lord, be with me as I enter into the desert of Lent. Please give me the courage, honesty and humility needed to recognize my own sins; and the strength, tears and firm resolve to overcome them. Purify my heart O Lord and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May I turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Lord, I offer every little sacrifice of this holy season for the following intention(s)_____

May I remember throughout these 40 days that every little thing that I give up for love of You can become a spiritual gift for the good of others. By Your grace O Lord, help me to grow in virtue and holiness; may I enter deeper into a life of prayer, fasting and care for the poor.

O Christ, true Bread of Life, may I hunger for You alone. Be my constant joy and delight as I seek to relinquish my appetites for this world and to be fed from above with faith, hope and charity. Lord, lead me through Your sorrowful passion and death, that I may rejoice in Your resurrection. Amen.