

25 February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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, 24 February

Randy Mudd

Sunday, 25 February

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

Wednesday, 28 February

Recovery of Health: CK & GT

Thursday, 29 February

Recovery of Health: BP & JO

Saturday, 2 March

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

Sunday, 3 March

Natalie Schall

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions Announced at Mass)

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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Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 116; Romans 8:31-34; Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:2-10

“So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning about what ‘rising from the dead’ meant .”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, Who commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray cleanse us of our faults and sanctify Your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to You, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

At the beginning of any endeavor human or divine, it is our nature to want an image, visual or otherwise. An example which comes immediately to mind is the restoration/renovation project underway at Saint Ambrose at this time. The artist renderings made early on in the project have been indispensable. The visual image of what is to come, seems at least in part, the reason for what Jesus does on Mount Tabor, to the benefit initially of Peter, James, and John, but eventually to us and billions more like us over two millennia.

Even though Mark the Evangelist is not himself an eyewitness, he spends many years as a close companion of Saint Peter, who also writes of his experience in an Epistle. Jesus offers “the big three” a glimpse of what is in store for all of His followers. However, the story is presented by Jesus as a kind of “strategic plan.” His Transfiguration, through which Peter, James, and John see Him glorified, (the way we will see Him in heaven), took place on Mount Tabor in Israel. In recent years, this episode received renewed prominence in Catholic teaching, when Saint Pope John Paul II named it as one of the Five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary (October, 2002). As with any of the Lord’s miracles, this one is intended to help further His mission. While most of the miracles are used to attract the attention of the disciples in general, this one is for the Apostles, initially, these three.

The Apostles, with the exception of Judas Iscariot, will be the ones to teach about Jesus and form individuals into communities called churches. The original eleven will be joined by several others including Matthias, Barnabas, Silas, Mary of Magala, Paul, Timothy, Titus, and the Queen of Apostles, Mary of Nazareth. All of these and many more will learn of what happened that day on Mount Tabor, from Peter, James, and John. Jesus’ strategy is to motivate them for the trials to come, by showing them the glory that follows. I often think of Jesus as contributing at this time of year to the playbooks of sports coaches. Many of them invite their athletes to take a look at the medals and trophies, and then admonish them to stick to fundamentals and give their best performances. Peter, James, and John are initially rather tight-lipped about their experience, but eventually they tell the story to the whole world.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MESSAGING

If you are not receiving 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

March Birthdays: Jerome Skees – 03/04; Ron Bryan – 03/07; Myrna Priest – 03/08; Bob Sennott – 03/10; Karen Graycarek – 03/17; Nicki Flores – 03/18; Gary Lewis & Deannie Thompson – 03/20; Eric Kennedy & Jimmy Stuecker – 03/25; Adilyn Miles – 03/26; Kate Graycarek – 03/30

March Anniversaries: Rick & Karen Graycarek – 03/16

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, 12 March 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

STEWARDSHIP

“He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?” Romans 8:32

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$118,736.20
In-Pew Collection 2/18	\$1,405.00
Online (2/15-2/19)	\$250.00
Ash Wednesday	\$121.00
FYTD Total:	\$120,512.20

Feeding America: \$82.00

God our Heavenly Father gave us His most beloved gift of all, His very Son. When we give from what we most cherish, we too share Christ with others

PARISH COUNCIL



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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **6 March at 6:15 PM.**

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Jesus has lovingly cared for us, mercifully tended our wounds, opened our hearts to joy with His Spirit. All these are goods that we cannot keep only to ourselves or hide away. We have been showered with gifts, so we are called to make ourselves a gift for others.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC) & RINEYVILLE COMMUNITY PARK (RCP) FISH FRY DINNER

March 1st (RCP); March 8th (KC); March 15th (RCP); and March 22nd (KC) 5 PM – 7 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out at KC Hall behind St. Brigid's Church, Vine Grove. (on 3/8 and 3/22)

\$12 per meal. Menu: battered fried fish, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, green beans, bread slices, dessert, drink.

\$6 kid's menu: grilled cheese sandwich, fries, drink and dessert.

ST JOHN PARISH FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent
5 PM – 7 PM

ST BENEDICT PARISH FISH FRY

Fish Platter \$13; \$15 shrimp or oyster platters
Platters include onion rings or french fries, mac and cheese, green beans, hush puppies, and drink.

A la carte also available. Dine in or delivery.
502-264-0040

Every Friday during Lent, 2/16-3/22
11AM – 7PM
227 W Oak St, Lebanon Junction

TESTIFY LENTEN PROGRAM

Join Testify on Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30PM for musical reflections on the Stations of the Cross.

St John Catholic Church
657 St. John Church Rd, Etown (near Rineyville)

Refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall after the program.