

4 February 2024

Fifth 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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**Church Website**

[saintambrosechurchcecilia.com](http://saintambrosechurchcecilia.com)

## *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, 3 February

Rick Miles

### Sunday, 4 February

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

**St. Clare 5 PM** (Intentions Announced at Mass)

### Wednesday, 7 February

Jonathan Brian

### Thursday, 8 February

Suzette Nohava

### Saturday, 10 February

Micah Taylor

Libby Ross

### Sunday, 11 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.*

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 4 February, 2024**

Job 7:1-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Matthew 8:17; Mark 1:29-39

*“Blessed Michael McGivney: Pray for us.” Vivat Jesu.*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection; through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** O Lord our God, Who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant we pray that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** O God, Who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us we pray so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world, through Christ our Lord.....

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### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN**

The caption which follows the list of Scripture passages for the Liturgy of the Word today, is a bit unusual; it warrants some explanation. Michael McGivney is an American priest who only three years ago, was beatified, the second of three steps in the official process of canonization, becoming a Saint of the Catholic Church. With the title of Blessed, the Church indicates that this is someone whose holiness of life here on earth suggests that he has a place in heaven, and deserves mention in our prayers. The Latin phrase means “Jesus lives” and is a form of greeting among the membership of the world-wide organization which was founded in 1882 at New Haven in Connecticut by Blessed McGivney, the Knights of Columbus.

With vibrant K of C Councils in Vine Grove and Elizabethtown (and many others throughout all the Dioceses of the Commonwealth), we have many Knights among the membership of our two parishes. You are very keenly aware of the charitable causes which the organization continues to support in the well-over one hundred years of its service in our area. In recent weeks you have heard me speak of the generous support from two of the groups in our county, and I fully expect to hear from others in the near future. Later this month, the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood Banquet hosted by Council 1455 will again raise a large sum of money in support of Kosair Children’s Charities. Raffle tickets for a freezer full of beef will be available here at the parish for ten dollars. You may, however, be a bit less familiar with the life of Blessed McGivney as well as the circumstances and motivations which caused him to establish this Fraternal Order.

As we are instructed in the Gospel selections of the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent, we find that Jesus in responding to the call of His Father, is compassionately touching the lives of people in very personal ways. This is what Blessed McGivney, in his relatively brief (13 years) career as a priest pursued, and what he organized the Knights to carry on after him. Ordained in 1877, Father McGivney served a working-class population, many of whom labored in the high-risk forces of First Responders (Fire Fighting and Law Enforcement). All too often then, as now, people in those jobs, typically the primary “bread winner” of a family, made the ultimate sacrifice. Unlike now, the people of the 19<sup>th</sup> century had no pensions, insurance plans, and other means of support. Father McGivney’s “Knights” created a self-insurance” program, so that the parishes could provide support. Today that mission continues on the international level as a corporate entity, and as a local expression of the love of Christ, living in the world today.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:vahplans@live.com)*

### ST. AMBROSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### WE HAVE A WINNER!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the St. Ambrose Church Renovation Capital Campaign. We are off to a great start! Those who submitted their campaign donations/pledges during the first week were entered in a random drawing to enjoy a dinner with Father Ben. Our winner is **Charles and Sheryl Phillips!** CONGRATULATIONS!



## 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, 9 February**. 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](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

*“If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.”* 1 Corinthians 9:17

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$108,089.20
In-Pew Collection 1/28	\$2,629.00
January Online Collection	\$600.00
FYTD Total:	\$111,318.20

Doing good works that are enjoyable, or that come natural, can be a pleasure. When faced with good works that are not simple, or that challenge us, do we serve as the hands of Jesus or do our hands stay tucked in comfortable pockets?

thank you



## 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 **7 February at 6:15 PM**.

## VOCATIONS



Pope Francis   
@Pontifex

*Let us #PrayTogether for the many civilians who have fallen victim to wars that unfortunately still cause bloodshed in the world, such as those in the Middle East and Ukraine. May their cry of pain touch the hearts of world leaders and give rise to projects for #Peace.*



Archbishop Shelton Fabre  
@ArchbishopFabre

*“O God, who raised up the Priest Saint John Bosco as a father and teacher of the young, grant, we pray, that, aflame with the same fire of love, we may seek out souls and serve you alone” (Collect). St. John Bosco, pray for us*

Now accepting new student applications for the 2024-2025 school year  
Pre-K - 8th Grade

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Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance Application Opens Oct. 15