

10 March 2024
Fourth 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, 9 March

Deceased Members of the Stuecker Family

Sunday, 10 March

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

Wednesday, 13 March

Jerry Graycarek

Thursday, 14 March

Randy Mudd

Saturday, 16 March

Lewis Neil Hines

Sunday, 17 March

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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2 Chronicles 36:14-23; Psalms 137; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:16; John 3:14-21
"I am the Light of the world says the Lord, whoever follows me will have the Light of Life."

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who through Your Word, reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant that with prompt devotion and eager faith, the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come, through Christ our Lord

Prayer Over the Offerings: We place before You with joy these offerings which bring eternal remedy O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to You as is fitting for the salvation of the world, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: O God Who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts with the splendor of Your Grace that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to Your majesty and love You in all sincerity, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

The Traditional name for this Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The word means Rejoice, and my teachers taught that a good way to think about it was to rejoice that the six weeks of Lent were now half completed. It actually comes from the phrase which began the Latin Antiphon and Collect which was sung by choirs and priests, to open the Mass of the Sunday three weeks before Easter. "Laetare Jerusalem!" And the fact that Lent is half over is cause for rejoicing but, as they say on television info-mercials, "Wait there's more!"

As we considered last week, our relationship with Christ which began in the sacramental waters of Baptism is a constant, on-going, new life.....the life of the redeemed. This means that we experience every aspect of our lives, the good the bad the ugly in terms of Jesus. Our physical limitations may not (or may) be as dramatic as the man in today's gospel, but we have them, periodically and chronically. And, like the Samaritan woman at the well in last week's story, we have character flaws; we are guilty of wrong-doing individually and collectively.

Both of these two aspects of the limitation in human life, physical/emotional illness and moral/character weakness, are part of sacramental redemption; and, they are the subject of the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation. In four short verses, the Apostle James in his New Testament Letter (James 5:13-17), gives us the suggestion of these two sacraments. Of course, Jesus had earlier experienced anointing with oil and had spoken often about the forgiveness of sin. Lent is an especially good time to celebrate these sacraments because it is the season when we are spending so much time and energy focusing on Jesus in His human condition.

As with all seven sacraments in the Catholic tradition, Anointing and Reconciliation have experienced considerable renewal since the days when we referred to them as Extreme Unction and Penance/Confession. For example, Anointing is a Sacrament which we receive more frequently than in days gone by and Reconciliation is a Sacrament we can experience less frequently than in days gone by. Also, these two Sacraments were experienced individually and quite privately in the past; today, we are much more aware of the communal elements, and we can experience them in a group setting such as when we come for Mass. The richness of our sacramental system is one of the great benefits of our Catholic faith. Whether we are new to Catholicism or "cradle Catholics," we can always refine our knowledge and polish our devotion to the Sacraments.

PARISH NEWS



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER

This Sunday, March 10th, begins daylight savings. Remember to move your clocks forward an hour!

EASTER LILIES

We are once again offering our parishioners the opportunity to dedicate the beautiful lilies that will decorate our worship space this Easter. A list of all who contributed and the names of their loved one(s) commemorated will be published in our Easter Bulletin. The lilies will be tagged. Dates to pick up the Lilies will be announced.

If you wish to dedicate an Easter lily in memory of, or in honor of, a special friend(s)/family member(s), a member of the Art and Environment committee will be available before and after each mass the weekend of March 9th/10th to take your order and record your information to be placed on the tag and in the bulletin.

We have ordered two different sizes in the following quantities: \$25.00 = 9, \$15.00 = 15. The first 24 donations received will be assigned to these lilies. It may be possible to order additional lilies if needed. Please make checks payable to Saint Ambrose Catholic Church. Thank you for being a part of our Easter Masses Celebration.

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

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.



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

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, 12 April**. 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

PARISH COUNCIL



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

STEWARDSHIP

“For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.” Ephesians 2:10

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$123,100.20
In-Pew Collection 3/3	\$4,470.00
Online (2/27-3/4)	\$765.00
FYTD Total:	\$128,335.20
St. Clare Collection (3/3/2024):	\$1,506.00

Our good deeds go beyond just giving money to charity. Stewardship is not about how we spend our money, but about how we spend our lives.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis ✓

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Pride is the 'great queen' of all the vices. Those who give in to this vice are far from God, and it takes time and great effort to correct this evil, more than any other battle to which the Christian is called.
[#GeneralAudience](#)



Archbishop Shelton Fabre

@ArchbishopFabre

Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law” (Mt 5:17–19).

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



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

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

ST. JAMES FISH FRY

When: March 15th and 22nd 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

What: Breaded white fish filet, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, and a dessert.

Where: 401 Robinbrooke Blvd. Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Cost: \$10