

17 March 2024
Fifth 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, 16 March

Lewis Neil Hines

Sunday, 17 March

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

Wednesday, 20 March

Eddie Thompson

Thursday, 21 March

Scott Brandon Hall

Saturday, 23 March

Libby Ross

Sunday, 24 March

D.B.

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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Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:26; John 12:20-33

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord; “whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.” (John 11:25)

Collect or Opening Prayer: By Your help Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Your Son handed Himself over to death, through Christ our Lord

Prayer Over the Offerings: Hear us, Almighty God, and having instilled in Your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the workings of this sacrifice, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: We pray, Almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in Whose Body and Blood we have Communion, He lives and reigns forever and ever.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Very often today, in our effort to be genteel and sensitive to people who are facing harsh reality and its pain, we speak of human death in softer terms. We will speak of the inevitable experience with phrases like, “If something should happen to me....” or “when my time comes.” When someone dies, we speak of them as “passing” or “going home.” In the viewing parlor of funeral homes and mortuaries, in the midst of a profusion of flowers, ferns, and other symbols of life, one often hears phrases like, “She looks so natural....” “he seems to be asleep.” We want to avoid the “D” word.

In today’s gospel, however, Jesus is quite direct. When the disciples miss His understanding, He hits the nail on the head by saying “Lazarus has died!” His dear friend Mary of Bethany, Lazarus’ sister, with a nuance of exasperation with Jesus, says, “Lord, if You had been here my brother would not have died!” She’s rather direct too. This most universal of human experiences is precisely what is going to happen to our Lord Himself. And, His bringing Lazarus back to life is what He uses to broaden His following as He moves closer to the end of His earthly ministry. In fact it gets Him a bit of unwelcome attention, as the Jewish leaders plot to get Jesus and Lazarus too!

And while they might have held Lazarus and Jesus in the same regard, we as modern believers see a major difference. The experience of Lazarus is a **resuscitation**; that of Jesus is **resurrection**. Lazarus came forth from the grave, but eventually went back to it. Jesus left the tomb, to live forever. We continue to reflect on how this happens and what it means for us on Easter and beyond.

Another way in which we proclaim our redemption in Christ, is by steepling our churches with bell towers and crosses. The refurbishment of these items for Saint Ambrose is now complete, and will be mechanically put in place at 8:00 am., on Tuesday 19 March, weather permitting. The fabricating firm (Campbellsville Industries) welcomes us to come and be a part of this historic moment. We are encouraged to bring “Sharpie” style indelible markers, with which to inscribe our names, a prayer, a favorite verse from Scripture, etc., to be enshrined for future generations.

The Way of The Cross And Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Ambrose
Wednesdays – 5:30 pm

St. Ignatius
Fridays – 5:30 pm

PARISH NEWS

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.

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@gmail.com

Celebrate!

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, 9 April 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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **10 April at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

The minutes from February's meeting are included in this week's bulletin.

STEWARSHIP

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)
Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$128,335.20
In-Pew Collection 3/10	\$2,906.00
Online (3/5-3/11)	\$415.00
FYTD Total:	\$131,656.20

We should never be afraid to give of ourselves. The Gospel assures us that we will be rewarded. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said, “We can only take to Heaven, that which we give away on earth.”

RECENT AND CURRENT PARISH OFFERINGS

2024 Black and Indian Mission Collection

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to the Black and Indian Missions in the amount of \$262.50, which represents 7.5% of an average weekend offering. This Collection exists to help diocesan communities preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native people of God. The donations help fund parish-based catechetical programs, support teacher and catechist professional development, encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and create diocesan structures, such as our own archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, that support ministry and evangelization in these diverse ethnic communities.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis

@Pontifex

God loved us first. He waited for us. He keeps loving us. This is our identity and our strength: we are God's beloved.



Archbishop Shelton Fabre

@ArchbishopFabre

"I will place my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, says the Lord" (Jer 31:33). God's Law of Love is written in our hearts.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

\$12/meal: Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Soda

Sunday, March 17th, 10AM-2PM

Drive thru at KC Hall behind St. Brigid's Church in Vine Grove

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 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

Cost: \$10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNER

March 22nd 5 PM – 7 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out at KC Hall behind St. Brigid's Church, Vine Grove.

\$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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will visit the Knights of Columbus Hall located behind St. Brigid's Church in Vine Grove

Pictures will be available with the Easter Bunny

Sunday, March 24th, beginning at 2PM