

24 March 2024

sixth Sunday of Lent / Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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, 23 March

Libby Ross

Sunday, 24 March

D.B.

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

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 27 March

Mary Mudd

Thursday, 28 March

Billy Mattingly

Saturday, 30 March

Robert Anthony Brown

Sunday, 31 March

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

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.

Sixth Sunday of Lent/ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Year B; 24 March, 2024

Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2:8-9; Mark 14:14-23:56
“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty, ever-living God Who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed His lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in His resurrection, He lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Prayer Over the Offerings: Through the Passion of Your only begotten Son, may our reconciliation with You be at hand, O Lord, so that though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may already feel the effects of Your mercy, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech You O Lord, that just as through the death of Your Son, You have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by His resurrection You may lead us to where You call, through Christ our Lord.....

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Year B; 28 March, 2024

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:34; John 13:1-15

“I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who have called us to participate in the most sacred Supper in which Your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand Himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of His love, grant that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and life, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Grant us O Lord that we may participate worthily in these mysteries for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Grant Almighty God that just as we are renewed by the supper of Your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy His banquet for all eternity, through Christ our Lord.....

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B; 29 March, 2024

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31; Hebrews 4:14-5:9; Philippians 2:8-9; John 18:1-19:42

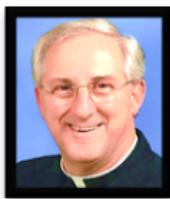
“Eli Eli, Lema Sabacthani.....My God My God, Why have You abandoned me?”

(Matthew 27:46)

Opening Prayer: O God Who by the Passion of Christ Your Son our Lord abolished the death inherited from ancient sin by every succeeding generation, grant that just as being conformed to Him we have borne by the law of nature the image of the man of earth, so by the sanctification of Grace we may bear the image of the Man of Heaven, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Almighty ever-living God Who have restored us to life by the blessed Death and Resurrection of Your Christ, preserve in us the work of Your mercy, that by partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to You, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer of Dismissal: May abundant blessing O Lord we pray descend upon Your people who have honored the death of Your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increased, and everlasting redemption be made secure, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Well, it is upon us..... the most important week of the year. People often ask if Holy Week is part of Lent? I typically reply to that question with a question, and an answer..... Is the NCAA/NIT/STATE SWEET 16 Tournament part of the basketball season? Answer: we sure hope so! I encourage one and all to be actively engaged this week; participate in as much of the liturgical ceremony as you can. A complete schedule of the week's services has been distributed in recent weeks; if you did not receive it, more copies are available for the asking, or you can consult the one on the parish bulletin board. One technique which I find helpful as we read the Passion story twice (today and Friday)..... at least once, put yourself in the role of Jesus. I also strongly suggest that you read the beautiful Exsultet, which is inserted in today's bulletin. It is long, and longer still, when it is sung during the Easter Vigil Mass. It is a poetic summary of the long-awaited redemption now provided in Jesus, the Light of the World. May these days enrich us all and enable us to live our faith ever more meaningfully.

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.

ST. CLARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11th at 5:00 PM. We will need volunteers to help at St. Clare to clean windows and do other projects. Please share this message with others that might be interested!

Prayer Requests

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

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.

STEWARSHIP

“[Christ Jesus] who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.” Philippians 2:6

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

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| Previous Total | \$131,656.20 |
| In-Pew Collection 3/17 | \$1,966.00 |
| Online (3/13-3/19) | \$790.00 |
| FYTD Total: | \$134,421.20 |

Feeding America (March): \$67.00

The attitude of Adam was envy – wanting to be “like God.” The attitude of Christ is humility – wanting to be of service to God and others. Service is the way of the steward.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

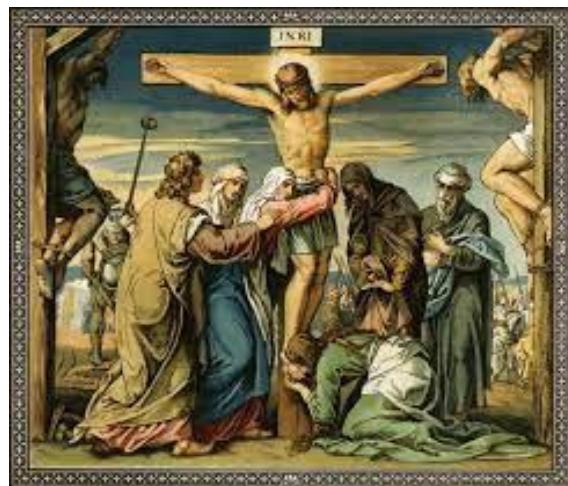
Please join the multicultural community of St. Bartholomew Parish for “Living Stations of the Cross” on Good Friday, March 29th at 5 pm. This re-enactment will start outside on the parish grounds depicting Jesus’ journey to Calvary with prayers and reflections. St. Bartholomew is located at [2040 Buechel Bank Road, Louisville KY 40218](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2040+Buechel+Bank+Road,+Louisville+KY+40218).

Holy Thursday



“This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

Good Friday



“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8