

3 March 2024
Third 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, 2 March

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

Sunday, 3 March

Natalie Schall

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 6 March

Micah Taylor

Thursday, 7 March

Mary Ellen Bryan

Saturday, 9 March

Deceased Members of the Stuecker Family

Sunday, 10 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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Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:42; John 4:5-42

“The woman said: ‘Sir, give me this living water.....I can see you are a prophet.’ “ (John 4:15 & 19).

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, Author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by Your mercy, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat You, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

As the Holy Season of Lent “flows” now into its third week, water as a symbol is introduced into our worship. In the reading from Exodus, we hear the story of how Moses, through the power of God, extracted water from rock, to quench the thirst of the Hebrew people. Then in the Gospel, Jesus instructs the woman at the well, to seek the “living water” which will satisfy spiritual thirst. Water will continue to have a place of major prominence in the weeks to come and most especially during the Vigil of Easter and the ensuing weeks of that joyous season. This weekend, Jesus reveals a good bit of information about Himself to the Samaritan woman at a place which is crucial in her life—the village water well. He introduces her to a new way of life, a life filled with divine Spirit; and, His dialogue with her moves beyond daily chores to issues of faith and character. Next week, the encounter is with a man; Jesus offers sight to a man born blind, as He guides him to healing in the waters of the pool at a place called Siloam.

Of course, our belief is that the living water, the healing water which Jesus offers all, is Baptism. He Himself accepts Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River as the official beginning of His public ministry. Our Baptism is the introduction to a life with Christ, a life which is highlighted, fed, enriched, by the Seven Sacraments. Those moments and dimensions of human life are glimpses of the divine. Like Peter, James, and John, in the scene on Mount Tabor recounted for us in last week’s Gospel, we have the privilege through Baptism, of glimpsing the divine in many sacramental moments of life. As is our quarterly custom, we will celebrate the two Sacraments of Weakness as part of our Lenten journey. We will reflect on our redemption in Jesus from the posture of our physical limitations in the Anointing (9-10 March) and from the posture of our character flaws in Reconciliation (17-18 March).

With regard to other sacraments, particularly First Communion, Individual Reconciliation, and Confirmation, please let us know if anyone in your household or family would like to help in preparing to celebrate these. Just contact me or one of the Parish Council Chairs, Scott Nall for Saint Ignatius, or Sarah Fellows for Saint Ambrose.

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@gmail.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.

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!

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, 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

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**.

STEWARDSHIP

"To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:16

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$120,512.20
In-Pew Collection 2/25	\$1,978.00
Online (2/20-2/26)	\$610.00
FYTD Total:	\$123,100.20

Does my own use of time, talent, and treasure reflect my true priorities? In other words, do I have a marketplace mentality – *me centered* – or do I have a stewardship mentality – *other centered*?

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

In this time of [#Lent](#), let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes. [#GeneralAudience](#)

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED

St. Paul School in Big Clifty (Grayson County) is looking for a part-time Spanish teacher for next year. Certification not required. Need a working knowledge of both Spanish and English. Those interested, contact the school at 270-242-7483.



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

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER

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

