

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

# 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, 30 March  
Robert Anthony Brown

Sunday, 31 March  
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &  
St. Clare

St. Clare Noon (Intentions  
Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 3 April  
Robert Anthony Brown

Thursday, 4 April  
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &  
St. Clare

Saturday, 6 April  
Micah Taylor  
Mary Mudd

Sunday, 7 April  
Joe Spinney

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.*

**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Year B; 30 March 2024**  
**Readings for Liturgy of the Word on the Vigil**

<b>I.</b> <u>Genesis</u> 1:1-2:2	<b>III.</b> <u>Exodus</u> 14:15-15:1	<b>V.</b> <u>Isaiah</u> 55:1-11	<b>VII.</b> <u>Ezekiel</u> 36:16-28
Psalm 104	Exodus 15:2-18	Isaiah 12:2-6	Psalm 51
<b>II.</b> <u>Genesis</u> 22:1-18	<b>IV.</b> <u>Isaiah</u> 54:5-14	<b>VI.</b> <u>Baruch</u> 3:9-4:4	
Psalm 16	Psalm 30	Psalm 19	
<u>Romans</u> 6:3-11; <u>Psalm</u> 118; <u>Mark</u> 16:1-7 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!”			

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** O God Who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in Your church a Spirit of adoption so that renewed in body and mind, we may render You undivided service, through Christ our Lord. .....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Accept we ask O Lord, the prayers of Your people with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal mysteries may by the working of Your power, bring us to the healing of eternity, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Pour out on us O Lord the Spirit of Your love and in Your kindness, make those You have nourished by this Paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart, through Christ our Lord.....

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Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; I Corinthians 5:6-8; Sequence; John 20:1-9  
“*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*”

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** O God Who on this day through Your only begotten Son have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's resurrection, may through the renewal brought by Your Spirit, rise up in the light of life, through Christ our Lord. .....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord. we offer the sacrifice by which Your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Look upon Your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favor so that renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the Resurrection, through Christ our Lord.....



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN**

As is our custom, we are printing the assigned readings and prayers in the parish bulletin. Our purpose is so that we can literally “take something home with us,” and perhaps review them in private prayer. It should be no surprise that, as last weekend and this weekend form the center-piece of our year, there is a proliferation of these passages. Note especially that there are seven (not counting three more at Mass) on the Vigil of Easter. We proclaim those in concentrated form at Church, but encourage the full form at home.

Another item which is very rich in meaning and beauty but can easily be overlooked because it is solely at the Vigil Service is the Easter Proclamation, better known as the Exsultet. It is sung, not usually recited, by deacon, priest, or bishop; we presented the words for reflection last week. The text is different from that found in the Missalette (Saints Clare and Ignatius, pp. 146-149, Saint Ambrose, pp. 40-43). This one is from the Missal of Pope Paul VI which I learned for ordination; the Missalette has text from the Missal of Pope John Paul II, issued in more recent years. May all among us know the grace and Joy of the Risen Jesus.

## 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](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.

### ST. CLARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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, (Charles) Dave Hart** (husband of Donna Hart), **Ann Higdon**

*Please send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at [vahplans@live.com](mailto:vahplans@live.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

**April Birthdays:** Rachel Hart – 04/01; Jim Decker – 04-04(1938); Maggie Stuecker – 04/09; Kaylee Arnold – 04/11; Calvin Skees – 04/28; Bobby Jones – 04/29; Lucy Arnold – 04/30

**April Anniversaries:** Bobby & Kay Jones – 04/19: In Memory of Steven Jones – 04/21

### ST AMBROSE HISTORY



Picture of St. Ambrose Church circa 1970 prior to the addition of the steeple, provided by Don Waters

### 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](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

## STEWARSHIP

*“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* Acts 10:38

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$134,421.20
In-Pew Collection 3/24	\$2,654.00
Online (3/21-3/25)	\$345.00
<b>FYTD Total:</b>	<b>\$137,420.20</b>

St. Clare (3/24): \$571.00

An astute observer once defined stewardship as “preaching by example.” Christ's good works, His example, remain His most eloquent preaching. The same is true for us.

## VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis**   
@Pontifex

*The roots of our faith are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, in death, made hope spring up. He opened the way to heaven; He gave us eternal life; He brought us salvation. [#HolyWeek](#)*



**Archbishop Shelton Fabre**  
@ArchbishopFabre

*“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon whom I have put my Spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street” (Is 42:1-7). Nonviolence is Jesus' way.*

## 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.

**“Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.”**

– FLOYD W. TOMKINS



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