

1 September 2024

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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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**Church Website**  
[saintambrosechurchcecilia.com](http://saintambrosechurchcecilia.com)

## *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, 31 August

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

### Sunday, 1 September

Judy Cleaver

### St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions

Announced at Mass)

### Wednesday, 4 September

Micah Taylor

### Thursday, 5 September

Randy Mudd

### Saturday, 7 September

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

### Sunday, 8 September

Jerome Delphine & Othel Marie Skees

*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.*

## XXIIInd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 1 September, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; James 1:18; Mark 7:1-23

*"Hear me all of you and understand: Nothing which enters one from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defiles."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of Your name so that by deepening our sense of reverence, You may nurture in us what is good and, by Your watchful care keep safe what You have nurtured, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** May this sacred offering O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power, through Christ our Lord .....

**Prayer after Communion:** Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table we beseech You Lord, that being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve You in our neighbor, through Christ our Lord...

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### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

If there is one deficiency which we as Catholics face, it is not knowing our religious truths better. There are certainly exceptions, but most of us, when asked questions or entering conversations with neighbors or co-workers about religion find ourselves uncomfortable. Our acquaintances from Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and other backgrounds often seem to be more knowledgeable about faith and religion; for example, non-Catholic christians often are much more familiar with Bible passages.

A major reason for this, it seems to me, is that the primary form of instruction which Catholics received for about a century (c. 1870-1970) was through memorizing answers to specific questions. We called it catechism lessons, and it consisted of the repetitive recitation of information, in which understanding was not the most important element. (We took the same approach to prayer). For about the last quarter of the twentieth century, we worked on a new approach to religion classes. In contrast to memorizing, the method of learning included much more discussion; we dealt more with concepts such as the love of God and neighbor, and how that is experienced rather than just talked about. This approach was valuable, but in my opinion, it fell a bit short, because it produced a generation of Catholics who were unfamiliar with much of the specific content of our faith. When St. John Paul II had been pope for about fifteen years, there was a movement to return to a catechism approach; in 1992, he promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church, one of the authors of which became his successor as Pope Benedict XVI. This is an enormous contribution to religious instruction. However, it is prepared more for scholars and authors of classroom material, and not-so-much for the general reader.

As a Pastor in the 1980s, I was also sensing the need for a volume of content that could be readily accessible to students and teachers of all ages in parish or school religious education settings. I developed this curriculum around twelve topics and with considerable help from volunteers, typed the outlines and notes, and utilized them in a parish program; then I filed them away.....until about five years ago. While they were still in paper copy, they were stolen when my car was vandalized in August 2019. Miraculously, they were retrieved and since then, a new crew of volunteers has been helping me. Revised versions of ten of these lessons have now been completed and electronically stored. I have also done vocal presentations of a few of the lessons which have been recorded on Facebook and YouTube platforms. I expect to do more of these in the near future. I am happy, too, to make the lessons available to you in paper copy; just ask.

# Celebrate!

**September Birthdays:** David O. Hart – 09/01; Gerry Skees – 09/2; Cathryn Kay (granddaughter of Larry and Lisa Ellis) – 09/03; Lisa Ellis – 09/04; Mary Becker and Brody Warner (Grandson of Donna Hart) – 09/19; Brianna Cetta – 09/27; Christine Beeler – 09/30

**September Anniversaries:** Paul & Belinda Stuecker – 09/18; John & Bernice Catlett – 09/19

## Prayer Requests

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

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

## 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, 10 September 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, 13 September.** 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)

## PARISH COUNCIL



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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **11 September at 6:15PM**. All are welcome to attend.

## STEWARSHIP

*“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above....[God] willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” James 1:17-18*

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$20,413.53
In-Pew Collection (8/25)	\$2,797.00
Online (8/20 – 8/26)	\$885.00
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FYTD Total:	\$24,095.53
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Feeding America:	\$152.00

Every gift we have comes from God. In recognition of this fact, we are invited to return the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure to God.

## RECENT AND CURRENT PARISH OFFERINGS

### 2024 Peter's Pence Collection

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to the Peter's Pence Collection, in the amount of \$450.00, which represents 15% of an average weekend offering. The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. For more information, visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

## VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis**   
@Pontifex

*Dear brothers and sisters, let us unite our hearts and efforts, so that the seas and deserts may become not cemeteries but places where God can open paths to freedom and fraternity.*



**Archbishop Shelton Fabre**  
@ArchbishopFabre

*“Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love” St. Augustine, pray for us.*

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER



Chicken Quarter  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Green Beans  
Roll  
Soda  
\$11/meal

**Sunday, 9/15/24 from 10AM-2PM**

Drive-thru behind K of C Hall  
312 East Main St, Vine Grove  
POC John Pike 270-307-1499

## LOUISVILLE CURSILLO ANNIVERSARY

The Louisville Cursillo Movement is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, 5431 Johnsontown Road, Louisville. We will have a mass followed by a reception in the church hall. We would like to invite all Cursillistas, family members and friends. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to Cathy Reising (502) 727-9067. For more information, contact Cathy or visit our website at [www.louisvillecursillo.org](http://www.louisvillecursillo.org).

## **HAPPY LABOR DAY!**



*Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.*