

14 April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



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, 13 April

Randy Mudd

Sunday, 14 April

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

Wednesday, 17 April (St. Ignatius)

Libby Ross

Thursday, 18 April

Judy Cleaver

Saturday, 20 April

James H. Brown
Barbara Brown Castle
Harl Brown
Jessie Brown

Sunday, 21 April

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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 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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Acts of the Apostles 3:13-19; Psalms 4; 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:32; Luke 24:35-48

"Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)

Collect or Opening Prayer: May Your people exult forever O God in renewed youthfulness of spirit so that rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we make look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection, through Christ our Lord

Prayer Over the Offerings: Receive O Lord we pray, these offerings of Your exultant Church, and as You have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Look with kindness upon Your people O Lord and grant we pray that those You were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

If I asked for a one-word summary of the Scriptural themes at our Masses of the weeks between Easter and Pentecost (10 May), I would choose excitement. If I were to pick two more words, they would probably be affirmation and perhaps humor.

We have a passage from the Acts of Apostles every Sunday and many weekdays. And, even though we see the Apostles experiencing some trial and persecution, they cope well with it (even rejoice in it), because they are so excited and successful at spreading the message which Jesus sent them to proclaim. They cannot know the outcome, that the following of Christ will be a global phenomenon; but they believe, and more importantly, they are joyously doing the will of the Savior Who inspires them.

One of these Apostles, John, aka, the Beloved, will live longer than any of the others.....maybe as much as sixty years after the death of Jesus. And, in his later years, he will write, and write, and write - a Gospel, three Letters, and the Book of Revelations. His First Letter, though brief, is full of 'the power of positive thinking.' We will hear passages every week until the Sunday after Ascension (12 May). Saint John knows very personally the powerful effect that the Love of Christ can have on the human spirit; and, he writes beautifully about it, to our benefit.

The last chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel is one that is alive with excitement and, I think, humor. This is the chapter that begins with the women at the empty tomb. And goes on to describe several encounters with the risen Jesus. In today's selection, the followers are still astounded and maybe skeptical at seeing and hearing Jesus. To counter that, He says in effect: "Give me something to eat, and I'll show you that I'm not a ghost!"

The bubbling water of our sanctuary fountains provides an audible reminder that the somber days of Lent and Holy Week have passed. Let us now hear the lively and life-giving messages of the Saving Word of God proclaimed in our worship and our prayer.

PARISH NEWS

MASS CHANGE!!

The Baccalaureate Mass celebrating all high school, college, or trade school graduates has changed location to **St. Ignatius** on **Wednesday, 17 April at 5:30 PM**. Everyone is invited to a reception at the St. Ignatius Parish Hall following Mass.

The usual Wednesday weekday Mass at St. Ambrose is canceled. Join us at St. Ignatius!

CHURCH WEBSITE

Go online to saintambrosechurchcecilia.com to see the updated parish website. There are pictures of progress on the church renovation project, a link to online giving, current and past bulletins, and more!

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, Ann Higdon**

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at vahplans@live.com



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

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, 14 May 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, 10 May**. 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

STEWARDSHIP

“Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?”” Luke 24:38

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$141,842.20
In-Pew Collection (4/7)	\$3,100.00
Online (4/01-04/08)	\$565.00
FYTD Total:	\$145,507.20

St. Clare (4/07): \$852.00

The first disciples were people who witnessed the risen Christ in the flesh. It was only when they gave themselves completely to Christ that their doubts and fears were released. To be the stewards that Jesus desires, we too must give ourselves completely to Him.

Catholic Relief Services

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to the Catholic Relief Services in the amount of \$525.00, which represents 15% of an average weekend offering. Funds from this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor

immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through this collection, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized.

Holy Land Collection

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to the Holy Land Collection, in the amount of \$305.00. This money was collected from the parish at the Good Friday service. This annual collection supports Christians and holy places in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical (i.e., requested by Pope Francis) Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines, and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please see www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

ONLINE GIVING

You can still give through traditional methods, but now you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Scan me!



Here are four ways to give:

1. Text 'Give' to 270-671-9324
2. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera
3. Enroll Online:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

The joy of the Resurrection is ours, because it was given to us on the day of our Baptism. May we embrace the joy of this #EasterSeason! Let us hasten to seek out the Risen Christ in the Eucharist, in His forgiveness, in prayer, and in charitable deeds.



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

Peter and the Apostles refused to stop teaching in the name of Jesus, saying, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:27–33). Are we prepared to obey God's laws even when they are contradicted by society's laws and customs?

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 **1 May at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH MESSAGING

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!

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

