

15 September 2024

Twenty-fourth 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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**Priest Administrator**  
**Reverend Benedict J. F. Brown**

**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, 14 September**

Deceased Members of the Stuecker Family

### **Sunday, 15 September**

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

### **Wednesday, 18 September**

Randy Mudd

### **Thursday, 19 September**

Harold Smith & Jeffrey Smith

### **Saturday, 21 September**

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

### **Sunday, 22 September**

Rebecca Skees Reynolds

*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.*

## XXIVth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 15 September 2024

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 116; James 2:14-18; Galatians 6:14; Mark 8:27-35

*“Jesus asked them ‘But who do you think that I am?’ Peter said to Him in reply, ‘You are the Christ’.”*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Look upon us, O God, Creator and Ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of Your mercy, grant that we may serve You with all our heart, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Look with favor on our supplications, O Lord, and in Your kindness accept these, Your servants’ offerings, that what each has offered to the honor of Your Name may serve the salvation of all, through Christ our Lord .....

**Prayer after Communion:** May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us, through Christ our Lord .....



### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

In these waning days of Summer, as we anticipate our entry into Autumn and Winter, I find it rather natural to focus my reflection on renewal. That dynamic is very much evident in all three of our communities: the parishes of Saint Ambrose and Saint Ignatius, and the Oratory of Saint Clare. Let’s take a brief look in reverse order. At Saint Clare in Colesburg, the asphalt around the church building was re-sealed and re-striped back in the Spring. The lane through the cemetery was re-rocked at that time and is scheduled to receive asphalt and sealing this month. At Saint Ignatius in White Mills, bids are being reviewed for the restoration of the church windows and the renewal of the stained glass from the abstract geometric pattern to inspirational imaging on biblical and religious themes.

At Saint Ambrose in Cecilia, the historic renovation has been under way since the beginning of the calendar year. On Ash Wednesday (14 February) Mass was celebrated in the parish hall for the first time, a practice which will continue until such time as we can resume our celebrations in church. Each week we see ourselves moving closer to that happy moment. Specifically, we can note the following steps (and this is not a complete list): doors, steps, and walkways; asbestos abatement; plumbing and electricity; dry-wall and insulation; arching beams and trim work inside; painting of chimney, gutters, and downspouts outside; sowing and cultivating of grass; pews, cabinets, sanctuary furniture which are being built at off-site locations. Naturally, it seems like this work is taking a long time; it is. However, patience is the key to doing any job thoroughly.

I also want to point out the spiritual dimension of all this renewal. For nearly ten years now, our Holy Father Pope Francis I has promoted the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” on 1 September, which begins “the Season of Creation,” which concludes on 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Pope encourages us to *“reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”*

Toward that end, we will have our quarterly celebration of the Sacraments of Weakness as follows:

Anointing	22-23 September	St. Ambrose & St. Ignatius
Reconciliation	29-30 September	St. Ambrose & St. Ignatius
Both	6 October	St. Clare Oratory

## FAMILY-CENTERED FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

St. Ambrose faith formation is a family-centered program that provides families with age-appropriate materials for your children to learn about their faith at home on your own schedule. There are no class times (with the exception of Confirmation) and families can choose to participate in service activities that are offered through the parish twice a month if they choose. If your child is in need of a Sacrament, Father Ben will work one-on-one with your family (except Confirmation - see details below) in addition to the materials you work on at home. To sign up to get faith formation materials for the 2024-25 school year, contact Sarah Fellows at [sarahcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com) or 502-419-0681.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A new Confirmation prep class is beginning this year for high school age youth. Catechist Rita French leads this two-year program that happens during the school year in classes that meet twice a month. Any youth interested in joining the St. Ambrose/ St. Ignatius class to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Rita French at [Rljfrench@gmail.com](mailto:Rljfrench@gmail.com) or Sarah Fellows at 502-419-0681.



**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;

**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@live.com](mailto:vahplans@live.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL



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

## 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, 8 October 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, 11 October.** 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)

## VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis** 🇻🇳  
**@Pontifex**

*Let us not be afraid to make ourselves small before God and each other. May we give our lives, spend our time, and make sacrifices to help our brothers and sisters live better and be happy! [#ApostolicJourney](#)*

## STEWARDSHIP

*“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?” James 2:14*

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$27,841.53
In-Pew Collection (9/8)	\$2,346.00
Online (9/2 – 9/9)	\$520.00
FYTD Total:	\$30,707.53

Saint James poses this bold question because he believes this basic tenant of Christian stewardship – all are called to share their gifts in love and justice with others to build up God’s kingdom.

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](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb)
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



### Did you know?

Catholic Charities will be resettling 188 refugees in our community before the end of September! We need your help to make sure we welcome them to a nice home. We are in urgent need of:

- Brooms and dust pans

- Mops and mop buckets
- Kitchen trash cans
- Pillows and Twin sheets
- Toilet cleaner and brushes



If you can help by donating any of these items, please email us at [donations@archlou.org](mailto:donations@archlou.org). You can buy them from our Amazon Wishlist (QR code found on the right) and they will ship the items right to us. We appreciate your support!

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 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 Johnstown 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).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER



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

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

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