

16 February 2025
Sixth 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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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, 15 February
Leo & Bernadette Mudd

Sunday, 16 February
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &
St. Clare

Wednesday, 19 February
Randy Mudd

Thursday, 20 February
Katie G. Lewis

Saturday, 22 February
Thomas Clark & William Harris

Sunday, 23 February
Elsie Stith Strader
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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Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalms 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:23; Luke 6:17-26

"Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in heaven."

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, Who teach us that You abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to You, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do Your will the source of eternal reward, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord that we may always long for that food by which we truly live, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

The Season of Lent does not begin until next month; Ash Wednesday is on 5 March. So, we have this weekend and two more remaining in Ordinary Time. Even so, our readings are clearly pointing the way to Lent, especially last week when we saw both Saint Peter and the great prophet Isaiah speaking of their personal sinfulness. Today, we find Saint Paul writing of the redemption which we will celebrate in the greatest Solemnity of the Year – The Easter Triduum. But we are getting way too far ahead of ourselves.

Before we come to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Seasons of Lent, Easter, and the Post Easter Solemnities, which will take us into the summer months, let's notice the two phases of Ordinary Time; we are in Phase One now. This year, Phase One has Eight Sundays; Easter is very "late." Phase Two will begin with the Ninth Monday, but not until we have celebrated the great Solemnity of Pentecost on 8 June. This second phase will take us the rest of the year all the way down to November and the final Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This "Liturgical Cycle" may seem complicated and it is, but it is really quite beautiful, and I believe, a great aid to the spiritual life. I have written a chapter about it, with fairly thorough explanations. I am happy to give one to you upon request.

Lessons about the core elements of our Catholic faith can come in many forms. As this calendar year progresses, both Saint Ignatius and Saint Ambrose will see the installation of stained-glass windows, a much-loved tradition in church furnishing. The windows to be installed at Saint Ignatius will have scenes from the Life of Christ which will help us to grow in our knowledge and love of the Bible. Those at Saint Ambrose will focus on the Grace available to us in the sacramental life of the Church. The contract for Saint Ignatius' purchase has been approved. The installation at Saint Ambrose (under contract for over a year now) is expected to begin next month.

PARISH NEWS

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 or 502-419-0681.

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for fellowship, donuts and refreshments after the Sunday morning mass on March 2nd.

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, 11 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, 14 March**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502.419.0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

ROOM IN THE INN

Room in the Inn winter shelter runs through the end of February. We are teaming up with St. James every Wednesday and will provide snacks for the guests.

We need donations of high protein snacks (jerky, nutrition bars, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, etc) and hydration drinks (Gatorade, etc) in either bottle form or individual powder packets. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass. We can also arrange pick up if needed.

The shelter is also in need of volunteers to stay during the day and overnight.

Please contact **Sarah Fellows** at 502-419-0681 with any questions.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

FEBRUARY PROJECTS



Seeking RED foods for St. Vincent de Paul. No glass, no expired items, and no items containing Red #40 or Red #3.



St. Mary Recycle Mission in Lancaster, PA, collects certain religious articles for needed churches. Crucifixes, statues (any size), rosaries (damaged ok), candle holders, Holy medals and cards, framed religious pics, used musical instruments, prayer books and Bibles. POC: **Mary Becker** 502.269.0888

STEWARDSHIP

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

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| Previous Total | \$108,419.53 |
| In-Pew Collection (2/9) | \$2,494.00 |
| Online (2/4 - 2/10) | \$395.00 |
| FYTD Total: | \$111,308.53 |

God's will for our lives is for us to be blessed. Blessed means to be happy, content and at peace. Our faithful trust in Him gives us the courage to venture out boldly to live the kind of life He has called us to live - lives filled with His blessings and a willingness to share those blessings with others.

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 **5 March at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognise His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world. [#GeneralAudience](#)



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other" Lk 16:13). We cannot love God and money.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Welcome
Strengthen
Empower

LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Kick off the new year by making a difference in our community. Volunteers are in high demand here at Catholic Charities of Louisville! Whether it's serving the hungry at a food pantry, setting up an apartment for the newly resettled, or anything in between, we have an opportunity for you.

For a list of all of our opportunities, please visit <https://cclou.org/volunteer-2/> or scan the code with your phone's camera and click the link that pops up.



K of C Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus is hosting a grilled chicken quarters dinner on February 16 from 10AM-2PM. There will be a drive thru behind the K of C Hall at 312 E Main St, Vine Grove. Meal consists of Grilled Chicken Quarters, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Soda for \$11/meal.



On Fat Tuesday, March 4th, join Catholic Charities of Louisville at Rouler! (roo-LAY), a Mardi Gras party to support Catholic Charities.

Come on out to Mellwood Art Center from 5:30 – 9:00pm and enjoy authentic New Orleans food, music, and an open bar. Along with gaming, silent auction, and a bourbon pull, it is sure to be a night to remember.

All-inclusive tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at: <https://cclou.org/mardigras2025/>



February Birthdays: Brenda Bush – 02/02; Allison Stuecker – 02/04; Sharon Kennedy & Jessica McGuffin – 02/05; Amy Hadden – 02/13; Paula Tymitz – 2/22; Elaine Striegel & Kara Graycarek – 02/23; John Stuecker – 02/25

February Anniversaries: David O. & Virginia Hart – 02/11; Michael & Karen Williams – 02/15; James & Marie Stuecker – 02/26; Charles "Dave" & Donna Hart – 02/28



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