

16 June 2024

Eleventh 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 June

James H. Brown
Barbara Brown Castle
Harl Brown
Jessie Brown

Sunday, 16 June

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

Wednesday, 19 June

Bob & Lillian Hill

Thursday, 20 June

Phillip Thomas

Saturday, 22 June

Rick Miles

Sunday, 23 June

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.

XIth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B; 16 June, 2024

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

“With many such parables, Jesus spoke the Word to them, as they were able to understand it,” (Mark 4:33).

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, strength of those who hope in You, graciously hear our pleas, and since without You mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of Your grace that in following Your commands, we may please You by our resolve and deeds, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: O God, Who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with Your Sacrament, grant we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or spirit, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: As this reception of Your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in You, so it may bring about unity in Your Church, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Well, after sixteen consecutive “named” Sundays, through Lent, Easter, Ascension, and The Post-Easter Solemnities, we return to the Season of Ordinary Time. These are the thirty-three Sundays which do not have a special name, which includes several between Christmas and Lent, and now twenty-two more before the Solemnity of Christ the King in the Fall of the year. I always like to ask: “What’s so ordinary about Ordinary Time?” This question always leads me to reflect on how our faith in Christ can prompt us to discern His Presence, His “extraordinary” Presence in the ordinary experiences of life.

In two of our three major readings from Sacred Scripture today, we learn of one of the most beautiful and helpful images used in the teaching/learning our faith. It is the tree, which Ezekiel uses as a metaphor and Jesus uses in the form of one of His best-loved parables, “the mustard seed.” The tree is seen as providing refreshing shade and a home for birds, as well as a pure source of majestic beauty. I find it also a wonderful image for the church especially with its sacramental system, which in a beautiful way, provides us with refreshment, renewal, and comfort. Among our **Growing In Faith Together** lessons, three are about Sacraments. The first provides an overall introduction to the sacramental system presenting the many symbols which are used. That lesson is called Sacraments of Belonging, and teaches about Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion. We pair the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders as the Sacraments of Promise. Similarly we pair the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation as the Sacraments of Weakness.

As is our quarterly custom, we are taking two consecutive Sundays at this time of seasonal change, to focus on this pair of sacraments. They help us to embrace an understanding of ourselves as a people with physical and emotional limitations, as well as behavioral and character flaws. That understanding, with the Grace of Christ is celebrated, indeed His very Presence is realized in the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation. This deepens our belief that in Jesus, the ‘trunk of our spiritual tree,’ we have a God Who doesn’t say ‘I love you if you are perfect,’ but Who rather says, “I love you even if you are imperfect.”

ANOINTING
Masses of
15 & 16

RECONCILIATION
Masses of
22 & 23

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.

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!

Celebrate!

June Birthdays: Donna Hart - 06/01; Rose Ryan - 06/10; Diane Wittrock - 06/14; Norbert Thompson - 06/25; Diane Stuecker - 6/28

June Anniversaries: Jerome & Gerry Skees - 06/03; Rick Miles - 06/16 (In Loving Memory); Charles & Joyce Solar - 06/21; Chad & Jessica McGuffin - 06/23; Dennis & Lucy Arnold - 06/26; Bob & LaVerne Thomas and Hugh & Mechonda O'Brien - 06/30

Prayer Requests

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

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

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 July 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 July**. 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

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” Mark 4:31-32

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)
Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$171,190.15
In-Pew Collection (6/9)	\$3,266.00
Online (6/04 – 06/11)	\$395.00
FYTD Total:	\$174,851.15

The picture the Lord paints for the disciples was one of hope! Our faith doesn't need to be outwardly large to have a large impact. The tiny mustard seed holds the potential of a 30-foot bush! Likewise, our generosity to others, in ways large and small, has a tremendous impact.

RECENT AND CURRENT PARISH OFFERINGS

2024 Catholic World Missions

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to **Catholic World Missions**, in the amount of \$525.00, which represents 15% of an average weekend offering. This donation supports both the Catholic Home Missions and the international missionary agency, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The donation helps the Church's missionary work, providing monetary assistance for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in the United States, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Donations fund the education and support of seminarians, religious novices, and lay catechists; the work of religious communities in education, health care, and social services; communication and transportation needs; disaster and emergency relief when necessary; and the Church's ministry to children. It is annually offered in conjunction with the great Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Worldwide Church.

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

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

When the #WordOfGod, infused with the Holy Spirit, is received with an open heart, it never leaves things as they were before.



Archbishop Shelton Fabre

@ArchbishopFabre

"God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him" (1 Jn 4:16). We are united with God whenever we have love in our hearts and act accordingly.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

The next Red Cross blood drive will be held at St. James in Batchelder Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 2024. Please give the gift of life by giving a pint of blood for our community.

