

16 November 2025

Thirty-third 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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Reverend Benedict J. F.
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**Church Website
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, 15 November
Micah Taylor

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

Wednesday, 19 November
Leo & Bernadette Mudd

Thursday, 20 November
Christine Courtney

Saturday, 22 November
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Sunday, 23 November
Eddie Thompson

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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Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21:5-19

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither angels in heaven nor even the Son, but only the Father,”
(Matthew 24:36)

Collect or Opening Prayer: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of Your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to You and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness; through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion: We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what Your Son commanded us to do in memory of Him may bring us growth in charity, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

In these weekly columns of late October and November, I have commented on some of the biblical teaching and ecclesiastical tradition regarding “ultimate questions” of life and death. In seminaries and schools of religious studies this is called eschatology or the study of final things. The Prophet Malachi in today’s first reading presents some downright scary imagery of what could await those who end up on the wrong side of the Lord’s judgement. Jesus too, is fairly graphic with His predictions in the Gospel. Saint Paul by contrast, admonishes the community at Thessalonica about some rather mundane issues. Last week though, he was telling them to ignore people who were speaking and writing to them about dire predictions of the end of time. Jesus’ own very clear message in this regard is contained in a passage from Matthew’s account captioned above on this page.

From time to time various people, famous and otherwise seem to go for their “15 minutes” of celebrity status by making predictions regarding the end of the world. Unfortunately, where they succeed is in causing innocent people needless anxiety and worry. The way to take fear out of our thoughts of the next life is of course to live well during this life. This is connected too as I often suggest, with the way in which we remember loved ones who have died. One element of this is our custom of intentional prayer for people who have died. (When we offer a Mass for people who are not deceased, we usually print initials rather than the full name in the bulletin).

The centerpiece of every Mass is remembering Jesus, that is, intentionally keeping His memory alive by our personal pledge to follow Him in our lives. Our custom is to apply the same idea to members of our families and communities. This has the double effect of expressing our affection for our dear ones and making ourselves better people in the process. In June of 1974, Saint Paul VI who served as Pope from 21 June of 1963 until 6 August of 1978, wrote an instruction suggesting that the offering of a donation for a Mass intention was a way of participating in the sacrificial aspect of the Mass. We regularly run an announcement in this regard in the bulletin; please know that the donation is welcome but not essential. If you would like to have loved ones remembered in this customary way, just let us know.

Another part of the legacy of Saint Pope Paul VI, is a document, the first words of which are, *Verbum Dei* or “The Word of God.” This contains the most important teaching about how Roman Catholics value and understand the Holy Bible. This one of four Dogmatic Constitutions produced by The Second Vatican Council, was promulgated by the Pope on 18 November of 1965, sixty years ago this Tuesday.

UPCOMING MINISTER SCHEDULE**Saturday, November 15th 5:30 PM****Lector:** Joey Brown**Eucharistic Minister:** Marianne Sheroan/Cindy Miles**Sunday, November 16th 8:00 AM****Lector:** Emma Raines**Eucharistic Minister:** Ray and Nikki Flores**Saturday, November 22nd 5:30 PM****Lector:** George Tymitz**Eucharistic Minister:** Nancy Kotarski/Joey Brown**Sunday, November 23rd 8:00 AM****Lector:** Charles Thompson**Eucharistic Minister:** Jason Crutcher/Virginia Hart

If any parishioner would like to be added as a Eucharistic minister/Lector please text/call Marianne Sheroan at 270-312-5587

Prayer Requests

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

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

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, 9 December 5:30-7**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

WARM BLESSINGS

The second Friday of the month is our scheduled parish night to pack to-go dinners for those in need. The next volunteer date is **Friday, 12 December**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502-419-0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

The Room in the Inn ministry is looking for more volunteers for the 2025-26 winter season in almost every area: Providing snacks, breakfast items and sack lunches; registration duties; socializing with the guests for 2 hours on Wednesday nights; overnight volunteers, both men and women; cooking breakfast; and many volunteers for the Thursday day shelters.

St. James's schedule this year includes **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day**, where we will need lots of help.

To volunteer or for more information, contact **Mimi Pike**, 270-272-4952, or by email at mimi.pike35@gmail.com



November Birthdays: George Tymitz – 11/04; Carol Johnson – 11/06; Terry Priest – 11/16; Richard Foreman – 11/22; Nikki Cetta – 11/23; Nick Kennedy – 11/24; Michelle Foreman – 11/27

November Anniversaries: Gary & Debbie Lewis and Jonathan & Emilee Rivera – 11/19; Michael & Cassie Akers – 11/23

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2025 Catholic Services Appeal - *Giving Hope to All*

Our Parish Goal: \$19,000

Our Parish Participation Goal: 71 households



SCAN ME

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal. To date, we have raised **\$18,827 (99% of goal)** toward our goal through the support of **52 (73% of goal)** households. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts may be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

CURRENT PROJECT

From today through December 14th, we will collect new or clean, gently used hats, earmuffs, scarves, gloves or mittens, and coats for men, women and children.

This winter wear will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach and Helping Hand of Hope. Please place all donations in the annex.

PARISH COUNCIL



Sarah Fellows, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheroan, Charlie Wise, Jason Crutcher, Kena Cambron, Nikki Cetta, and Ray Flores

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 3 December 2025 after 5:30 Mass. All are welcome to join.

STEWARDSHIP

“And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, [Jesus] said, ‘As for these things you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be one stone upon another which will not be torn down.’” Luke 21:5-6

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2025-2026 \$130,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,518.00

Previous Total	\$60,436.00
In-Pew Collection (11/9)	\$3,213.00
Online (11/4– 11/10)	\$598.00
FYTD Total:	\$64,247.00

Our material world, as wonderful and beautiful as it is, will one day cease to exist. It is a sobering thought, but one that helps us detach from our reliance on things and instead places our reliance on God.

VOCATIONS



Pope Leo XIV

@Pontifex

The poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not a question of “bringing” God to them, but of encountering Him among them. Serving the poor is not a gesture to be made “from above,” but an encounter between equals, where Christ is revealed and adored. #JubileeOfThePoor #DilexiTe

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PORK CHOP DINNER

Who: Knight of Columbus Council 3379

What: Grilled Pork Chop Dinner (drive-thru)

When: Sunday, November 16, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Behind K of C Hall, 312 E. Main St., Vine Grove, KY

How Much: \$11 per meal

Includes **grilled pork chop, baked potato, mac & cheese, dinner roll, and soda.**

Contact **John Pike** at **(270) 307-1499** for more information. Follow **@Knight of Columbus Council 3379** on Facebook for updates!

LONG TERM CARE AWARENESS MONTH

November is Long Term Care Awareness Month.

Did you know that 60% of residents in long-term care facilities NEVER HAVE A VISITOR? Catholic Charities of Louisville's Long-Term Care Ombudsman program looks out for thousands of residents across 15 counties. But to do this, they need volunteers to serve as “Friendly Visitors.”

Visit cclou.org or email Debbie Belt at dbelt@archlou.org to learn how you can help advocate for these residents, give them a voice...or just hold their hand.