

17 November 2024

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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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, 16 November

Deceased Members of the Stuecker Family

Sunday, 17 November

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

Wednesday, 20 November

Patrick Karle

Thursday, 21 November

Deceased of Bolton & Walz Families

Saturday, 23 November

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

Sunday, 24 November

Eddie Thompson
Natalie Thompson Schall

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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Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14; Luke 21: 36; Mark 13:24-32

“...But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

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 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

The longest season of our Liturgical Year, the Season of Ordinary Time, is rapidly winding down; less than two weeks remain. On 30 November, Advent begins and we start not only a new Season but a brand-new Year of Worship. But lest we get ahead of ourselves, the Church offers us a great moment of climax, the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. This annual transition, bringing one year to a close and opening another, is a time of special prayer and reflection. We consider carefully and prayerfully the ways in which Jesus our Lord and King touches and enriches our lives.

For over twenty years now three churches in southern Hardin County have joined together for ecumenical prayer on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Next Sunday 24 November, Saint Ignatius will host White Mills Baptist and White Mills Christian Churches at 6:00 p.m., for a Service to include Scripture Reading, Special Music, Reflection and Prayer. Whenever we worship ecumenically, that is, joining different denominations together, we are responding positively to the prayer of Jesus Himself, “that they may all be one, Father, as You and I are One,” (John 17:21).

As this bulletin goes to press, the Federal and State Election of 5 November, 2024 goes into the nation’s history, with a clear majority of the votes being cast for Donald J. Trump. He will take the oath of office on 20 January of 2025, becoming only the second President to serve two terms not in succession. President Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd President (1885 – 1889) and as the 24th President (1893 – 1897). President-Elect Trump served as the 45th President (2017 – 2021) and now prepares to serve as the 47th President (2025 – 2029). May Almighty God guide him and the Nation in the preservation of liberty and justice for all.

As this bulletin is going to press, we are preparing to accept a bid for the installation of a much-needed roof on the community hall at Saint Clare Oratory in Colesburg. We had some local bids, but this one, obtained for us by the Archdiocesan Director of Facilities Management, saves a substantial amount and needs no further approval. Details will be in the next Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

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.

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 or Sarah Fellows at 502-419-0681.

Prayer Requests

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

Father God, Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick. We come to You today in faith asking that you heal us from every sickness, disease, and illness. We receive our healing by faith. In Jesus name amen.

Celebrate!

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins....Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.” Hebrews 10:11,18

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025	\$119,924.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,306.00
Previous Total	\$59,779.53
In-Pew Collection (11/10)	\$2,431.00
Online (11/5-11/11)	\$75.00
<hr/> FYTD Total:	<hr/> \$62,285.53

Stewardship is not about guilt, but rather gratitude and service. The motto for stewardship is not, “give until it hurts,” but “give until it feels good.”

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Catholic Services Appeal
Bringing Christ to Others

Our Parish Goal: \$18,200

Our Parish Participation Goal: 71 households



SCAN ME

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. To date we have raised **\$12,310 (68% of goal)** toward our goal through the support of **35 (49% 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 or using the camera on your phone to scan the QR code.

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, 10 December 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, 13 December**. 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

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Assisting the vulnerable is always a privilege, because theirs is the

Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 5:3). Each time we approach a vulnerable person and offer our help, we have the opportunity to touch the flesh of Christ.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Welcome
Strengthen
Empower

In this season of thanks, Catholic Charities is very thankful for our incredible parish support.

Over the last year we had over 50 groups of volunteers from local parishes and schools. We received donations from over 50 different drives coming from our local Catholic community. And a large chunk of the 21,000+ service hours logged were accumulated by our Catholic community. We cannot do our work for the poor and vulnerable without your support. Thank you so much!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

November 17, 2024, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Drive thru behind K of C Hall
312 East Main St., Vine Grove, Ky.

Battered Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, Green Beans with Potatoes Roll, Soda \$11.00 per meal

* Active Duty & Retired Military Eat Free

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

When: Thursday, November 28th, 2024 12:30-1:30 pm
Who: Sponsored by area churches and Helping Hand of Hope

Where: 401 Robinbrooke Boulevard, E-town

Meals available to families or individuals unable to prepare a meal of their own. Delivery, carryout or dine-in is available.

Call to **Request** 270-769-3092

Volunteer to prepare, serve or deliver meals. Call 270-268-6246

Donate to the Thanksgiving Dinner. Call 270-268-6246

TESTIFY MUSICAL PROGRAM

You are invited to wrap up your Thanksgiving weekend by joining Testify for its annual Advent/Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 1st 4PM at St. John. This year we will be sharing "Christmas Favorites." Immediately after, stay for some delicious desserts in the St. John Parish Hall.