

18 August 2024

Twentieth 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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[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, 17 August

James H. Brown  
Barbara Brown Castle  
Harl Brown  
Jessie Brown

### Sunday, 18 August

Jodie Decker Hart  
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &  
St. Clare

### Wednesday, 21 August

Randy Mudd

### Thursday, 22 August

Judy Pittman Nall

### Saturday, 24 August

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

### Sunday, 25 August

Charles & Lucille Mattingly

*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.*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** O God Who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts with the warmth of Your love, so that loving You in all things and above all things we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Receive our oblation O Lord by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that by offering what You have given, we may merit to receive Your very self, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Made partakers of Christ through these sacraments we humbly implore Your mercy Lord, that conformed to His image on earth, we may merit also to be His coheirs in heaven, through Christ our Lord.....

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#### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN**

One element of our Catholic teaching and practice which is universal, but at the same time specific to particular nations and cultures, is the observance of Holy Days of Obligation. So, the list of six which we have kept in the United States, for example, may differ from those observed in Mexico or Poland or Great Britain. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary Into Heaven was observed on Thursday of this past week. When Pope Pius XII established this day to honor Mary, it was with great ceremony and festivity in Rome on 15 August of 1950; and it was greeted with joy all over the world, but particularly in the United States. As Americans, we like to have popular input into our governance; we call it the democratic (notice the lower-case d) process. And that was used in this case. Study groups and discussions were held in parishes, schools, seminaries, convents, etc., and from that ground-swell was expressed our assumption that Mary, who like Our Lord experienced human death, but who went immediately to Heaven where she reigns as Queen of all the Saints. One week from today, we observe her Coronation, not as a Holy Day in the same sense, but as the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.

In recent days, multiple members of our parishes have made fervent prayers that Our Blessed Mother would welcome our loved ones to Heaven. Debbie Cripps, mother of Megan O'Daniel of Saint Ambrose was buried on 9 August; Judy Pittman Nall, mother of Jason Nall of Saint Ignatius, was buried on 12 August; Larry Dupont, brother of Gail Dupont Hunt of Saint Ignatius was buried on 13 August; Edith Brown Finch, sister of Father Ben Brown, was buried on 17 August; and Geneva Skees Hatfield, sister of Calvin Skees of Saint Ambrose and of Violet Skees Stith of Saint Ignatius will be buried on Monday of this week. May they rest in peace.

Another who will welcome us and our loved ones into heaven is Saint Clare of Assisi, who has been in heaven for well-over 900 years. Last Sunday, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Oratory Church named in her honor, with a Mass presided over by Archbishop Shelton Fabre and attended by a congregation in excess of 250 people. Many, especially those who do not attend monthly Masses at Saint Clare, remarked at the beauty of the church and the grounds, as well as the wonderful hospitality and reception provided by the many volunteers. We are grateful too, for Don Waters' research and presentation on the history of faith in Colesburg. I was personally very proud of all that was accomplished on this historic day.

## PARISH NEWS

### 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CLARE ORATORY

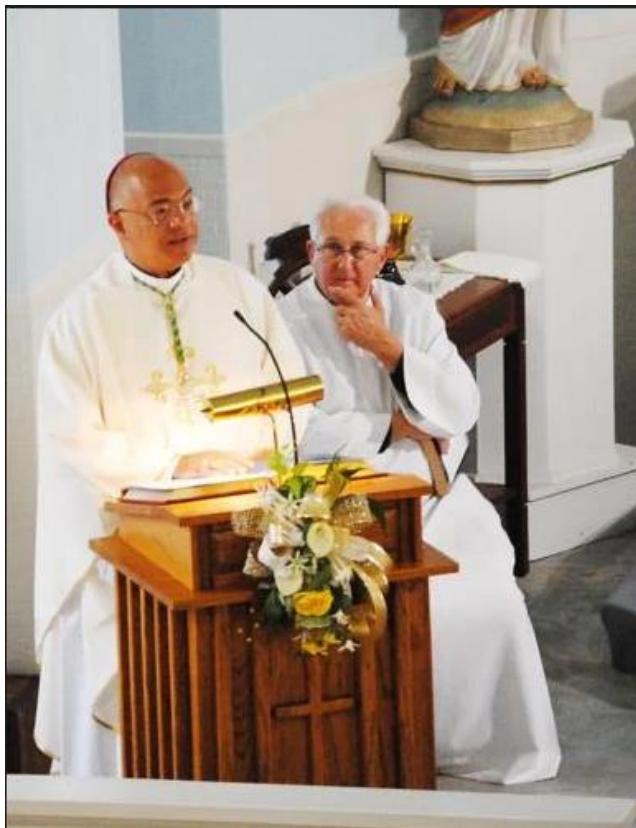


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# Celebrate!

**August Birthdays:** Dennis Arnold & Joe Stuecker – 08/07; Ruth Meredith – 08/08/; Monica Ruehling – 08/14; Brian Fellows & Paul Stuecker – 08/15; Chris Kennedy – 08/17; Charles Solar – 08/20; Virginia Hart – 08/22; Patricia A. Brown – 08/24; Larry Ellis – 08/26; Chad McGuffin – 08/27; Rita French – 08/29

**August Anniversaries:** n/a

## Prayer Requests

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

*Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at [vahplans@live.com](mailto:vahplans@live.com)*

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 **11 September at 6:15PM**. All are welcome to attend.

## 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 September 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 September**. 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)

### STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51*

### **St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals**

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$15,927.53
In-Pew Collection (8/11)	\$1,933.00
Online (8/6 – 8/12)	\$345.00
<b>FYTD Total:</b>	<b>\$18,205.53</b>

St. Clare (8/11): \$1,949.00 (Maintenance)  
\$ 300.00 (Cemetery)

Jesus gives us a beautiful gift in the Eucharist, one that we have the privilege of receiving weekly, if not daily. We should take time to ponder the magnitude of this gift each time we attend Mass.

Help to #fighthunger –  
every \$1 donated provides 8 lbs of food  
to those in need!



Providing hunger relief in 42 counties of central, south central, and western Kentucky

[www.feedingamericaky.org](http://www.feedingamericaky.org)

The Feeding America donation box is located on the Altar. Your donations are always appreciated.

### **AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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