

19 January 2025
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



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, 18 January
Bob & Lillian Hill

Sunday, 19 January
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Wednesday, 22 January
William Claude Geohagen

Thursday, 23 January
Mike Thomas

Saturday, 25 January
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Sunday, 26 January
Jodie Decker Hart

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 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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Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Thessalonians 2: 14; John 2:1-11

“God has called us through the Gospel, to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, Who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Grant us, O Lord we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished; through Christ, Our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of Your love, and in your kindness make those You have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart; through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Where is the missing Sunday? On our secular calendar, today is the third Sunday of the new year, 2025; however, on our Calendar of Worship we call it the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is simply because the first Sunday of January in 2025 (and every other secular year) falls within the Liturgical Season of Christmas. Also, the second Sunday of the calendar year, almost always is observed as the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the day which marks the close of the Season of Christmas and the opening of what is the longest season on our Calendar of Worship - Ordinary Time; the Lord's Baptism begins His public ministry and begins our new season.

If you find this all a bit perplexing or confusing, you are in good company. The Calendar of Worship centers on the most important day of the year, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, which this year is celebrated on 20 April. Easter, however, is a movable rather than a fixed date on the Calendar of Worship, and this fact has been discussed and debated almost as long as there has been organized faith in Christ. The Council of Nicea which in 325 C.E., gave us the Creed which we still recite, also determined how we would put Easter on our calendar. The date is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Vernal Equinox (i.e., the first day of spring). Once Easter is put on the calendar for a given year, the other dates, such as Ash Wednesday, the Sundays in Ordinary Time, etc., can be fixed. Next week, we will consider this question, 'What is so ordinary about Ordinary Time?'

I would like to highlight another event which is scheduled early in both our calendar year and our year of worship; it is called the Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians and runs 18 – 25 January. That idea of highlighting this week comes from the prayer of Jesus, “that they all may be one,” (John 17:21). We are encouraged during these days to learn about and pray for people whose religious traditions are different than our own.

Earlier this month I had an ecumenical experience which was completely unplanned, but all the more delightful. While being treated for an episode of Vertigo in the Emergency Department of our local hospital, I was prayed for and received the Sacrament of Anointing from our neighbor priest Father Michael Wimsatt, and the Chief Chaplain of the hospital, Reverend Jessica Jasper.

We are led in our Eucharistic Celebration this week and next by Father Michael Greenwell. Let us pray for the Nation as we observe this week, the Inauguration of our 47th President, Donald J. Trump.

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.

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 February 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 February**. 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

Now that we are back in the church, Service and Outreach is resuming! During January, we will collect new or gently used eyeglasses for Lions Club. They accept readers which can be purchased at Dollar Tree for \$1.25.

No broken glasses and no cases, please. There is a collection box in the annex.

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

Prayer Requests

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



January Birthdays: Emma Fellows - 01/02; Raymond Ellis & Belinda Stuecker – 01/06; Charles Thompson – 01/13; Alex Hadden – 01/19; Anna Mattingly – 01/20; Ginny Bowling and Everett Akers (3 yrs. Old) – 01/21; Connor Crutcher – 01/27; Anna Nichols & Laurita Goodrich – 01/28

January Anniversaries: Larry & Lisa Ellis – 01/02;
Walker & Byrle Thomas – 01/11

STEWARDSHIP

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” I Corinthians 12:4-6

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$94,202.53
In-Pew Collection (1/12)	\$1,170.00
Online (01/07—01/13)	\$845.00
FYTD Total:	\$96,217.53

A thankful steward knows that all he or she possesses is the result of God’s grace. What we make of our lives depends on our work, but the talents we possess are gifts from God.

You can still give through traditional methods, but you can also make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

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Here are four ways to give:

1. Text ‘Give’ to 270-671-9324
2. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera
3. Enroll Online:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PORK DINNER

When: 19 January, 10:00 am -2:00 pm

Where: 312 East Main St. Vine Grove (drive-thru behind K of C Hall)

Cost: \$11.00

Meal: Pulled pork, baked beans, baked potato, roll and drink.

SPECIAL DISCIPLES OF JESUS MASS

All are welcome! We hope your family will join us for the Special Disciples of Jesus Mass. We invite all Special Needs family and friends to St. Margaret Mary on Sunday, January 19 at 3PM. We know Mass can be a struggle for many families, so we hope to have a beautiful, unique celebration together where all feel welcome. Just come as you are! Your family will be welcomed with open arms and will hopefully meet other families in similar situations. The Mass will be shorter and geared towards our children. We hope to foster a Catholic community here with fellowship following Mass, so stick around to meet other families and kids. A light reception will follow in the Hospitality Room. For questions, more information or if you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Tara Mattingly at 502-690-2851 or tmattingly@stmm.org

VOCATIONS



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Jesus wants us to be free and happy, so He asks us to stop and listen to the suffering of the voiceless. Fighting exploitation, especially child exploitation, is the path to build a better future for the whole of society.

Heavenly Father, as our nation transitions, we pray for wisdom, unity, and peace to guide our leaders and people. May Your light shine upon us, helping us to come together with compassion and strength, no matter our differences. Surround this land with Your grace, bringing calm to our hearts and hope to our future.