

2 June 2024

The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

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, 1 June

Joseph Harold Smith

Sunday, 2 June

William S. Stovall

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

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions
Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 5 June

Stephanie Robinson

Thursday, 6 June

Randy Mudd

Saturday, 8 June

Micah Taylor

Sunday, 9 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.

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Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 116; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 6:51; Mark 14:12-26

"I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this Bread will live forever."

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption, You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Grant Your church O Lord the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we present here, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Grant O Lord we pray that we may delight for all eternity in that share in Your divine life which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of Your precious Body and Blood, You live and reign forever and ever.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

As children of a loving Father, we have focused our attention on His Power as the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday) and His Love in a community of Persons (Trinity Sunday). Today we highlight the divinity of Jesus in the human experience of His Body and Blood. It is that element of our faith that calls us to become what we eat.....to be the Body and Blood of Christ risen and living in our world today. The gospel selection is familiar to us as the Last Supper. Typical of Mark's approach as the Evangelist with the fewest chapters, he actually combines elements of Palm Sunday with Holy Thursday. He makes sure to include the words of Jesus as He establishes a Holy Communion with us for all time. We repeat those words in every Mass as the Words of Institution.

While Mark's is the second and shortest Gospel, John's is the fourth and longest. His account of the Last Supper highlights the moment when Jesus washes the feet of the Apostles; he does not mention the bread and wine/body and blood at all! However, in his sixth chapter, John records the entire (69 verses) discourse in which Jesus speaks of Himself as our nourishment. He tells too of the negative responses of most of the people who heard Jesus speak that day: "They quarreled among themselves," and "many of His followers turned back and no longer followed Jesus," (John 6:52 & 66). They may have missed the point of the Lord's teaching, but we embrace it as the centerpiece of our faith and worship. And, we will hear that long chapter over five consecutive Sundays this summer (28 July – 25 August).

Many times over the last six decades, this great Feast Day has coincided with the regional project which we know as the Crusade for Children. It is happening this year, and it provides a wonderful illustration of our role as the body of Christ living in our world. The Crusade is a multi-faceted opportunity to serve as Jesus served, the most vulnerable in our midst. We accepted donations at our Masses over recent week-ends, and today our contribution will be announced as part of the donation from all the Catholic parishes of the area, during the on-air portion of the Crusade. With our on-going efforts such as Feeding America and Mother Mary's Helpers, we go far to fulfill the pledge we make when we say "Amen" to the Body and Blood of Christ,: to become what we eat.

Thank you ~ The congregations of Saints Ambrose, Ignatius, and Clare graciously put me at the center of joyous celebrations last weekend, marking the anniversary of the day on which I began priestly ministry 50 years ago. The campuses in Colesburg and White Mills hosted beautifully with substantial help from all three communities. Family and friends from throughout the county and beyond attended and commented profusely on the beauty of our parishes and the warmth of our people. Blustery and dangerous weather was a challenge on Sunday, but in no way diminished your energy and my gratitude. There will be more comments to come from me, but I did not want to wait longer to say Thank You for your generous out-pouring of hospitality and affection. You're wonderful!





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, Kelli Bush, Ann Higdon**

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at 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 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.

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 June 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 June**. 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

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."" Mark 14:22-24

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$166,254.15
In-Pew Collection (5/26)	\$422.00
Online (5/21-5/27)	\$635.00
FYTD Total:	\$167,311.15

St. Clare Collection (5/25): \$1,082.00

The Eucharist illustrates the ultimate model of stewardship – the sharing of God's very self with all who seek Him.

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 **5 June at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend. April meeting notes are enclosed.