

20 October 2024

Twenty-Ninth 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, 19 October

People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius &
St. Clare
Charles & Mary Henning

Sunday, 20 October

Jerome Delphine & Othel Marie
Skees

Wednesday, 23 October

Buddy & Susie Taylor

Thursday, 24 October

Tom Lancaster

Saturday, 26 October

Randy Mudd
Leo & Bernadette Mudd
Jimmy V. Myers

Sunday, 27 October

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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Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalms 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:45; Mark 10:35-45

"The Son of Man came to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to Yours and serve Your majesty in sincerity of heart, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Grant O Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for Your gifts, that, through the purifying action of Your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Grant, O Lord we pray, that benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what You give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal, through Christ our Lord



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Our Second Reading this week-end, three short verses from the "Letter" to the Hebrews, contains a teaching that is essential to any reflection about Jesus. The theme of the entire essay is Jesus as High Priest. The centerpiece, though, is this verse: "*We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way.....*". In their search for the divine before the time of Christ, the Hebrew people, who are our ancestors in faith, found their way to God mainly through what is known as The Law of Moses. That Law, or Torah, was written on scrolls and enshrined in their Tabernacle or Holy of Holies. In their worship, the Temple Priest, also known as a Levite, would enter that sacred space, making an offering of burnt incense, chanting prayers. He did that alone.

We find our way to God no longer through the Law, but through a Person.....Jesus of Nazareth. And the author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that Jesus, the perfect priest, makes the perfect offering, the offering of Himself. That happens on Calvary, where we see Jesus not so much in His divinity, but in His humanity. He does there, what we all must do, He dies. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, all tell us that in that remarkable moment, the huge curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple, was suddenly ripped from top to bottom.

For us then as Christians, it is not only the priest who makes the offering; he does not go into the sanctuary alone. All who are baptized and confirmed are called to make the offering of self in imitation of Jesus. They participate in the Priesthood of Jesus; indeed, Saint Peter himself calls them "a priestly people," (1 Peter 2:9). So, it is not only the priest who lifts the bread and wine at Mass, but also the people who present the bread and wine at Mass, who consecrate, who serve as priest, who make the offering that Jesus did, the offering of self. And as we do, Jesus is truly present right here with us.

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.



October Birthdays: Ruth Naomi Rivera (granddaughter of Hugh and Mechonda O'Brien) – 10/01; Connor Miles – 10/02; Roy Skees – 10/03; Father Ben – 10/06; Bill Edmondson – 10/10; Michael Williams – 10/11; Mauhee Edmondson & Opal Ellis – 10/16; Sarah Fellows – 10/18; Rick Graycarek – 10/20; Trey Stuecker – 10/23; Jake Payton – 10/25; Josey Payton – 10/31

October Anniversaries: Richard & Michelle Foreman – 10/05; Mike & Nikki Cetta – 10/10; Brian & Sarah Fellows – 10/20

Prayer Requests

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”” Mark 10:42-44

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$46,064.53
In-Pew Collection (10/13)	\$2,956.00
Online (10/08-10/14)	\$125.00
FYTD Total:	\$49,145.53

St. Clare (10/26):	Maintenance	\$1,027.00
	Cemetery	\$500.00

Stewardship is an expression of our practical faith. It is not just about how we spend our money, but about how we spend our lives. We are called to spend our lives in service to others.

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, 12 November 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, 8 November**. 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

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



GRILLED PORK CHOP DINNER

Drive thru behind K of C Hall 312 East Main St. Vine Grove. This Sunday, October 20th 10AM - 2 PM

Grilled Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll, and Soda \$11.00 per meal

POC John Pike (270) 307-1499



TEE IT UP FOR SPECIAL NEEDS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sponsored by Knights Of Columbus Council #3379
Saturday, October 26th Shotgun Start 10 AM Doe Valley Golf Course, Brandenburg. Lunch provided by the KC. \$80 per player entry fee (Includes 2 mulligans). Proceeds benefit Special Needs of Hardin County. Limited to 100 players. Sign up early to avoid the waiting list!

Contact Zack Tertel @ 270-734-4530, ZacharyTertel@gmail.com or Shakey Irwin @ 270-268-2324, drirwin@comcast.net



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Women's Club
Saturday, November 2nd, 9AM – 2PM
155 Stringer Lane, Mt Washington

- Come check out the vendors
- Purchase raffle tickets (\$5) for a chance for a Bardstown Weekend Getaway as well as other prizes.
- Chili and hot dogs available to purchase
- Proceeds benefit the church and community charities

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Our Parish Goal: \$18,200

Our Parish Participation Goal: 71 households



Funding provided by the Catholic Services Appeal provided Safe Environment training sessions for 3,144 staff & volunteers who work with children or youth throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville in the past year. If you have not yet responded with a gift, please do so today. Gifts to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal may be made online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA or using the camera on your phone to scan the QR code.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

Let us [#PrayTogether](https://twitter.com/PrayTogether) for those who seek war and those who spark them, stir them up senselessly, prolong them uselessly, or cynically profit from them. May God enlighten their hearts, and set before their eyes the trail of misfortune they cause!