

21 July 2024

Sixteenth 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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Church Website  
[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, 20 July**

Ralph Meredith

### **Sunday, 21 July**

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

### **Wednesday, 24 July**

Micah Taylor

### **Thursday, 25 July**

Billy and Kathy Edwards

### **Saturday, 27 July**

Mary Ellen Bryan

### **Sunday, 28 July**

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.*

**XVIth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 21 July, 2024**  
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:13-18; John 10:27; Mark 6:30-34  
*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Show favor O Lord to Your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of Your Grace that, made in fervent hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping Your commands, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** O God Who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the Law, accept this sacrifice from Your faithful servants and make it holy as You blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of Your majesty may benefit the salvation of all, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Graciously be present to Your people O Lord, and lead those You have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life, through Christ our Lord.....



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN**

The theme of this week-end's liturgy is one which appears on the calendar more than once each year, no matter the cycle of A, B, or C. Just like the story of the Transfiguration which we heard on the second Sunday of Lent and which we will hear again on 6 August, the theme of the Good Shepherd is presented to us today as it was on the Third Sunday of Easter. In Jeremiah, the Psalm (23rd), and the Gospel, we read of this wonderful image. Yahweh chides the leadership in Israel as negligent shepherds; David (the Psalmist) sings of God as the Shepherd Who satisfies all needs; and, Jesus the Good Shepherd feels in His loving heart, great concern for His flock. The visual image of Jesus the Shepherd caring for his flock brings consolation to the many homes where it is kept in reverence.

Last week-end, I spoke of several of the priestly shepherds who have served our Archdiocese and whose anniversaries of death are observed this month. I'll add one more who deserves our remembrance today: Father Joseph McGee. He was Superintendent of Schools for our Archdiocese and Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Louisville when he met an untimely death by a vehicular accident while on vacation in 1988.

Toward a happier thought, I want to introduce you, however vicariously, to a priest whom you will soon meet in person: Reverend Michael Greenwell. He will celebrate several Masses here over the next several months, beginning next week-end. Father Michael grew up in the Okolona section of Jefferson County and graduated from DeSales High School. The Order of Carmelite Priests served DeSales and Michael joined them becoming a priest in 1979. He served in parishes and schools throughout the country including San Francisco and Louisville. For several years, he served as Chaplain to the Jefferson County Police Department. You will enjoy meeting Father Michael, and he will enjoy your questions such as: What does a police chaplain do, what is San Francisco really like, and what is a Carmelite???

## PARISH NEWS

### 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.

### CHURCH WEBSITE

Go online to [saintambrosechurchcecilia.com](http://saintambrosechurchcecilia.com) to see the updated parish website. There are pictures of progress on the church renovation project, a link to online giving, current and past bulletins, and more!



**July Birthdays:** Marianne Sheroan - 07/03; Wanda Peace - 07/10; Lauren Sheroan - 07/12; Bill Thompson - 07/14; Jim Brangers - 07/17; Brenda Skees - 07/22; Larry French & Mary Sennott - 07/29; Charles "Dave" Hart - 07/30.

**July Anniversaries:** Rollin & Laurita Goodrich (64 years) – 07/02; Charlie & Patti Brown – 7/4; Bo & Kathy O'Brien – 07/12 (49 years); George & Paula Tymitz – 07/18; Casey & Kelly Payton – 07/21; Jim & Marcella Brangers – 07/22; David & Monica Ruehling – 07/30.

### *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](mailto:vahplans@live.com)

## 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, 13 August 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, 9 August**. 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)

## PARISH COUNCIL



**Sarah Fellows, Rick Thomas, Rita French, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheroan, Charlie Wise, Jason Crutcher, and Joe House**

## VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis** ✓  
[@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex)

May [#OurLadyOfMountCarmel](#) comfort and obtain [#Peace](#) for all peoples who are oppressed by the horror of war. Please, let us not forget tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar. Let us [#PrayTogether](#) for peace.



**Archbishop Shelton Fabre**  
[@ArchbishopFabre](https://twitter.com/ArchbishopFabre)

*"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike" (cf. Mt 11:25–27). God's grace fills the hearts of those who are humble and open to his love.*

## STEWARDSHIP

*“The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.” Mark 6:30-31*

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$3,598.53
In-Pew Collection (7/14)	\$2,005.00
Online (7/09 – 07/15)	\$1,145.00
<b>FYTD Total:</b>	<b>\$6,748.53</b>

Stewardship does not mean you should pack your life full of more and more activities until there is no time left. Christ tells us to take a break once in a while. Part of stewardship of time is time to rest.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLE



### LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



This Summer, volunteers are in high demand here at Catholic Charities of Louisville! Whether it's serving the hungry at a food pantry, setting up an apartment for the newly resettled, or anything in between, we have an opportunity for you.

For a list of all of our opportunities please visit <https://cclou.org/volunteer-2/> or scan the QR code to take you to the page (scan with your phone's camera and click the link that appears). To get started, just fill out the application on that page. For any questions about volunteering, please reach out to Karen Pate at

[kpate@archlou.org](mailto:kpate@archlou.org). We cannot do this without YOUR help.



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### NCSC – National Catholic Singles Conference

Looking to meet faithful single Catholics? **August 16th-18th, 2024** - Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 23rd National Conference for Single Catholics in Las Vegas, Nevada (or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions).

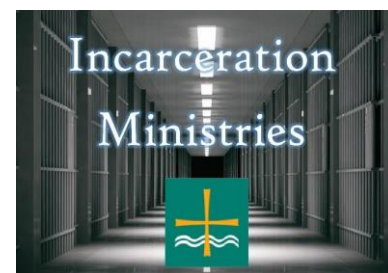
This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages! The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH24 for a discount.)

Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

### Incarceration Ministries Training Event

The [Archdiocesan Family and Life Ministries Office](#)

is pleased to offer a comprehensive training event for those interested in ministering to the many incarcerated populations throughout the Archdiocese.



The event is **FREE** and will be held at the **St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center** at 1365 Girard Avenue, Louisville, KY on **Saturday August 3** from **9:00 AM until 3:00 PM**, with a working lunch provided.

To register for this free event, please contact Stephanie Sanchez at the Archdiocese Family and Life Ministries Office at either [ssanchez@archlou.org](mailto:ssanchez@archlou.org) or (502) 471-2129.