

22 September 2024

Twenty-fifth 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, 21 September

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

### Sunday, 22 September

Rebecca Skees Reynolds

### Wednesday, 25 September

Buddy & Susie Taylor

### Thursday, 26 September

Jimmy Myers

### Saturday, 28 September

Timmy Thomas

### Sunday, 29 September

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.*

## XXVth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 22 September, 2024

Wisdom 2:12-20; Psalms 54; James 3:16-4:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Mark 9:30-37

*"God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** O God, Who founded all the commands of Your Sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping Your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Receive with favor O Lord, we pray, the offerings of Your people that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these mysteries, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Graciously raise up, O Lord, those who You renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess Your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life, through Christ our Lord.....



### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

In last week's bulletin, I referred, if somewhat indirectly, to the on-going progression of life in our communities. I described physical improvement projects to our church buildings and grounds. However, I think of this dynamic in broader contexts as well. This week-end we turn the page on our seasonal calendar from the Summer to Autumn and next week-end, we complete the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2025. In just over six weeks, we will have witnessed an historic Presidential Election, and we will have entered the final two months of the Calendar Year.

Of course, there are stationary highlights too, as we move through the rhythm of life, public dates like 4 July, 25 December, 1 January, and personal dates like birthdays and anniversaries. And our life of faith, which we as Catholics refer to as the Sacramental Life, is similar. We have four sacraments which usually happen only once such as Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and Marriage, and others which happen at regular intervals such as weekly (or daily) Communion, or quarterly (or more frequently) Anointing and Reconciliation. It is time in our Parishes and Oratory for these last two: Anointing is this week-end and Reconciliation is next week-end at the Parishes and on 6 October at the Oratory.

And, today at Saint Ambrose we celebrate the Baptism of HAZEL ANN BYRD, infant daughter of Brett Alan and Sarah Rae Byrd, nee, Killingbeck. Hazel is also sister to Will and Adeline Rae Byrd. We welcome baby Hazel and congratulate her family.

Anointing	9/21-9/22	St. Ambrose & St. Ignatius
Reconciliation	9/28-9/29	St. Ambrose & St. Ignatius
Both	10/6	St. Clare Oratory

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Rljfrench@gmail.com) or Sarah Fellows at 502-419-0681.



**September Birthdays:** David O. Hart – 09/01; Gerry Skees – 09/2; Cathryn Kay (granddaughter of Larry and Lisa Ellis) – 09/03; Lisa Ellis – 09/04; Mary Becker and Brody Warner (Grandson of Donna Hart) – 09/19; Brianna Cetta – 09/27

**September Anniversaries:** Paul & Belinda Stuecker – 09/18; John & Bernice Catlett – 09/19

## Prayer Requests

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

Prayers and assistance needed:

A member of St. Ambrose parish, Ron Bryan, has brought to the St. Ambrose parish council's attention a local family in need. Jon and Tiffany Spratt have both been teachers at Central Hardin High School and, in April, Jon suffered a significant stroke. Jon's recovery will be extensive and the family is facing reduced income and increased expenses. Ron has asked for our prayers for the family and has shared information about a GoFundMe that has been set up to assist them with on-going expenses. If anyone would like to contribute, the fundraiser can be found at <https://gofund.me/a7db5615>. For more information, please see Ron Bryan.

*Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at [vahplans@live.com](mailto:vahplans@live.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 **2 October 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, 8 October 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, 11 October**. 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)

## VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis**   
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*When we make space for  
the Lord, we are able to*

*open ourselves to all of Creation and to every creature.  
We then understand that life is a gift from the Father,  
who loves us deeply and desires that we belong to Him  
and to one another. [#SeasonOfCreation](#)*

## An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.  
The seasons change, but you never do.  
You are always beautiful,  
in the green and freshness of spring  
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.  
Make me like you.  
Let my life reflect your beauty,  
season after season,  
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.  
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,  
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.  
So design my own fallings and failings  
into whatever design will please you most.  
In Jesus' name, I pray,

Amen.

## STEWARDSHIP

*"You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." [James](#) 4:2-3*

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$30,707.53
In-Pew Collection (9/15)	\$2,480.00
Online (9/10 – 9/17)	\$1,175.00
FYTD Total:	\$34,362.53

Saint James warns us against the dangers of materialism. In fighting the materialism in our culture, I must ask myself not only, "What do I own?" but more importantly, "What owns me?" What is the one thing I possess that I could not live without? This is what owns me.

### Friendships old and new

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BUT KEEP THE OLD.  
THOSE ARE SILVER, THESE ARE GOLD.  
NEW-MADE FRIENDSHIPS, LIKE NEW WINE,  
AGE WILL MELLOW AND DEFINE.

FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE STOOD THE TEST--  
TIME AND CHANGE ARE SURELY BEST.  
BROW MAY WRINKLE, HAIR GROW GRAY.  
FRIENDSHIPS NEVER GROW DECAY.

FOR 'MID OLD FRIENDS, TRIED AND TRUE,  
ONCE MORE WE OUR YOUTH RENEW.  
BUT, OLD FRIENDS, ALAS! MAY DIE,  
NEW FRIENDS MUST THEIR PLACE SUPPLY.

CHERISH FRIENDSHIP IN YOUR BREAST--  
NEW IS GOOD, BUT OLD IS BEST;  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS BUT KEEP THE OLD.  
THOSE ARE SILVER, THESE ARE GOLD.

Joseph Parry (Wales 1841-1903)