

23 February 2025  
Seventh 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, 22 February

Thomas Clark & William Harris

### Sunday, 23 February

Elsie Stith Strader

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

### Wednesday, 26 February

Special Intentions- R.J.B.

### Thursday, 27 February

Joseph Milburn

### Saturday, 1 March

Buddy & Susie Taylor

### Sunday, 2 March

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.*

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C; 23 February, 2025

1 Samuel 26:2-23; Psalms 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; John 13:34; Luke 6:27-38

*"I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Grant, we pray Almighty God, that always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to You; through Christ, our Lord.....

**Prayer over the Offerings:** As we celebrate Your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is Your due, we humbly ask You, that what we offer to the honor of Your Majesty may profit us for salvation; through Christ, our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries; through Christ our Lord.....



### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

It is now three full years since His Holiness Pope Francis I, appointed Shelton Joseph Fabre to be the tenth Ordinary and Fifth Archbishop of the Diocese of Bardstown/Louisville. The announcement was made in Rome and in Louisville on 8 February of 2022, that he would succeed Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz whose resignation at age 75 had been accepted by the Pope. Archbishop Fabre was formally installed at an impressive ceremony on 30 March of that year..

I should explain at least one term in that first paragraph. The word Ordinary in this context does not have the nuance of "plain" or "routine." It is more in line with a word like "ordinance" which refers to a principle or guidance. Ordinary in this usage has *ordinis* as its Latin root and it means rule. A Bishop in the Catholic Church does not always head a Diocese or Archdiocese. Sometimes they head organizations like The Propagation of the Faith or schools such as the Catholic University in Washington or the North American College in Rome. More typically in our experience, Bishops who are not Ordinaries have been Auxiliary or Helper Bishops. Our local church has had four Auxiliary Bishops in its 207-year history.

Archbishop Fabre, as he enters his fourth year, has a stated goal of celebrating Mass in all the parishes of the Archdiocese. We anticipate that he will fulfill that goal for our three churches, when he comes to Saint Ambrose on 14 June. He will start another "round" with us, when he comes (at a date to be determined) to bless the new windows at Saint Ignatius.

## 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](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com) or 502-419-0681.

### DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for fellowship, donuts and refreshments after the Sunday morning mass on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### *Prayer Requests*

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

## 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 March 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 March**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502.419.0681 or [sarahcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

### MARCH PROJECT

Active Day Adult Daycare will be making papier mâché Derby hats in April. They'll need artificial flowers (used are fine), feathers (bought), ribbons and bows. Please place in boxes in the annex.

### THANK YOU FROM EDMUNDITE MISSIONS

*Dear Friends,*

*I can't thank you enough for the packages you recently sent the Edmundite Missions. Your gesture of kindness is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use by those in desperate need.*

*Because of your compassion, we are able to reach out and lift up the working poor in the rural South.*

*I treasure your partnership with the Edmundite Missions. I pray God will bless you for your compassionate heart!*

*Gratefully,*

*Chad McEachern, Missions Director*

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38*

### **St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals**

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$111,308.53
In-Pew Collection (2/16)	\$2,295.25
Online (2/11 - 2/17)	\$425.00
<b>FYTD Total:</b>	<b>\$114,924.78</b>

When we give generously of the resources God has entrusted to us, we always receive more than we give.

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

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Lent is just around corner and this year, Catholic Charities of Louisville challenges you to make it a Lent well spent. Through pray, education, service, and giving, you can not only reinvigorate your soul by aligning with Jesus's teaching but also serve those in need and join our mission to better our community.

To learn more about our first ever 40-Day "People-Up" Challenge, check out The Record's homepage and find our article. In there you will find more information on how to get started. For more questions, feel free to reach out to Peyton Rhea at [prhea@archlou.org](mailto:prhea@archlou.org).



On Fat Tuesday, March 4th, join Catholic Charities of Louisville at Rouler! (roo-LAY), a Mardi Gras party to support Catholic Charities.

Come on out to Mellwood Art Center from 5:30 – 9:00pm and enjoy authentic New Orleans food, music, and an open bar. Along with gaming, silent auction, and a bourbon pull, it is sure to be a night to remember.

All-inclusive tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at: <https://cclou.org/mardigras2025/>

## 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, March 16 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](mailto:tmattingly@stmm.org)



**February Birthdays:** Brenda Bush – 02/2; Allison Stuecker – 02/04; Sharon Kennedy & Jessica McGuffin – 02/05; Amy Hadden – 02/13; Paula Tymitz – 02/22; Kara Graycarek and Elaine Striegel – 2/23; John Stuecker – 02/25

**February Anniversaries:** Charlie & Sherry Phillips – 02/01; David & Virginia Hart – 02/11; Michael & Karen Williams – 02/15; James & Marie Stuecker – 02/26; Charles Dave & Donna Hart – 02/28

**March Birthdays:** Jerome Skees – 03/04; Ron Bryan – 03/07; Myrna Priest – 03/08; Bob Sennott – 03/10; Karen Graycarek – 03/17; Nicki Flores – 03/18; Gary Lewis & Deannie Thompson – 03/20; Eric Kennedy & Jimmy Stuecker – 03/25; Adilyn Miles – 03/26; Kate Graycarek – 03/30

**March Anniversaries:** Rick & Karen Graycarek – 03/16