

23 June 2024

Twelfth 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 June

Rick Miles

Sunday, 23 June

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

Wednesday, 26 June

Randy Mudd

Thursday, 27 June

Jeffrey and Harold Smith

Saturday, 29 June

Buddy and Susie Taylor

Sunday, 30 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.

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Luke 7:16; Mark 4:35-41
“A great prophet has risen in our midst; God has visited His people.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love Your holy name, for You never deprive of Your guidance those You set firm on the foundation of Your love, through Our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to You, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Your Son, we ask of Your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

As is clearly indicated by the green vestments (and other sanctuary furnishings) as well as by comments here, we are observing the longer of two annual periods of Ordinary Time. These are stretches of several weeks on the calendar of worship which are numbered rather than being labeled with a special title, such as Pentecost or Trinity Sunday. However, during that long stretch of weeks and months, at least two week-days appear which are treated like Sundays. On 15 August and 1 November, we observe the Solemnities of the Assumption of Mary and All Saints as Holy Days (without obligation). There are also some major feasts of Mary and the Saints which we highlight on our Liturgical Calendar during Ordinary Time. Indeed, the Blessed Mother has an Octave (eight-day period) in her honor in both August and September. Items like these are described in the G.I.F.T. Lesson, The Yearly Liturgical Cycle.

Another figure who had a starring role in the Birth and Life of Jesus, is his cousin and the greatest of all Hebrew Prophets, John the Baptist. The story of his martyrdom is celebrated on 29 August each year, but his birthday is recognized on Monday of this week. The reason, however, for placing his birth-date on 24 June is what we learn from the Gospel, that when Mary conceived Jesus, Elizabeth (John's mother) was “in her sixth month,” (Luke 1:36). Six months from tomorrow is Christmas Eve. The Mass readings include most of the details of the wondrous birth of this great prophet. However, the tribute given him by the adult Jesus, and the amazing affirmation given to us is, I believe, the best thing about this celebration. It is found in Luke 7:18-28.

On Saturday of this week-end, we celebrate two saints of the English Reformation, that period in which Catholics in England began to be disenfranchised and horribly persecuted. Like John the Baptist fifteen centuries before them, Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher were heroic voices who were silenced because they spoke truth to power. Their feast day is 22 June each year. Since 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has encouraged us to mark the days from 22 June through 4 July with prayer and study around the theme of religious freedom. This will be a part of our worship at each parish and the Oratory of Saint Clare in Colesburg the weekend of 6-7 July.

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 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 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!

Here are two pictures.... One of the altar and one showing the window which will eventually hold our commissioned stained glass art piece.



Celebrate!

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 and Ann Higdon**

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at 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, 9 July 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, 12 July**. 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

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$174,851.15
In-Pew Collection (6/16)	\$2,878.00
Online (6/11 – 06/17)	\$820.00
FYTD Total:	178,549.15

Just as Christ was renewed through His death and resurrection, we are called to let go of what keeps us from Christ so that we may be reborn into new life with him. The good steward inspires a spirit of renewal in others.

PARISH COUNCIL



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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **10 July at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



The next Red Cross blood drive will be held at St. James in Batchelder Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 2024. Please give the gift of life by giving a pint of blood for our community.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2024

Pray-Reflect-Act



Religious Freedom Week 2024: Called to the Fullness of Dignity begins with the feast day of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher on June 22 and concludes with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29. Learn how you can **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

June 23: Blasphemy and Apostasy Laws

Pray for all people of faith who live in fear of persecution under unjust blasphemy laws.

Reflect

All around the world, people accused of blasphemy and apostasy are suffering for their faith or lack thereof. In 2022, the Pew Research Center found that 79 countries out of 198 they studied have laws banning blasphemy. According to Pew, 90 percent of countries in the Middle East and North Africa have blasphemy laws as well as 34% of countries in the Asia/Pacific region, 31% of European countries, 34% of Latin American countries, and 38% of Sub-Saharan African countries. Penalties for blasphemy vary considerably, ranging from fines to prison sentences to executions. Seven countries have the death penalty for blasphemy – Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Somalia, Mauritania, and Saudi Arabia.

Act

Under the guidance of the Holy Father, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) provides pastoral and humanitarian assistance to the persecuted Church around the world. For more than 74 years, our donors have reached out to the suffering, the distressed and the poorest of the poor in over 145 countries. Today, ACN continues working to counter the persecution of Catholics. Connect with ACN and support their work today at www.churchinneed.org/.