

23 November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



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 November

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

Sunday, 23 November

Eddie Thompson

Wednesday, 26 November

Ann E. Taylor

Thursday, 27 November

F. Walker Thomas

Saturday, 29 November

Randy Mudd

Sunday, 30 November

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

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 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C; 23 November 2025

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Mark 11:9-10; Luke 23:35-43

“Amen I say to you; this day you will be with me in paradise”.

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty ever-living God Whose will is to restore all things in Your Beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant we pray that the whole creation set free from slavery, may render Your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim Your praise, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to You, we humbly pray that Your Son Himself may bestow on all nations, the gifts of unity and peace, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the Universe, we may live with Him eternally in His heavenly Kingdom, through Christ our Lord.....

The American National Holiday, Thanksgiving, Year C; 27 November 2025

Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 113; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Luke 17:11-19

“In all circumstances give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus”.

Collect or Opening Prayer: Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: God our Father, from whose hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share Your blessings in gratitude, accept these gifts of bread and wine, and let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the human family. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: In this celebration, O Lord our God, You have shown us the depths of Your love for all Your children; help us, we pray, to reach out in love to all Your people, so that we may share with them the good things of time and eternity. Through Christ our Lord.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Our first reading for Mass today gives the account of Knin David's divine selection and anointing as the Supreme Leader in Israel. We are given this passage however, as a preparation for the Gospel selection which describes Jesus as one wearing a crown, but accepting a Call to a kingship of a much different kind than that of David. His Kingship is over a limited community of people. Jesus offers His Leadership to all creation and people of all Nations.

This week also presents to us two dates for celebration: We have today the Solemnity of Christ the King and later this week the Thanksgiving Holiday. The establishment of these two moments on our calendars has some parallels. It was November of 1863. When Americans had been engaged in a horrible civil war for over two-and-a-half years, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that a national Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. (President Franklin Roosevelt decreed that the celebration would be fixed on the fourth Thursday of November).

In 1928, in the midst of a world-wide bleakness similar to what Lincoln experienced, Pope Pius XI established the Solemnity of Christ the King. Another enormously destructive war had been fought 1914-1918, with losses of life and prosperity that the world had not previously seen. National and regional economies were devastated and re-building was a painstakingly slow endeavor. A “14-Point Peace Plan and a League of Nations were proposed to make the conflict into the war which would end war; they did not succeed. Political movements and the re-building of war machines had already begun, which would result in another world war in just over ten years’ time.

It was in this setting that the Pope declared Christ the King of the Universe. In a prophetic way, the Holy Father was encouraging people the world over to look beyond the bleakness of the times for a vision of peace and harmony. He placed the celebration of Christ the King at the end of the Liturgical Year to indicate what Saint Paul was teaching in his Letter to the Colossians that Christ the human experience of God, offers guidance for every aspect of life. The Pope was in effect saying, ‘Things can get better, there truly is hope, because it is the Son as well as the Sun, that will come out tomorrow.’

What brings these two great observances together for us as Catholics is Eucharist. The word means **thanksgiving**. So, we celebrate Mass as the centerpiece of both The Solemnity of Christ the King and Thanksgiving Day. Saint Ignatius will have Thanksgiving Mass today at 10:00 AM. We will also participate in the ecumenical worship service tonight at White Mills Baptist Church. Saint Ambrose will have Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday at 10:00 AM. All are encouraged to bring an item from the table at home to be blessed at the table of the Lord at church. Then we can more easily be mindful of the Lord’s presence at our table, after we have been present at His.

PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 22nd 5:30 PM

Lector: George Tymitz

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Kotarski/Joey Brown

Sunday, November 23rd 8:00 AM

Lector: Charles Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: Jason Crutcher/Virginia Hart

Saturday, November 29th 5:30 PM

Lector: Marianne Sheroan

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Miles/Myrna Priest

Sunday, November 30th 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Hunt

Eucharistic Minister: Virginia Hart/ Brenda Skees

PRAYER LIST

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

CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

New this year! The St. Ambrose Art & Environment Committee is inviting everyone to bring in an ornament in remembrance of a loved one. Beginning the second Sunday of Advent, there will be a basket in the back of the church with a sign that you can place the ornament in. Tags will be available to write your loved one’s name.

All ornaments will be placed on the tree on Christmas Eve.

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 December 5:30-7**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

WARM BLESSINGS

The second Friday of the month is our scheduled parish night to pack to-go dinners for those in need. The next volunteer date is **Friday, 12 December**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502-419-0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

ROOM IN THE INN

The Room in the Inn ministry is looking for more volunteers for the 2025-26 winter season in almost every area: Providing snacks, breakfast items and sack lunches; registration duties; socializing with the guests for 2 hours on Wednesday nights; overnight volunteers,

both men and women; cooking breakfast; and many volunteers for the Thursday day shelters.

St. James's schedule this year includes **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day**, where we will need lots of help.

If you would like to attend training for Room In The Inn this season, the dates are as follows:

Mon, Nov 24th, 6-8 pm

Sat, Nov 29th, 9-11 am

To volunteer or for more information on training, contact **Mimi Pike**, 270-272-4952, or by email at mimi.pike35@gmail.com



November Birthdays: Nikki Cetta – 11/23; Nick Kennedy – 11/24; Michelle Foreman – 11/27

November Anniversaries: Michael & Cassie Akers – 11/23

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

CURRENT PROJECT

From today through December 14th, we will collect new or clean, gently used hats, earmuffs, scarves, gloves or mittens, and coats for men, women and children.

This winter wear will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach and Helping Hand of Hope. Please place all donations in the annex.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2025-2026 \$130,924.00
Weekly Goal \$2,518.00

Previous Total	\$64,247.00
In-Pew Collection (11/16)	\$2,076.00
Online (11/11-11/17)	\$848.00
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FYTD Total:	\$67,171.00
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Feeding America:	\$255.80

PARISH COUNCIL

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 3 December 2025 after 5:30 Mass. All are welcome to join.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

TESTIFY CONCERT

The local group of church musicians known as “**Testify**” will present a concert of Advent music at Saint John Church on the third Sunday of Advent. The concert is free and will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

That same evening, at 6:00 pm, a Cantata of sacred music will be presented by an ecumenical choir, at the Baptist Church in White Mills. Admission is free; this too will be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

MID-KENTUCKY CHORUS SCHEDULE

The Mid-Kentucky Chorus schedule for “The Beautiful Music of Christmas” is as follows:

3:00 pm, Saturday; 6 December; Saint Catherine Motherhouse – Springfield

3:00 pm, Sunday; 7 December; Saint Augustine Catholic Church – Lebanon

7:30 pm, Tuesday; 9 December; Fern Creek Baptist Church – Louisville

7:30 pm, Friday; 12 December; Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral - Bardstown

3:00 pm, Sunday; 14 December; Saint Catherine Motherhouse – Springfield

COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Join us for an evening with Dr. Renee Sartin on “Coping with Grief during the Holidays” on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Barth Hall, 2040 Buechel Bank Road, Louisville, KY 40218. This event is sponsored by St. Bartholomew Parish and is open to all.

Dr. Renee Sartin, a professor at Campbellsville University, holds degrees in social work and education, and has conducted extensive research on trauma and grief from gun violence. For more information, contact **Gina Priddy at 502-451-2929**.