

25 August 2024

Twenty-first 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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Reverend Benedict J. F. Brown

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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, 24 August

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

Sunday, 25 August

Charles & Lucille Mattingly

Wednesday, 28 August

Mike Thomas

Thursday, 29 August

Theodore & Susette Nohava

Saturday, 31 August

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

Sunday, 1 September

Judy Cleaver

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.

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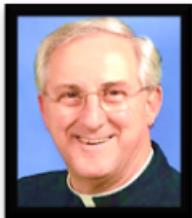
Joshua 24:1-18; Psalm 34; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:68; John 6:60-69

“Master, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: O Lord Who gained for Yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us we pray the gifts of unity and peace in Your church, through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion: Complete within us O Lord the healing work of Your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us so that in all things we may please You, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

This past Wednesday, we quietly celebrated the Feast Day of a saint, who made a major change in the lives of our ancestors here in Kentucky and really throughout the Catholic world. Saint Pius X, who served as Pope from 1903 until his death on 20 August of 1914, changed the age at which a person could receive Holy Communion for the first time. Prior to his guidance in 1910, Catholics did not receive Communion until their late teens, and then were encouraged to receive no more often than monthly. This Holy Father established age seven as the time for First Communion and encouraged daily reception and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Pius X, who was born Giuseppe Sarto, has an interesting biography. His nick-name was Bepi, and he was one of eight children of a working-class family; the parents farmed and maintained jobs in the public sector. His life-story is a very interesting read in which we learn that he himself was beyond the age that we now consider normal for the First Reception of Holy Communion. We have this sweet and saintly man to thank for the change. Pope Saint Pius X, pray for us.

Continuing this same theme, let's look at some more recent history. It was during this week in 2021, that then Archbishop Joseph Kurtz announced his intention to re-instate the Catholic obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, an obligation which had been historically suspended since 16 March of 2020. As the restored obligation went into effect on the week-end of 4-5 September of 2021, the Archbishop reinforced the admonition that anyone who has a legitimate fear of endangering one's own health or the health of others is not obliged to attend. He continued to urge all who are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and its variants and obligated all who choose not to receive the inoculations, to wear face coverings in church.

I have frequently spoken of how edified I am by the desire of our membership to come to Mass and Holy Communion. You have wanted to attend even when you were not required. You strengthened my faith, and you inspire my increased love of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH NEWS

Celebrate!

August Birthdays: Charles Solar – 08/20; Virginia Hart – 08/22; Patricia A. Brown – 08/24; Larry Ellis – 08/26; Chad McGuffin – 08/27; Rita French – 08/29

August Anniversaries: n/a

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; Christine Beeler – 09/30

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.**

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at yahplans@live.com

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.

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, 10 September 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, 13 September**. 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

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 **11 September at 6:15PM**. All are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

“But the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our ancestors up out of the land of Egypt....Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” Joshua 24:16-18

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$18,205.53
In-Pew Collection (8/18)	\$1,438.00
Online (8/13 – 8/19)	\$770.00
FYTD Total:	\$20,413.53

What gods do we worship – greed, selfishness, comfort, appearances, consumerism, pleasure? A steward is thankful to the God of generosity and does not become trapped in worshiping other false gods.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

The fragrance of Christ emanates from the “fruits of the Spirit,” which are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22). How wonderful it is to meet someone who possesses these virtues!



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled” (Lk 1:45). Mary our mother is the Queen of Heaven and Queen of Peace. Let’s ask her to intercede for us and help us find peace in our hearts and in our world.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SAINT JAMES COMMUNITY PICNIC



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER



Chicken Quarter
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Roll
Soda
\$11/meal

Sunday, 9/15/24 from 10AM-2PM
Drive-thru behind K of C Hall
312 East Main St, Vine Grove
POC John Pike 270-307-1499

LOUISVILLE CURSILLO ANNIVERSARY

The Louisville Cursillo Movement is celebrating their 60th Anniversary on September 15th at 3:00 pm at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, 5431 Johnsontown Road, Louisville. We will have a mass followed by a reception in the church hall. We would like to invite all Cursillistas, family members and friends. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 5th to Cathy Reising (502) 727-9067. For more information, contact Cathy or visit our website at www.louisvillecursillo.org.

Help to #fighthunger –
every \$1 donated provides 8 lbs of food
to those in need!



Providing hunger relief in 42 counties of
central, south central, and western Kentucky

www.feedingamericaky.org

The Feeding America donation box is located on the Altar. Your donations are always appreciated.

