

26 January 2025
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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, 25 January

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

Sunday, 26 January

Jodie Decker Hart

Wednesday, 29 January

Reverend Mark Judd

Thursday, 30 January

Randy Mudd

Saturday, 1 February

Micah Taylor

Sunday, 2 February

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

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions
Announced at Mass)

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.

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Nehemiah 8:2-10; Psalms 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 4:18; Luke 1:1-4 & 4:14-21

"Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure, that in the name of Your beloved Son we may abound in good works; through Christ, our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation; through Christ, our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that receiving the Grace by which You bring us to new life, we may always glory in Your gift; through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

About twice each year, I ask the question: "What is so ordinary about Ordinary Time." In upper case letters ordinary time refers to a season on our Calendar of Worship (aka, Liturgical Year) which comprises 33 of the 52 Sundays of the Calendar Year. The precise dates on which they fall can vary from one year to another, mainly because the date of Easter, the most important day of the year, varies. The 33 weeks of Ordinary Time as a whole are divided into two segments which, again, will vary in length. This year, we have eight Sundays of Ordinary Time before the Season of Lent. After the six weeks of Lent, the seven weeks of Easter Season, Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter), and Pentecost Sunday (50 days after Easter), we resume Ordinary Time, and follow it until the end of the year.

But, we are jumping too far ahead of ourselves; let's get back to the original question: "What is so ordinary about "Ordinary Time"? There are at least two meanings of the word ordinary. We normally understand it with synonyms like plain, routine, uneventful, etc. The Church looks at the Latin root word, *ordinis*, which means rule, regulation, guide, etc. Both usages apply when we talk about Ordinary Time. The guidance or rule for how and when we observe this season in our worship is actually spelled out in a small handbook which deacons, priests, bishops, etc., refer to as an Ordo. But, the common usage also applies. These Sundays and weeks are called Ordinary, because they simply do not have a special designation, such as Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, etc.

However, I like to take the reflection a bit further and consider what it is that we do, on all the Sundays, whether with a special designation or as Ordinary. And, keeping with our focus on the word, let's consider its basis in what Jesus did in teaching us to remember Him. He took bread; He took wine; He took ordinary food from His ordinary table and offered it to His ordinary friends. Sure, He went beyond ordinary to Ordinary, which we acknowledge with our faith. But, just as he invited those ordinary fishermen to do extraordinary missions, like spreading His Word and becoming His Body and Blood living in the world, so He invites us to do this same. That means that the Divine mixes with the human; God Himself is found in our world, in fact, in us. What's so ordinary about that!

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 or 502-419-0681.

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 February 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 February**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502.419.0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

ROOM IN THE INN

Room in the Inn winter shelter runs through the end of February. We are teaming up with St. James every Wednesday and will provide snacks for the guests.

We need donations of high protein snacks (jerky, nutrition bars, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, etc) and hydration drinks (Gatorade, etc) in either bottle form or individual powder packets. Please bring your donations to the parish hall when you come to Mass. We can also arrange pick up if needed.

The shelter is also in need of volunteers to stay during the day and overnight.

Please contact **Sarah Fellows** at 502-419-0681 with any questions.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Now that we are back in the church, Service and Outreach is resuming! During January, we will collect new or gently used eyeglasses for Lions Club. They accept readers which can be purchased at Dollar Tree for \$1.25.

No broken glasses and no cases, please. There is a collection box in the annex.

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

Prayer Requests

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



January Birthdays: Anna Mattingly – 01/20; Ginny Bowling and Everett Akers (3 yrs. old) – 01/21; Connor Crutcher – 01/27; Anna Nichols & Laurita Goodrich – 01/28

February Birthdays: Brenda Bush – 02/2; Allison Stuecker – 02/04; Sharon Kennedy & Jessica McGuffin – 02/05; Amy Hadden – 02/13; Paula Tymitz – 02/25 (52); Kara Graycarek – 02/23; John Stuecker – 02/25

February Anniversaries: David O. & Virginia Hart – 02/11; Michael & Karen Williams – 02/15; James & Marie Stuecker – 02/26; Charles "Dave" & Donna Hart – 02/28

STEWARDSHIP

"But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended.Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary...." 1 Corinthians 12:18, 22

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$96,217.53
In-Pew Collection (1/19)	\$3,292.00
Online (01/14—01/20)	\$625.00
FYTD Total:	\$100,134.53

We are all part of God's family and have something to contribute. Weaker members of the family may bless us with the opportunity to be good stewards by helping them as Christ would help.

You can still give through traditional methods, but you can also make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Scan me!



Here are four ways to give:

1. Text 'Give' to 270-671-9324
2. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera
3. Enroll Online:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

May the Lord open our ears and hearts so that we may listen to His Word and those of our brothers and sisters. Through our attentiveness and charity, we can make our world more fraternal and restore to it the hope of joy.
[#GeneralAudience](#).



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

"Whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord" (Mt 10:39). If we surrender our self-will to follow Jesus and do the will of our Father in heaven, we will gain life everlasting.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Welcome
Strengthen
Empower

Rouler, Catholic Charities' annual fundraiser, tickets are on sale now. Join us on March 4th, 2025, for the Best Mardi Gras party in town! There will be all you can eat food, an open bar, silent auction, live Mardi Gras music, and much more.

Scan the link with your phone's camera and click the link that pops up to get to buy tickets and learn more.



The Prayer of Transformation

Matthew Kelly

Lord,
Here I am.
I trust that you have an incredible plan for me.
Transform me. Transform my life.
Everything is on the table.
Take what you want to take and give what you want to give.
I make myself 100 percent available to you today.
Transform me into the person you created me to be, so I can live the life you envisioned for me at the beginning of time.
I hold nothing back.
I am 100 percent available.
Lead me, challenge me, encourage me, and open my eyes to all your possibilities.
Show me what it is you want me to do, and I will do it.
Amen