

28 July 2024

Seventeenth 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, 27 July
Mary Ellen Bryan

Sunday, 28 July
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Wednesday, 31 July
Buddy & Susie Taylor

Thursday, 1 August
Special Intention: EBF

Saturday, 3 August
Randy Mudd
John Thomas

Sunday, 4 August
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions Announced at Mass)

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.

XVIIth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 28 June, 2024
2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 7:16; John 6:1-15
“A great prophet has risen in our midst; God has visited His people.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, protector of those who hope in You, without Whom nothing has firm foundation nothing is holy, bestow in abundance Your mercy upon us, and grant that with You as our and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Accept O Lord the offerings which we bring from the abundance of Your gifts, that through the powerful working of Your Grace, these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: We have consumed O Lord this divine Sacrament the perpetual memorial of the Passion of Your Son, grant that this Gift which He Himself gave us with Love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

The Gospel acclamation for today's Mass is a spontaneous expression which people voiced about Jesus after they had seen Him feed the multitudes. It is also an expression which people over the centuries might use about individuals who have been outstanding examples of holiness in our midst. Sometime the outcry is a special message such as we witnessed world-wide in the media when the late Pope John Paul II was being laid to rest. People cried out: *Santo Subito*, Italian for “canonize him, now.” One of the news reporters who knew church history, commented that it was comparable to when crowds in the City of Milan cried out: “Ambrose, Bishop.” Yes, that was our Ambrose, and he did become Bishop. We will write more about that in December, for his feast day on the 7th.

Next week in this column, we will write about Saint Clare of Assisi, whose feast day is observed on 11 August each year. This year, there will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Shelton Fabre, recognizing the 150th anniversary of the church building. Mark your calendars for the evening of 11 August (5:00 pm start); more information will be available next week.

Wednesday of this week, though, is the feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola. One year before Christopher Columbus “sailed the ocean blue,” a man was born who would inspire many others to sail it too. This was Ignatius, a nobleman who was born in the Castle of Loyola in Spain. As a young soldier, he was wounded in a war between Spain under King Charles V, and France under King Francis I. During convalescence, he reflected on the Lives of the Saints and gave his life entirely over to spiritual growth. During this time, he also wrote The Spiritual Exercises, which remains today a classic of religious writing and a source of guidance to people the world over.

Eventually, he became a priest and successfully inspired other men (including Saint Francis Xavier) to form a band of missionaries called the Society of Jesus, aka, Jesuits. In their early decades, they spread Christianity to South America and Far East Asia, as well as throughout Europe. One of their number, an Englishman named John Carroll, became the first Bishop and Archbishop in America; he ordained Benedict Joseph Flaget, the first Bishop in Kentucky. Of many other famous members of the Society of Jesus today, the most prominent is our current Pope Francis I. While they retain their missionary zeal today, Jesuits are perhaps better known for their incredible array of High Schools, Colleges, and Universities throughout America and the World.

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!

Celebrate!

July Birthdays: Larry French & Mary Sennott -07/29; Charles "Dave" Hart - 07/30.

July Anniversaries: David & Monica Ruehling – 07/30.

July Birthdays: Dennis Arnold & Joe Stuecker – 08/07; Ruth Meredith – 08/08; Monica Ruehling – 08/14; Brian Fellows & Paul Stuecker – 08/15; Chris Kennedy – 08/17; CharlesSolar – 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

Prayer Requests

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

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at vahplans@gmail.com

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, 13 August 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, 9 August**. 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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLEDID YOU KNOW?

Gift cards are super important to a human trafficking survivor that is trying to get back on their feet. Gift cards to Kroger, Walmart, and other accessible grocery stores allow these survivors to get what they need while they get resettled, gainfully employed, and lifted back to a place of dignity.

Our Bakhita Empowerment Initiative program is in need of more grocery store gift cards so that we can continue to restore these survivors back to a place of dignity. If you can help by organizing a drive or collecting gift cards on your own, please email Peyton at prhea@archlou.org for drop off instructions. We cannot do this without YOUR help.



STEWARDSHIP

“Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.” John 6:11

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$6,748.53
In-Pew Collection (7/21)	\$2,867.00
Online (7/16 – 7/22)	\$500.00
FYTD Total:	\$10,115.53

Feeding America: \$87.00

The multiplication of the loaves and fishes teaches a basic principle of stewardship. That is that generosity travels in an ever-widening circle, returning a hundredfold to those who give from their substance.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

NCSC – National Catholic Singles Conference

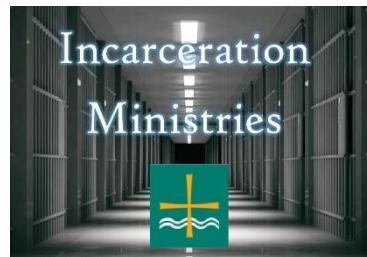
Looking to meet faithful single Catholics? **August 16th-18th, 2024** - Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 23rd National Conference for Single Catholics in Las Vegas, Nevada (or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions).

This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages! The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH24 for a discount.)

Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

Incarceration Ministries Training Event

The [Archdiocesan Family and Life Ministries Office](#) is pleased to offer a comprehensive training event for those interested in ministering to the many incarcerated populations throughout the Archdiocese.



The event is **FREE** and will be held at the **St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center** at 1365 Girard Avenue, Louisville, KY on **Saturday August 3 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM**, with a working lunch provided.

To register for this free event, please contact Stephanie Sanchez at the Archdiocese Family and Life Ministries Office at either ssanchez@archlou.org or (502) 471-2129.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

With world peace seriously threatened, I fervently hope that all will respect the [#OlympicTruce](#), in the hope of resolving conflicts and restoring harmony. May God enlighten the consciences of those in power. [#Paris2024](#)



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“Those who keep God’s word with a good and perfect heart patiently bring forth fruit” (cf. Lk 8:15). Help us, Lord, to listen to your holy Word and keep it with open hearts.

PARISH COUNCIL



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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **7 August at 6:15PM**. All are welcome to attend.