

30 June 2024

Thirteenth 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, 29 June
Buddy and Susie Taylor

Sunday, 30 June
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Wednesday, 3 July
Micah Taylor

Thursday, 4 July
Harold and Jeffrey Smith

Saturday, 6 July
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Sunday, 7 July
Rebecca Skees Reynolds

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.

XIIIth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 30 June, 2024

Wisdom 1:13-2:24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; 2 Timothy 1:10; Mark 5:21-43
“Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who through the Grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright Light of truth, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: O God Who graciously accomplish the effects of Your mysteries, grant that the deeds by which we serve You may be worthy of those sacred gifts, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life O Lord, so that bound to You in lasting charity we may bear fruit that lasts forever, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

As we begin the new week and the new month, and come quite quickly to the celebration of our Nations' 248th birthday, I would like to begin this week's message where last week's ended by writing of the annual "Fortnight for Freedom." Since 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, with promotional and other assistance from the Knights of Columbus, has developed this initiative in support of religious freedom, defending the basic right of freedom from government and political encroachment at home and around the world. Masses, Prayers, Study, and Ritual all serve to proclaim our patriotic right to religious freedom. The bishops offer this admonition:

We encourage you to hold firm, to stand fast, and to insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics and Americans. Our country deserves the best we have to offer, including our resistance to violation of our first freedom.

Beginning each year on 21 June, the two-week period ends on Independence Day, when we celebrate "liberty and justice for all." The significance of the starting date is that it is the Vigil of the Liturgical Feast of the English Martyrs, Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More. Like Saint John the Baptist whose feast we also observed last week, these prophetic voices were put to death by the governments of their day because they spoke truth to power, in their case, the English King Henry VIII. King Henry had established the reigning monarch (King or Queen) rather than the Pope, as head of the church in England, and had begun the repression of Roman Catholicism, its people and its property. He ordered the beheading of these two saints and many more in 1535.

Exactly one century later, two small boats filled with Catholics fleeing that repression, arrived in Maryland in the first major migration of Catholics to the American Colonies. They celebrated their first Mass in the "new world" on 25 March, 1635. Among that congregation were the ancestors of many of today's Kentucky Catholics. A name that was prominently linked to the voyage of "the Ark and Dove," was Cecil (as in Cecil-ia). If you would like to see pictures of these two boats, stop in the parish office at St. Ambrose or the parish hall at St. Ignatius. They will also be available for viewing at next week's Mass at St. Clare Oratory.

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!

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

July Birthdays: Marianne Sheroan - 07/03; Wanda Peace - 07/10; Lauren Sheroan - 07/12; Bill Thompson - 07/14; Jim Brangers - 07/17; Brenda Skees - 07/22; Larry French & Mary Sennott -07/29; Charles "Dave" Hart - 07/30.

July Anniversaries: Rollin & Laurita Goodrich (64 years) - 07/02; Charlie & Patti Brown - 07/04; Bo & Kathy O'Brien (49 Years) - 07/12; Casey & Kelly Payton - 07/21; Jim & Marcella Brangers - 07/22; David & Monica Ruehling - 07/30.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

“....according to what one has, not according to what one does not have; not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs....” 2 Corinthians 8:12-14

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$178,549.15
In-Pew Collection (6/23)	\$2,071.00
Online (6/18 – 06/24)	\$325.00
<hr/> FYTD Total:	<hr/> \$180,945.15
Feeding America: \$50.00	

Stewardship is about seeking a balance in one's life. Stewardship recognizes that we are to share our blessings in a loving and just way in proportion to the manner in which we have been blessed.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Sacred Scripture heals our paralyzed faith by recounting the wonderful things God has done for us and making us savour anew the Christian life for what it truly is: a love affair with the Lord. [#WordOfGod](#)



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So by their fruits you will know them” (Mt 7:15–20). We are known by our actions much more than our words.



Fortnight for Freedom Prayer for Religious Liberty

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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