

4 August 2024

Eighteenth 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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Church Website
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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, 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)

Wednesday, 7 August

Buddy & Susie Taylor

Thursday, 8 August

Recovery of Health: VRB

Saturday, 10 August

Micah Taylor
Buddy & Susie Taylor

Sunday, 11 August

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

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.

XVIIIth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 4 August, 2024

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalms 78; Ephesians 4:17-24; Matthew 4:4; John 6:24-35

"He gave them bread from Heaven to eat...the food that endures for eternal life."

Collect or Opening Prayer: Draw near to Your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide, You may restore what You have created and keep safe what You have restored; through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to You; through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those You renew with these heavenly gifts and, in Your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption; through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

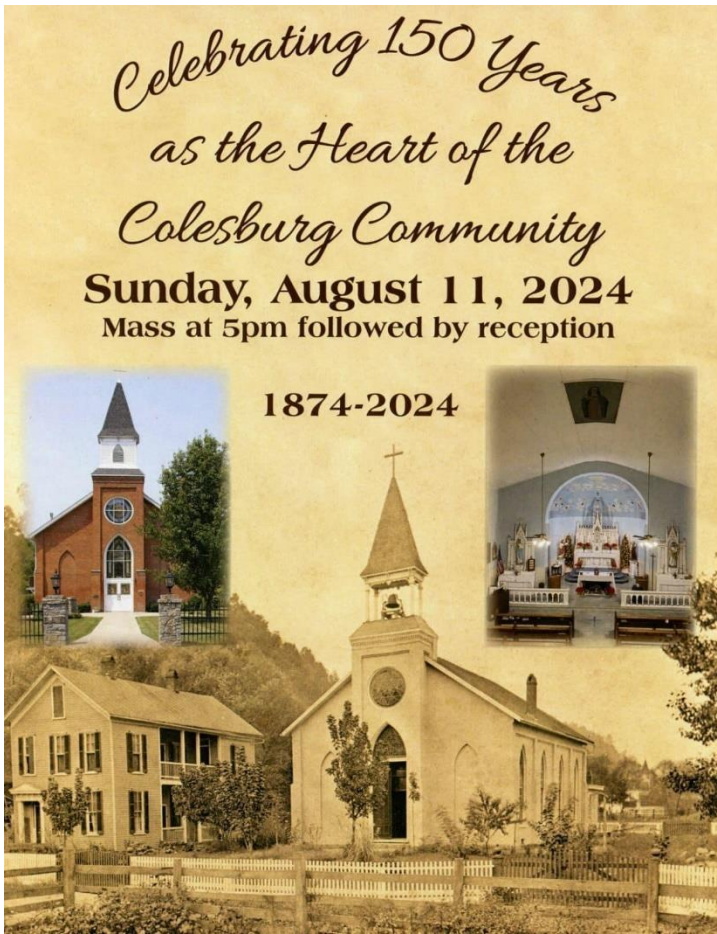
Last week in this column, I commented on the lives of Saints Ambrose and Ignatius, and indicated that this week I would write a bit about the life of Saint Clare of Assisi. Well, I will invite you again to mark your calendar for the celebration next week of the feast of Saint Clare at the Oratory in Colesburg; and, I ask you to help spread the word about the regular monthly Mass at the Oratory today as well as the Anniversary Mass next Sunday. However, I have decided to wait until next week to write about this wonderful woman of Assisi, Saint Clare.

Instead, I want this week, to write a few lines about the great feast we celebrate on Tuesday the 6th of August – The Transfiguration of the Lord. We won't hear the story at Sunday Mass, either on the 4th or the 11th; rather we continue what we began last week-end, Saint John's great chapter six about Jesus discoursing to the crowds on being fed with His flesh and blood, as we are in the Eucharist. But the story of the Transfiguration is very familiar to us; we hear it not only in August but also on the Second Sunday of Lent. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all describe that day when Jesus took Peter, James, and John on a hike up Mount Tabor in Israel. Before their very eyes, He was for a little while transformed from His fully human to His fully divine appearance; He even conversed with Moses and Elijah, two men hugely important in Hebrew history, who were also suddenly visible to the three Apostles in this moment. In addition to the August and Lenten readings of this great story, the Transfiguration is the fourth of Five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which Saint John Paul II introduced in 2002.

I think I was in my early thirties, about eight years into the ministry entrusted to me as an ordained priest, that I began to really appreciate how the Transfiguration of the Lord contributes to our spirituality as Catholic Christians. We often speak of our system of Seven Sacraments as a distinguishing element of our religious faith and practice. In each of these rituals, we glimpse the Presence of Our Lord in the midst of our human, everyday existence. It happened for Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor in Israel. It happens for us right here in Kentucky.

PARISH NEWS

JOIN ST. CLARE IN CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



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!



August 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; 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

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@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, 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

STEWARDSHIP

“And put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.” Ephesians 4:24

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$10,115.53
In-Pew Collection (7/28)	\$995.00
Online (7/23 – 7/29)	\$605.00
FYTD Total:	\$11,715.53

The distinction of being a beloved son or daughter comes from imitating Christ. When we are baptized, we put on a new self. This is a self that is lived in imitation of Christ.

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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ST. BRIGID 2024 FESTIVAL

St. Brigid Catholic Church in Vine Grove, KY will be hosting a 2024 Festival for everyone to enjoy on Saturday, August 17, from 3pm-9pm behind the school at 314 East Main Street, 40175. There will be \$10,000 cash Capital Raffle, food trucks, craft booths, pork chop dinners, Silent and LIVE Auction, entertainment provided by Verland Hatmaker and fun for all. Call 270-877-0546 for additional information.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis ✓
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Let us [#PrayTogether](#) that political leaders may be at the service of their people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs, and giving priority to the poor. [#PrayerIntention](#)



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16). We have been chosen by the Lord to be his missionary disciples and to proclaim his Good News.

