

6 April 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

# 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, 5 April

Deceased of the Phillip Thomas Family

### Sunday, 6 April

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

### Wednesday, 9 April

Deceased of the Bond/Brown Family

### Thursday, 10 April

Kenny Johnson

### Saturday, 12 April

Randy Mudd  
Rose Smith

### Sunday, 13 April

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.*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C; 6 April, 2025

Year C: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; Joel 2:13; John 8:1-11

Year A: Ezekiel 17:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:25-26; John 11:1-45

*“I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.”*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** By Your help, we beseech You, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Your Son handed Himself over to death, through Christ our Lord..

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Hear us, Almighty God, and having instilled in Your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the workings of this sacrifice, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** We pray, Almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in Whose Body and Blood we have Communion, He lives and reigns forever and ever.....

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### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

Very often today, in our effort to be genteel and sensitive to people who are facing harsh reality and its pain, we speak of human death in softer terms. We will speak of the inevitable experience with phrases like, “If something should happen to me....” or “when my time comes.” When someone dies, we speak of them as “passing” or “going home.” In the viewing parlor of funeral homes and mortuaries, in the midst of a profusion of flowers, ferns, and other symbols of life, one often hears phrases like, “She looks so natural” .... “he seems to be asleep.” We want to avoid the “D” word.

In today’s gospel, however, Jesus is quite direct. When the disciples miss his understatement, he hits the nail on the head by saying, “Lazarus has died!” His dear friend Mary of Bethany, Lazarus’ sister, with a nuance of exasperation with Jesus, says, “Lord, if You had been here my brother would not have died!” She’s rather direct too. This most universal of human experiences is precisely what is going to happen to our Lord Himself. And His bringing Lazarus back to life is what He uses to broaden His following as He moves closer to the end of His earthly ministry. In fact, it gets Him a bit of unwelcome attention, as the Jewish leaders plot to get Jesus and Lazarus too!

And while they might have held Lazarus and Jesus in the same regard, we as modern believers see a major difference. The experience of Lazarus is a resuscitation; that of Jesus is a resurrection. Lazarus came forth from the grave but eventually went back to it. Jesus left the tomb, to live forever. We continue to reflect on how this happens and what it means for us on Easter and beyond. The Lord’s Resurrection, His on-going Presence in our lives is the basis of our Sacramental System. In today’s Mass, we have our quarterly experience of Sacramental Reconciliation.

## PARISH NEWS

### UPCOMING MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, April 5th 5:30 PM**

**Lector:** Joey Brown

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marianne Sheroan and Myrna Priest

#### **Sunday, April 6th 8:00 AM**

**Lector:** Dawna Spinney

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virginia Hart and Brenda Skees

#### **Saturday, April 12th 5:30 PM**

**Lector:** Marianne Sheroan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Katarski and Joey Brown

#### **Sunday, April 13th 8:00 AM**

**Lector:** Jason Crutcher

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ray and Nikki Flores

### EASTER LILIES

We are once again inviting parishioners to join in creating a beautiful and joyful environment for celebrating the blessed Easter liturgy. A member of the Art and Environment Committee will be taking orders before and after the masses this weekend for lilies to be placed in the church in memory of loved ones or to honor a living person or family.

A list of all who contributed and the names of their loved one(s) or living person(s) commemorated will be published in our Easter Bulletin. The lilies will be tagged with the names of those remembered and honored. For anyone wishing to keep their lily, we will announce when they can be taken from the church. For anyone wishing to donate their lily, these will be planted in our new prayer garden beside the church.

We have two sizes available: Large (\$25) and Medium (\$12). Please make checks payable to Saint Ambrose Catholic Church. Thank you so much for being a part of our Easter Masses Celebration!

### BENEDICTION AND WAY OF THE CROSS

**Saint Ambrose:** Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 PM

**Saint Ignatius:** Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM

### BACCALAUREATE MASS

Attention graduating seniors! Anyone graduating from high school, college, etc who is interested in having a Baccalaureate Mass, please contact **Sarah Fellows** 502-419-0681

### *Prayer Requests*

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

### **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, 8 April 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, 11 April**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502-419-0681 or [sarahcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

### **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

No project for April due to Easter events and space.

Thank you to all who have participated in the various donations in the last few months. We truly appreciate your kindness. We want to provide a reminder about the quality of the donations. All donations should be in working order, food should not be expired, and trash should not be included in the donation bag. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

## PARISH COUNCIL



**Sarah Fellows, Rick Thomas, Rita French, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheran, Charlie Wise and Jason Crutcher**

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **9 April at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

## STEWARDSHIP

*"I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus is my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ."* Philippians 3:8

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00  
Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$130,261.49
In-Pew Collection (3/30)	\$2,856.00
Online (3/25 – 3/31)	\$558.00
FYTD Total:	\$133,675.49

St. Paul's knowledge of Christ redefined the true meaning of wealth. Like St. Paul, a Christian steward understands Christ is the most valuable gift of all.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLE



Catholic Charities invites you to a **FREE Estate Planning Information Lunch** with Cheryl Bruner, local estate planning expert and elder law attorney. The lunch session will be held this **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am – 12:45pm** at Catholic Charities Center, 435 E. Broadway. Topics include: planned giving, the importance of having a will, power of attorney, Healthcare directive and other essentials. Seats are limited. To pre-register, visit <https://www.archlou.org/event/estate-planning-information-session/>

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SAVE THE DATE

The 74<sup>th</sup> Living Rosary will be held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church. The Living Rosary is an archdiocesan celebration of the Rosary with the youth as primary leaders of the Rosary. Archbishop Shelton will preside. All youth in Grades 1-12 are invited to specially participate wearing their school uniforms, First Communion outfits, scouting uniforms, or Sunday best. All priests, deacons, and adults are encouraged to come to pray with and encourage our youth. Please visit [Archdiocesan Marian Committee – Increasing devotion to Jesus through Mary throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville](#) for more information. The Living Rosary is a project of the Archdiocesan Marian Committee.

## LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

### ST. BRIGID (KC) FISH FRY

**Dates:** 4/11 (KC) 5:00-7:00PM

#### **Menu:**

Battered Fried Fish Portion \$12.00  
Jumbo Fried Shrimp (6 piece) \$15.00  
Fried Fish & 3 Shrimp \$18.00  
Extra portion of fish with full meal \$3.00  
Grilled cheese sandwich kids' meal \$6.00

**Meals include:** french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, green beans, roll, dessert, drink



**April Birthdays:** Rachel Hart – 04/01; Jim Decker – 04-04(1938); Maggie Stuecker – 04/09; Calvin Skees – 04/28; Bobby Jones – 04/29; Lucy Arnold – 04/30

**April Anniversaries:** Bobby & Kay Jones – 04/19: In Memory of Steven Jones – 04/21