

6 October 2024

Twenty-Seventh 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, 5 October
Micah Taylor

Sunday, 6 October
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 9 October
Randy Mudd

Thursday, 10 October
Mike Thomas

Saturday, 12 October
Deceased Members of the Phillip Thomas Family

Sunday, 13 October
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.

XXVIIth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 6 October, 2024

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:9-11; 1 John 4:12; Mark 10:2-16

“Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession of faith.” (Hebrews 4:14).

Collect or Opening Prayer: Almighty, ever-living God, Who in the abundance of Your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat You, pour out Your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask, through our Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer Over the Offerings: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by Your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which You are pleased to redeem us, through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion: Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

The Letter to the Hebrews provides us with the second reading for all of the Sundays of October and three of the four Sundays in November. Although it is called a Letter, it is written more in the style of an Essay: it is uncertain as to who the writer is. The theme of the essay is Jesus the perfect priest. He is called perfect not simply because of His divinity, but because He offers the perfect sacrifice, the sacrifice of Himself. The quotation captioned above is not from today's Mass but from the Mass of the XXIXth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (20 October). It serves as a key to the entire Essay, which is great reading for anyone wanting to develop a better personal relationship with Jesus.

I don't mind admitting that my personal familiarity with this section of the Christian Scriptures was by chance. In my first year of graduate school, one professor put the twenty-seven titles from the New Testament on strips of paper, as if in a horse-race-jackpot. Whichever title a student selected would be the topic for a research paper. I drew Hebrews. Over fifty years later, I still profess that no book of the Bible has had a greater impact on the path my life has taken. Asking if he has a favorite book of the Bible is a great way to start a conversation with Father Mike Greenwell, who is with us for the Sundays of October. Welcome Father Mike.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: 2024 – 2025

It is that time of year again—the annual campaign of charitable giving has begun to support the myriad of ministries of the Archdiocese. At the direction of Archbishop Fabre, meetings have been held for Pastors, Administrators, Co-Ordinators, and Volunteers to launch the annual effort for this year. Whether by pledge spread over several months, or a one-time donation, please be a participant in this effort. Every donation helps. If you are on the mailing list of the Communication Office of the Archdiocese (which circulates The Record newspaper) you will receive the promotional materials by U.S. Postal Service. If not, you can pick them up at church.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A new Confirmation prep class is beginning this year for high school age youth. Catechist Rita French leads this two-year program that happens during the school year in classes that meet twice a month. Any youth interested in joining the St. Ambrose/ St. Ignatius class to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Rita French at Rljfrench@gmail.com or Sarah Fellows at 502-419-0681.

Celebrate!

October Birthdays: Ruth Naomi Rivera (granddaughter of Hugh and Mechonda O'Brien) – 10/01; Connor Miles – 10/02; Roy Skees – 10/03; Father Ben – 10/06; Bill Edmondson – 10/10; Michael Williams – 10/11; Mauhee Edmondson & Opal Ellis – 10/16; Sarah Fellows – 10/18; Rick Graycarek – 10/20; Trey Stuecker – 10/23; Jake Payton – 10/25; Josey Payton – 10/31

October Anniversaries: Richard & Michelle Foreman – 10/05; Mike & Nikki Cetta – 10/10; Brian & Sarah Fellows – 10/20

Prayer Requests

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

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

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

STEWARSHIP

“The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him.” [Genesis 2:18](#)

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$36,843.53
In-Pew Collection (9/29)	\$3,999.00
Online (9/24 – 9/30)	\$460.00
FYTD Total:	\$41,302.53

The U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship calls us to a life of community in order to fight the destructive individualism in our culture. It is not good to be alone.

Recent and Current Parish Offerings

2024 Catholic Higher Education Collection

In the name of the parish, a donation was made to Catholic Higher Education, in the amount of \$700.00, which represents 20% of an average Sunday offering. Catholic colleges and universities strive to form students in the spirit of faith and educate them in the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection supports the Catholic University of America as well the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese – Bellarmine University and Spalding University.

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 October 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 October**. 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

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
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The environment in which we live is a gift from heaven. Amid the trials of history and life, it reminds us of the beauty of our earthly dwelling. It must be safeguarded from the greed of money and speculation, which jeopardises our future. #SeasonOfCreation



Archbishop Shelton Fabre

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“The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel” (cf. Lk 10:1–12). God is within us, closer to us than we are to ourselves. All we have to do is repent and believe.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



CHORAL FESTIVAL

Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is hosting their annual Choral Festival on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3:30pm. All choirs are invited to participate and make a joyful noise unto God. This event will be for choirs who sing sacred music regardless of size, language, age, or culture. All choral musical styles are welcome. For more information, contact Laura Meyer, director of worship and music at Saint Peter the Apostle Church, at lmeyer@saintpeterapostle.org or call 502-937-5920.



TEE IT UP FOR SPECIAL NEEDS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sponsored by Knights Of Columbus Council #3379
Saturday, October 26th, Shotgun Start 10AM
Doe Valley Golf Course, Brandenburg
Lunch provided by the KC's
\$80 per player entry fee (Includes 2 mulligans)
Proceeds benefit Special Needs of Hardin County
Limited to 100 players. Sign up early to avoid the waiting list!

Contact Zack Tertel @ 270-734-4530, ZacharyTertel@gmail.com or Shakey Irwin @ 270-268-2324, drirwin@comcast.net

Seeking hole sponsors, \$100. Hole signs will be furnished.