

7 April 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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
saintambrosechurchcecilia.com

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, 6 April

Micah Taylor
Mary Mudd

Sunday, 7 April

Joe Spinney

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions
Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 10 April

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

Thursday, 11 April

Recovery of Health: R.S.

Saturday, 13 April

Randy Mudd

Sunday, 14 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.

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy, Year B; 7 April, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20:29; John 20:19-31

"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blest are those who have not seen me, but still believe."

Collect or Opening Prayer: God of everlasting mercy who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people You made Your own, increase we pray the Grace You have bestowed that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by Whose Spirit they have been reborn, by Whose blood they have been redeemed, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Accept O Lord, we pray the oblations of Your people (and of those You have brought to new birth), that renewed by confession of Your Name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Grant we pray Almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

This first Sunday after Easter has had a developing identity over the years. We once called it "Low Sunday" as a contrast to the "high" atmosphere of the previous Sunday's Easter celebration. Then there came a time when it was referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday, which had as its theme the protection of Jesus for his followers, His flock. However, the Gospel selection about the two appearances of Jesus to the Apostles behind locked doors had such a great importance and was so fitting for this particular Sunday that it became a fixture on the calendar, and its theme of forgiveness and mercy took precedence. Then during the pontificate of Saint John Paul II, the Polish Pope, much attention was given to the teaching of the Polish nun, now canonized as Saint Faustina Kowalska, who spoke and wrote much about the mercy of God. Observances of Divine Mercy Sunday, usually with special prayers and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are provided in many places around the Archdiocese. The schedule can be found in the Record newspaper.

This coming Monday, 8 April is the day on which in 1808, Bardstown was established by the Pope as the headquarters of the Catholic Church in the Midwest of the still newly-formed United States of America. The responsibility of that first Bishop, Benedict Joseph Flaget, covered the areas from the Appalachian Mountains to the Mississippi River, and from the Canadian Border to the Gulf of Mexico. The area today is served by over fifty bishops! In 1841 as the city on the Ohio River grew, Louisville became Bishop Flaget's residence and remains today the See City of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Of American dioceses, only Baltimore and New Orleans have more seniority. Incidentally, one of those early leaders in New Orleans, Archbishop Perche once served as a priest at Saint Clare here in Hardin County; and, the current Archbishop of Baltimore, the Most Reverend William Lori, grew up across the river from Louisville in New Albany, Indiana. With the appointments to Owensboro, Nashville, and Indianapolis in the last fifteen years, we can point with pride to the contributions made by our Kentuckiana faith community for now more than 216 years.

And, that contribution continues with the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is being celebrated at 7:00 pm on 30 April at Saint Ignatius Church. In his first visit to the southwestern part of Hardin County, Archbishop Shelton Fabre will confer this Sacrament on the following students:

Conner Crutcher
Alex Hadden

Paige Haddle
Chloe Hayes

Conner Miles
Avery Payne

Maggie Stuecker
Trey Stuecker

We congratulate these young people and thank Ms. Rita French, their Catechist.

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!

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.



Please keep our sick, recovering, and home-bound members in your prayers: **Dennis Arnold, Kelli Bush, (Charles) Dave Hart** (husband of Donna Hart), **Ann Higdon**

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



April Birthdays: Rachel Hart – 04/01; Jim Decker – 04-04(1938); Maggie Stuecker – 04/09; Kaylee Arnold – 04/11; 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

ST. CLARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11th at 5:00 PM. We will need volunteers to help at St. Clare to clean windows and do other projects. Please share this message with others that might be interested!

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 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, 12 April**. 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 April at 6:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH MESSAGING

If you are not receiving messages, please text or call **Marianne Sheroan** at 270-312-5587 with your name, phone number, and whether that number is a mobile or home number and you will be added immediately!

STEWARDSHIP

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." Acts 4:32

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

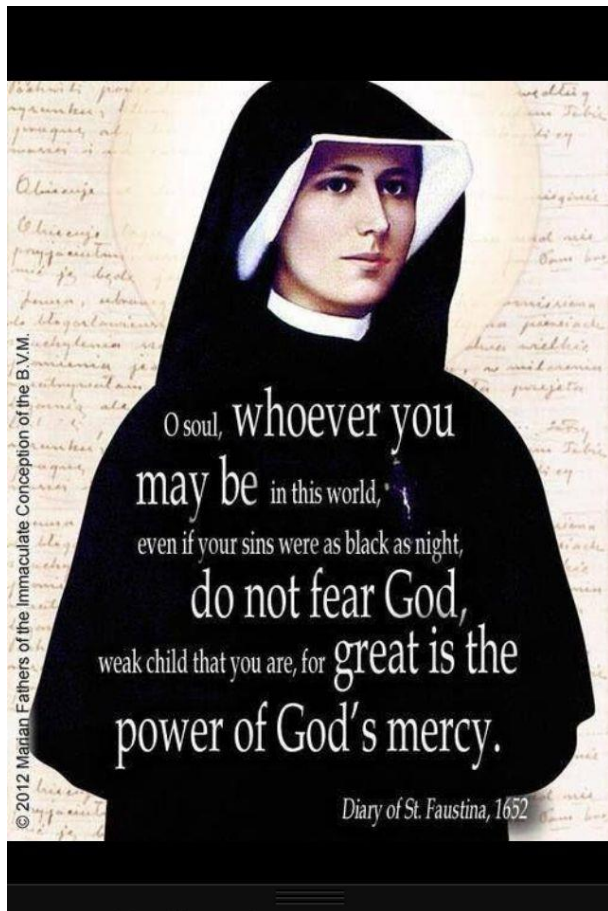
Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$137,420.20
In-Pew Collection	
Holy Week Total	\$3,357.00
Online (3/25-3/31)	\$1,065.00
FYTD Total:	\$141,842.20

St. Clare (3/31): \$972.00

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. The believers did not claim personal ownership but held everything in common. Stewardship not only involves sharing our possessions with others, but also sharing our ownership of those possessions with God.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Ambrose is now offering online giving to all its parishioners! Please consider ParishSOFT, our online giving service, to support our parish. You can also support St. Clare Oratory (Maintenance and Cemetery) and St. Ambrose's Capital Campaign on the eGiving page. We are providing this option in addition to cash or check donations. You can still give through traditional methods, but now you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Here are four ways to give:

1. Text 'Give' to 270-671-9324
2. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera
3. Enroll Online:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

Scan me!



VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

The righteous person is honest, simple, and straightforward. They do not wear masks, but present themselves for what they are. "Thank you" is a word they use frequently, knowing that no matter how generous we strive to be, we always remain indebted to our neighbour. #GeneralAudience



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

After encountering Jesus outside the empty tomb, Mary Magdalen went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then she reported what he had told her (Jn 20:18). We are called to be evangelists who share with others the Good News that Christ is risen.