

7 July 2024

Fourteenth 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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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 July

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

Sunday, 7 July

Rebecca Skees Reynolds

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions
Announced at Mass)

Wednesday, 10 July

Deacon Robert Market

Thursday, 11 July

Kelli Bush

Saturday, 13 July

Deceased Members of the Stuecker
Family

Sunday, 14 July

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.

XIVth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 7 July, 2024

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Luke 4:18; Mark 6:1-6

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for He sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God Who in the abasement of Your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill Your faithful with holy joy, for on those You have rescued from slavery to sin You bestow eternal gladness in Jesus Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: May this oblation dedicated to Your Name purify us O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven, through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion: Grant O Lord that having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise You, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

In the New Testament or Christian Scriptures, twenty of the twenty-seven “books” are called Epistles. These are letters whether to individuals (e.g., Titus, or Philemon), to specific communities (Ephesians or Galatians), or to readers in general (e.g., James or Jude). In the latter category the titles are also the authors. James and Jude each wrote one letter; Peter, leader of the Apostles wrote two; John, aka, the Beloved Apostle, wrote three. The Apostle Paul, though not one of the original Twelve Apostles, is nonetheless, the undisputed champion of letter-writers; he is the author (either directly or indirectly) of thirteen of these twenty Epistles. They appear in the list of the books, in the descending order of length. In other words the first and longest is Romans; the last and shortest is Philemon.

Counting last week and including the Solemnity of the Assumption and its Vigil (14-15 August), we have twelve passages as either the Second Reading or the Gospel Verse, which come from Pauline Letters. Last week we read a line from 2 Timothy, a letter which Paul wrote when he was courageously facing his own death. We also heard last week and again this week from 2 Corinthians, another letter which he wrote late in his career. On 14 and 15 August, we have short but powerful passages from 1 Corinthians. The Christians in the port city of Corinth, were people whose new-found faith in Christ was fragile, because they had been forced to flee persecution in Rome, and found the situation not much better in Greece. Life was somewhat better in the city of Ephesus, a major center of learning and commerce in what is today, western Turkey. Paul spent a fair amount of time in Ephesus; there is strong evidence too, that Jesus’ mother Mary and the Apostle John had a home there. We have passages from the Epistle to the Ephesians on three week-ends this month, and four more of the week-ends of August.

Since this is the first Sunday of the month, Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm in the Oratory of Saint Clare in Colesburg. Following the pattern, we will also have Mass there on 4 August. Then, on 11 August, the second Sunday of the month, Archbishop Fabre will lead us in a special Mass celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our worship space. That Mass also begins at 5:00 pm, and will be followed by a reception. Another up-coming event will be held at Saint Ambrose next Saturday evening. Father Roy “Butch” Stiles who grew up in Cecilia, will mark 60 years in the priesthood with the celebration of Mass at 5:30 pm.

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!



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

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$180,945.15
In-Pew Collection (6/30)	\$3,856.00
Online (6/25 – 07/01)	\$605.00
FYTD Total:	\$185,406.15

“So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.” Mark 6:5-6

Stewardship is a faith response. Christ could not perform good works without faith. Neither can we. If faith without works is dead, so are works without faith.

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.

Scan me!



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

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

#Prayer is the driving force of our life. It can seem like an abstract reality, far from our problems. Yet, prayer is essential, because we cannot go very far on our own. We are not all-powerful, and we fail miserably when we think we are. #YearOfPrayer



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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

By Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

If you’re too busy to pray, you may be too busy. You don’t necessarily have to pray together, although that is nice. If praying together is not your style, at least make a commitment to pray FOR your beloved in private...but also check what is keeping you so busy.

PARENTING POINTERS

By Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

All of us procrastinate at times. Perhaps we are busy or want to avoid doing something. The Christian Family Movement has a saying to help us decide if procrastination is warranted or an escape.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT ME, WHO? IF NOT HERE, WHERE?

Is there something that you’ve been putting off until the kids are older, the house paid for, your teeth are flossed? Relationships don’t always wait for some day/one day.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLE



IMAGINE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT A BACKPACK.



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To donate school supplies, go to our Amazon Wishlist (scan the QR code with your phone’s camera and click the link that appears) or collect items at your parish or on your own and email Peyton at prhea@archlou.org for drop off instructions. We cannot do this without YOUR help.

