

8 September 2024

Twenty-third 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, 7 September

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

Sunday, 8 September

Jerome Delphine & Othel Marie Skees

Wednesday, 11 September

Leo & Bernadette Mudd
Edith Brown Finch

Thursday, 12 September

Mary Ellen Bryan

Saturday, 14 September

Deceased Members of the Stuecker Family

Sunday, 15 September

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.

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Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-5; Matthew 4:23; Mark 7:31-37

"Hear me all of you and understand: Nothing that enters from outside can defile that person: but, the things that come out from within are what defile. "(Mark 7:20)

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God by Whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: O God Who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering we may do fitting homage to Your divine majesty, and by partaking of the sacred mystery we may be faithfully united in mind and heart, through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion: Grant that Your Faithful O Lord, whom You nourish and endow with life through the food of Your Word and Heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from Your Beloved Son's great gifts, that we may merit an eternal share in His life, Who lives and reigns forever and ever.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

In the listing of Scripture citations at the top of this page, we are doing something a little out of the ordinary. We are captioning in italics one of the same passages which we highlighted in the space last week-end. I also want to repeat in writing the brief teaching which I spoke last week. I might have seemed a bit flippant as I referenced the reputation that we as Catholics have for the tolerance of adult beverages; I even told an anecdote about a woman who seemed to sincerely think it was part of official practice. It was not my intent to belittle her, and I certainly did not mean to gloss over the fact that abuse and addiction can be the source of enormous pain and tragedy. As a brief bible study, however, I am pointing out that our analysis of Mark 7:21, is pertinent to the discussion of Catholics and the use/abuse of one element of a huge local industry.

Another aspect of that conversation involves our knowledge of Sacred Scripture and our particular approach to the reading and interpretation of the Bible in general and the Gospels in particular. The other books of the New Testament such as the Epistles, The Acts of the Apostles, and The Book of Revelation are also great sources of instruction. Scripture along with Tradition provides what we refer to as the Two Source Theory, the basis of our religious teaching and practice. For the second of five consecutive weeks, we hear today from the Epistle of Saint James, who takes a very practical, down-to-earth approach to religion, and who provides another important source for the answers to some of our questions regarding faith, prayer, and religious teaching. James, with his emphasis on works of charity and compassion, is sometimes contrasted to Paul, who puts more of an emphasis on faith. Until very recent years this contrast accounted for much of the difference between Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. As mentioned recently, I have completed ten of fourteen of the GIFT lessons which I began now many years ago. Two of them on the Bible are now available to you by email or hard copy.

This week-end and next week-end, you are being led in the celebration of Mass, by Carmelite Father Michael Greenwell; I introduced him to you back in July. A native of Louisville, Father Michael has served as a High School teacher, a Pastor, and a Police Force Chaplain in various places around the country. Let's give a warm Hardin County WELCOME to Father Michael.

Celebrate!

September Birthdays: David O. Hart – 09/01; Gerry Skees – 09/2; Cathryn Kay (granddaughter of Larry and Lisa Ellis) – 09/03; Lisa Ellis – 09/04; Mary Becker and Brody Warner (Grandson of Donna Hart) – 09/19; Brianna Cetta – 09/27; Christine Beeler – 09/30

September Anniversaries: Paul & Belinda Stuecker – 09/18; John & Bernice Catlett – 09/19

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

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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

LOUISVILLE CURSILLO ANNIVERSARY

The Louisville Cursillo Movement is celebrating their 60th Anniversary on September 15th at 3:00 pm at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, 5431 Johnsontown Road, Louisville. We will have a mass followed by a reception in the church hall. We would like to invite all Cursillistas, family members and friends. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 5th to Cathy Reising (502) 727-9067. For more information, contact Cathy or visit our website at www.louisvillecursillo.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER



Chicken Quarter
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Roll
Soda
\$11/meal

Sunday, 9/15/24 from 10AM-2PM

Drive-thru behind K of C Hall
312 East Main St, Vine Grove
POC John Pike 270-307-1499

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

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, 10 September 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, 13 September**. 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

“My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.” James 2:1

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025 \$119,924.00

Weekly Goal \$2,306.00

Previous Total	\$24,095.53
In-Pew Collection (9/1)	\$3,421.00
Online (8/27 – 9/2)	\$325.00
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FYTD Total:	\$27,841.53
St. Clare (9/1/24):	\$1,408.00

We should show no favoritism to those we serve or in how we serve. All of our talents are equally important, no matter how humble. Our small acts of kindness to others make more of a difference than our grandiose efforts.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Support Catholic Charities through Give for Good on September 12th!

Mark your calendars for Give for Good on September 12th! This is your opportunity to make a powerful difference by choosing Catholic Charities of Louisville as your charity of choice. Your support directly uplifts

the most vulnerable in our community, fostering a healthier, more compassionate, and thriving Louisville. It’s time to People Up and stand together for those who need it most.

To give, visit <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/> on September 12th and select Catholic Charities of Louisville.

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Harmony is achieved when we are committed not only to our own interests and vision, but to the good of all. #ApostolicJourney



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“For we are God’s co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building” (1 Cor 3:9). We are all temples of the Holy Spirit. Seeds we plant are grown by God. Structures we build are sustained by God alone.



Inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical laudato si’.

(“By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net”)

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE

EASY: With the recent Paris Olympics in mind, read about how athletes received their gold medals while standing on trash.

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/06/business/olympics-recycled-plastic.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>)

CHALLENGING: Think of a creative way to repurpose something you would normally just put in the garbage.