

9 June 2024

Tenth 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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Church Website
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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, 8 June

Micah Taylor

Sunday, 9 June

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

Wednesday, 12 June

Leo & Bernadetta Mudd

Thursday, 13 June

Mary Failla

Saturday, 15 June

James H. Brown
Barbara Brown Castle
Harl Brown
Jessie Brown

Sunday, 16 June

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.

Xth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B; 9 June, 2024

Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1; John 12:31-32; Mark 3:20-35

“For whoever does the will of God is brother, sister, and mother to me.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

This week-end on our Calendar of Worship, is when we begin the second (of two) phase of Ordinary Time. Rather than my usual reflection “What’s so ordinary about Ordinary Time,” my thoughts keep returning to the truly extra-ordinary celebration which we had in our community on the last week-end of May. First, though, let’s take a brief look at the scripture readings for today. For me, they are both challenging and quite applicable.

The fall of Adam and Eve and the biblical basis for our concept of original sin seems a bit out of place, mainly because we read it every year on the First Sunday of Lent. The planners of our Lectionary seem to want to make a connection with the gospel selection in which Jesus is being accused of demonic possession. However, I really love the fact that Jesus Himself quickly moves the conversation to a succinct reflection of how His own spirit of kinship is a broad network from which He seems to draw great strength.

On the week-end of Trinity Sunday when we reflect on the bond of divine Love which is the model for human communities, we had a very real experience of that theological idea. You very graciously made me the center of a massive and wonderful celebration, and I will spend the rest of my life savoring your goodness and thanking God for you. The planning and work that went into every aspect of the Golden Jubilee of Ordination was really amazing..... and, because the volunteers and parish councils did so much behind the scenes, I probably “don’t know the half of it.” Hosting two gatherings in Colesburg and White Mills was a beautiful strategy for a number of reasons, and except for the unfortunate turn in the weather, was a great success in team-work. Thank you for your community effort and for your many and generous gifts.

In response to the suggestion that members of my family (a sister, a brother, and a nephew) speak, I said “That might be risky!” They did a lovely job and provided another connection with the Gospel. My family of origin is a loving bunch of people and have always been a great source of pride and encouragement for me. They have also embraced the reality that I think of congregations as my family, and it is this passage Mark 3:35 (captioned above) which is my inspiration.

Much more could be written about 25-26 May, 2024 (and 1974) and will be. However, Saint Paul, in the first of five consecutive passages which we read (this month and next) from II Corinthians, provides a good summary and a good place to end this reflection: “The Grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the Thanksgiving to overflow for the Glory of God.”

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!

Celebrate!

June Birthdays: Donna Hart - 06/01; Rose Ryan - 06/10; Diane Wittrock - 06/14; Norbert Thompson - 06/25; Diane Stuecker - 6/28

June Anniversaries: Jerome & Gerry Skees - 06/03; Rick Miles - 06/16 (In Loving Memory); Charles & Joyce Solar - 06/21; Chad & Jessica McGuffin - 06/23; Dennis & Lucy Arnold - 06/26; Bob & LaVerne Thomas and Hugh & Mechonda O'Brien - 06/30

Prayer Requests

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

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

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, 11 June 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, 14 June**. 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

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2023-2024 (\$106,855.00)
Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

Previous Total	\$167,311.15
In-Pew Collection (6/2)	\$3,434.00
Online (5/28-6/03)	\$445.00
FYTD Total:	\$171,190.15

St. Clare Collection (6/2): \$1,250.00

Stewardship teaches us that no matter how insignificant we may seem to ourselves, we can produce great things when we use the gifts that God has given us.

ONLINE GIVING

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

PARISH COUNCIL



Sarah Fellows, Rick Thomas, Rita French, Paul Stuecker, Marianne Sheroan, Charlie Wise, Jason Crutcher, and Joe House

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

When we pray, God "takes us, blesses us, and then breaks and gives us," so that we may satisfy everyone's hunger. In God's hands, every Christian is called to become bread broken and shared. #YearOfPrayer



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to his call" (Gospel antiphon). Our hope is in Jesus Christ the Lord.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

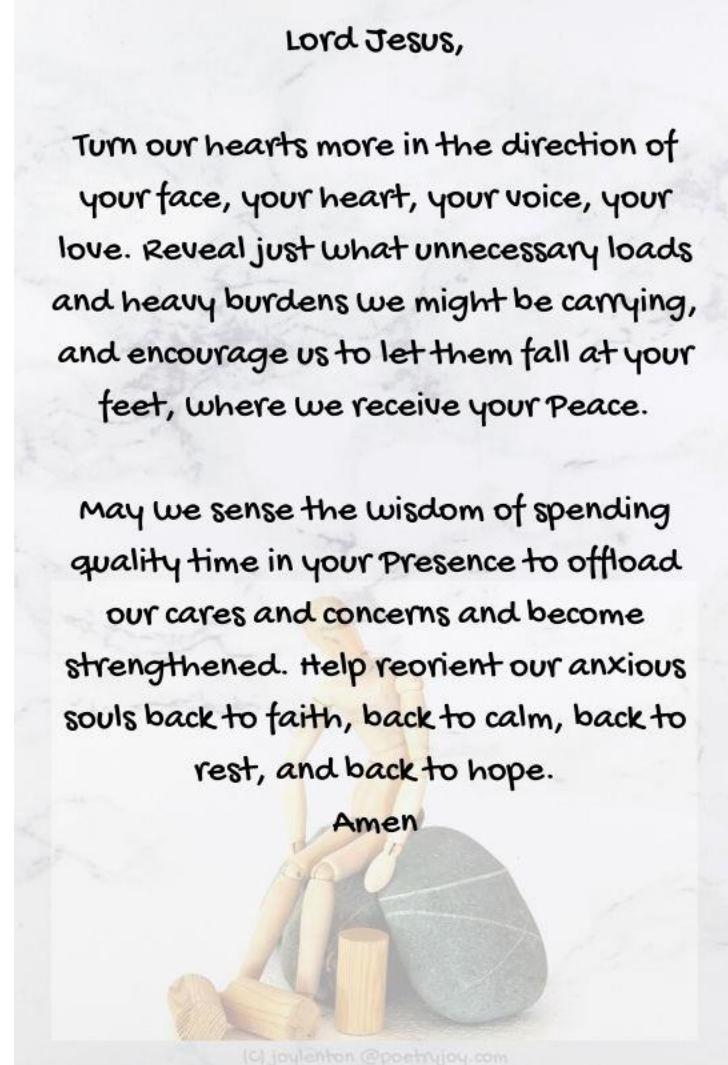


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Pre-K - 8th Grade

SJS Saint James Catholic School

CONTACT Jennifer Moran for more information
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Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance Application Opens Oct. 15



Lord Jesus,

Turn our hearts more in the direction of your face, your heart, your voice, your love. Reveal just what unnecessary loads and heavy burdens we might be carrying, and encourage us to let them fall at your feet, where we receive your Peace.

May we sense the wisdom of spending quality time in your presence to offload our cares and concerns and become strengthened. Help reorient our anxious souls back to faith, back to calm, back to rest, and back to hope.

Amen

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