

9 March 2025
First Sunday of Lent

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



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 March
Micah Taylor

Sunday, 9 March
People of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius & St. Clare

Wednesday, 12 March
Randy Mudd

Thursday, 13 March
Opal Bailey Ellis

Saturday, 15 March
Deceased Members of the Singer & Fields Families

Sunday, 16 March
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.

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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Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:1-13

“One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Collect or Opening Prayer: Grant, Almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer Over the Offerings: Give us the right dispositions, O Lord we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time, through Christ our Lord.....

Prayer after Communion: Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from Your mouth, through Christ our Lord.....



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

With our acceptance of the blessed ash, we have begun the journey which is Lent. This annual period on the calendar is meant for us to use as a means of drawing closer to Christ, learning more of our religious teaching and tradition, and finding deeper meaning in our faith. We can do this if we are engaged and intentional about our spiritual growth; and, there are many methods and strategies we can use. First and foremost is active participation in the Mass each week-end. The Gospel passages for the first two of the six Sundays (Lent I and Lent II) are the same in all three Cycles: A, B, and C. We always read the story of Jesus' Temptation and the story of His Transfiguration. Similarly, we always read the story of Jesus' suffering, the Passion Narrative on Lent VI, aka, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. For the other three Sundays, we have variations, but I like to exercise our option to use the passages for Year A. Here is a handy summary:

Lent I: The Temptations of Christ

Lent II: The Transfiguration of Christ

Lent III: The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Lent IV: The Healing of the Man Born Blind

Lent V: The Resuscitation of Lazarus from the Grave

Lent VI: The Passion of Christ

In addition to the week-end Masses, the parishes will offer week-day Mass and devotions; there are leaflets and guides available in print; other ideas and resources are available for the asking. Discern what is of interest to you and/or your household, and resolve to make March/April 2025 a Lent to remember.

Lent is also a time for charitable giving, and the parish will make and report to you about specific donations made in your name. The popular project known as Operation Rice Bowl will be in effect, and all are encouraged to pick up the symbolic container, an especially good teaching opportunity for children. These along with the Little Black Books of daily devotionals will be distributed in the opening days of Lent. In addition to the week-end and week-day Masses, the Way of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered as follows:

Saint Ambrose
Wednesdays—5:30 pm

Saint Ignatius
Fridays—5:30 pm

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE On Thursday, 27 February Opal Ellis, nee, Bailey went home to be with the Lord. We believe she was the eldest member of Saint Ambrose Parish. She is the mother to three other members: Virginia Hart, Donna Sue Hart, and Myrna Priest. She is also survived by three sons: Johnny, Larry, and Joe. She was predeceased by her husband, John Ellis. May Opal's soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.

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.

HELP NEEDED

On **Sunday, 23 March**, we will be moving tables and chairs back into the parish hall after the 8AM mass, weather permitting. If you are able, we would welcome additional hands!

Prayer Requests

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

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, 11 March 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 March**. Please RSVP to **Sarah Fellows**.

Sarah Fellows contact information: 502.419.0681 or sarahcfellows@gmail.com

MARCH PROJECT

Active Day Adult Daycare will be making papier mâché Derby hats in April. They'll need artificial flowers (used are fine), feathers (bought), ribbons and bows. Please place in boxes in the annex.

STEWARDSHIP

“Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me. ’ And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.” Deuteronomy 26:10

St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

Budget FY 2024-2025	\$119,924.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,306.00
Previous Total	\$116,828.78
In-Pew Collection (3/2)	\$2,812.00
Online (2/25 – 3/3)	\$758.00
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FYTD Total:	\$120,398.78
 St. Clare Collection (3/2):	\$1,165.00

Agriculture was vital to the Israelites. When they shared the first fruits of their harvest they were showing their gratitude to God for His many blessings. We also show our gratitude for our blessings by making a weekly sacrificial gift — the first fruits of our labor — to the Lord.

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Welcome
Strengthen
Empower

Looking for ways to enrich your faith this Lent?

Then look no further! On **March 11th at 6:30PM**, join us for a special presentation, “Catholic Social Teaching 101”, at the Catholic Charities Center (435 E. Broadway Louisville, KY 40202). Learn about putting your faith into action in the world around you and find ways that you can support Catholic Charities’ on-going service to our community’s poor and vulnerable.

The event is free and open to the public, but please RSVP to prhea@archlou.org.

TESTIFY LENTEN PROGRAM

The singing group, Testify, will hold a musical Lenten program focusing on the five sorrowful mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Please join us on **Sunday, March 23, at 4 PM**, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic church near Rineyville. St John is located at 657 St John Church Road, Elizabethtown, KY.

LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

ST. BRIGID (KC) & RINEYVILLE COMMUNITY PARK (RCP) FISH FRY

Dates: 3/14 (KC), 3/21 (RCP), 3/28 (KC), 4/4 (RCP), 4/11 (KC)

Hours: 5:00-7:00

Menu:

Battered Fried Fish Portion \$12.00
Jumbo Fried Shrimp (6 piece) \$15.00
Fried Fish & 3 Shrimp \$18.00
Extra portion of fish with full meal \$3.00
Grilled cheese sandwich kids meal \$6.00

Meals include: french fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, green beans, roll, dessert, drink

POC: John Pike 270.307.1499

Celebrate!

March Birthdays: Jerome Skees – 03/04; Ron Bryan – 03/07; Myrna Priest – 03/08; Bob Sennott – 03/10; Karen Graycarek – 03/17; Nicki Flores – 03/18; Gary Lewis & Deannie Thompson – 03/20; Eric Kennedy & Jimmy Stuecker – 03/25; Adilyn Miles – 03/26; Kate Graycarek – 03/30

March Anniversaries: Rick & Karen Graycarek – 03/16

VOCATIONS



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

I would like to thank you for your prayers, which rise up to the Lord from the hearts of so many faithful from many parts of the world. I feel all your affection and closeness and, at this particular time, I feel as if I am “carried” and supported by all God’s people. 3/2/25



Archbishop Shelton Fabre
@ArchbishopFabre

“A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn” (Ps 51). This Lent we are invited to open our hearts and return to the Lord.

A Lenten Reflection...



- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust