

5 May 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

# 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](http://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, 4 May

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

### Sunday, 5 May

Ralph Meredith

St. Clare 5 PM (Intentions  
Announced at Mass)

### Wednesday, 8 May

Randy Mudd

### Thursday, 9 May

Anne Ollinger

### Saturday, 11 May

Deceased Members of the Stuecker  
Family

### Sunday, 12 May

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.*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B; 5 May, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10; John 14:23; John 15:9-17

*"This is my commandment: Love one another AS I have loved you."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Grant Almighty God that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy which we keep in honor of the risen Lord and that what we re-live in remembrance, we may always hold to in what we do, through Christ our Lord .....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** May our prayers rise up to You O Lord together with the sacrificial offerings so that purified by Your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of Your mighty love, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Almighty and ever-living God, Who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us we pray the fruits of this paschal sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of Saving food, through Christ our Lord.....

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Year B; 9 May, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-20

*"I am with you always, until the end of the world."*

**Collect or Opening Prayer:** Gladden us with holy joys Almighty God and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** We offer sacrifice now in supplication O Lord to honor the wondrous Ascension of Your Son; grant we pray that through this most holy exchange we too may rise up to the heavenly realms, through Christ our Lord.....

**Prayer after Communion:** Almighty and ever-living God, Who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant we pray that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with You, through Christ our Lord.....



### MESSAGE FROM FATHER BROWN

This bulletin, as with several throughout the year, contains more than one combination of readings and prayers. We have the information for today's Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter, but we also have the Mass for this coming Thursday, the fortieth day since Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The story of Jesus' earthly farewell is told by Matthew and Mark, each in the closing lines of his gospel account (Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 16:14-20). Luke also closes his gospel with a brief description (Luke 24:50-53). However, his more complete narrative is found in his second book and forms the first reading for the Mass of Ascension Thursday (Acts of the Apostles 1:6-11). It is truly a wondrous moment in the life not only of our Savior, but in the life of the infant church of His followers. We celebrate Ascension Thursday as a holy day, but as has been the case for about four years now, there is no obligation to attend Mass.

Even more important than Jesus' farewell with all its emotional drama and power, is His commission to spread the word and His promise to send His Holy Spirit to aid His people in carrying out that commission. The fulfillment of that promise is celebrated ten days after the Ascension on the great Feast of Pentecost (19 May). In anticipation of that, we receive instruction about the importance of Pneumatology (the study of the Spirit) in today's first reading and the third (gospel) reading for Thursday's Mass. It is the coming of the Holy Spirit which gives the Apostles the courage to follow the commission of Jesus to preach His message and to baptize those who receive it. Cornelius, the man who asks for baptism in today's first reading, represents us, since he is one of the first of the Gentiles to follow Jesus. We will hear the dramatic story of the coming of the Spirit, the birthday of the Church, just two weeks from now.

### CHURCH WEBSITE

Go online to [saintambrosechurchcecilia.com](http://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](mailto: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, Ann Higdon**

*Vennie Beeler expresses her appreciation and thanks for all the cards, thoughts and prayers for her as she continues on the road of recovery.*

Send Prayer Requests or Birthday/Anniversary dates to Virginia Hart at [vahplans@live.com](mailto:vahplans@live.com)



**May Birthdays:** Allison Solar-Clark (Daughter of Joyce & Charles Solar) – 05/01; John Catlett – 05/03; Denette Hebert – 05/06; Marisa Ellis and Kristy Stuecker – 05/09; Luke Stuecker and Rosalynn Thomas – 05/17; Rachel Larkin – 05/18; Daniel Kennedy – 05/19; Cindy Miles – 05/21; Jason Crutcher and Camillia Thomas – 5/23; Casey Payton – 05/26; Jonathan Rivera – 05/27; Becky Miller – 05/30

**May Anniversaries:** Terry & Myrna Priest – 05/03; John & Ginny Bowling – 5/13; Larry & Rita French – 5/19 ; Bill & Jeanie Thompson – 05/21; Father Ben Brown (Ordination) – 05/25; Jim & Brenda Bush – 05/31

### 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, 14 May 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, 10 May**. 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](mailto:sarahcfellows@gmail.com)

### VOCATIONS



**Pope Francis** 🌟  
@Pontifex

*The joy of the Gospel, when truly embraced, triggers in us the movement of discipleship. It provokes a real exodus from ourselves and sets us on a path to encounter the Lord and experience the fullness of life.*



**Archbishop Shelton Fabre**  
@ArchbishopFabre

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid” (Jn 14:27). If we turn to Jesus and follow him, we will know true and lasting peace.*

### PARISH COUNCIL



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

Please feel free to reach out to any Parish Council member with questions or concerns.



## STEWARDSHIP

*"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:11-13

### St. Ambrose Weekend Collection Totals

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

Weekly Goal (\$2,055.00)

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Previous Total           | \$152,699.20 |
| In-Pew Collection (4/28) | \$1,957.00   |
| Online (4/23-4/29)       | \$450.00     |
| FYTD Total:              | \$155,106.20 |

The good steward rejoices, loves, and is a friend of Jesus. Stewardship flows out of our love and friendship with the Son of God.

### 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](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stamb)
4. Call Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 8, option 2

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SAINT IGNATIUS CHURCH - APRIL 30, 2024

