

Mission Statement

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church is devoted to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ by embracing a life of love, kindness, and hospitality. We are a welcoming community where every person is valued. We worship God fervently, serve passionately, and witness to the transformative power of Christ.

MASSES:

Sunday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

07 June 2026

THE POPE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity), “On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence,” is Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical,

addressing human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence. This encyclical invites us to consider the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people.

In light of critiques that the Catholic Church shouldn’t have a position on A.I., a Catholic journalist responded briefly and poignantly:

“Who else on the world stage has studied the moral questions surrounding A.I., is independent of moneyed interests and is offering a document that views

the topic from a spiritual point of view — gratis? The parallel here is with Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudato Si,’ which took what was previously seen primarily as a political and scientific issue — climate change — and reframed it as a spiritual one. ‘Magnifica Humanitas’ takes A.I., previously seen as a political and technical issue, and reminds us that it is also a spiritual one.”

Pope Leo’s letter is vastly important in ways we may not be able to imagine yet. Beyond specific teaching regarding the development of A.I., the document articulates anew long-standing principles which any Christian can use in discerning current situations in our society. The document is worth studying.

If you would like to be part of a group study of the document, please use this QR code to express your interest. Father David is planning a series of five discussions, to be held in person on Saturdays this summer.



**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART
CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART**

03 - 11 June 2026

Leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12th, the church across the United States is in the midst of a novena, nine days of prayer. Please continue praying the prayer provided here; a more extensive series of prayers for these days is provided in booklet format at the Welcome table.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops
Consecrating the United States of America
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

**2026 GRADUATES
SIGN UP THIS WEEK**

Our celebration to honor our graduates this year is the last Sunday of this month. Please note that the invitation to participate is for graduates who are members of Saint Ambrose Church. So that we can be sure to recognize all of our graduates on June 28th, please sign up by June 14th— that's next Sunday. There are two ways:

- use this QR code and complete the form;
- use the paper form at the Welcome table in church.



FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21

Sunday, June 21 - Monday, June 29

The current envelope packet includes a remembrance for fathers after the pattern of the Mother's Day remembrance. Please use the envelope the same way. We will light candles in honor or remembrance of fathers and pray a novena for them. For other ways to submit names please go to the online giving tab on our website or scan this QR code. We'll begin the novena prayers on Father's Day.



A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Our church choir is singing as part of the celebration on Wednesday, June 17th in the afternoon at 4405 Park Heights Avenue. That's on our street between Wylie Avenue and West Cold Spring Lane. A flyer is on the Welcome table. The leadership of Dominion Community Development Corporation is being very helpful to us in making plans for the future use of our school building. If you can, a show of support for this event will go far in expressing our gratitude for all the help we are receiving.

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF FRIARS AT SAINT AMBROSE FRIARY



After three years of being part of our community here and teaching at Saint Frances Academy, Brother Connor has accepted an assignment in Pittsburgh. He begins his new ministry there on July 1st.



On July 3rd, Father John Baptist will take up residence in our friary and begin a counseling ministry, following the completion of his doctoral studies this month. He is moving from San Antonio.



Even though he is not around this weekend, Brother Charlie has taken up residence and ministry among us for the summer. He'll be here until late in July.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD



Early in the morning on Thursday this past week, Mr. Alphonsus Butler of our parish passed over into the loving arms of Jesus. May our merciful Lord hold him and welcome him to the feast of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Arrangements are being handled by the Derrick C. Jones Funeral Home. The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, June 16th at 11:00 am, with visitation on Monday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

“In honor of America’s 250th year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will carry the theme One Nation Under God. It’s a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one person at a time. You’re invited to join, in person or in spirit, and offer prayers and sacrifices for the renewal of America.”

The pilgrimage is coming to the Archdiocese of Baltimore this week, from June 9 - 11. Free events are planned, including Mass and processions, tours of the country’s first cathedral, a retreat and adoration in Carroll Gardens.

The pilgrimage route has been named the *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Route* in honor of the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. It covers 2000 miles from Florida to Maine to Pennsylvania, ending in Philadelphia over Independence Day weekend. For more information, visit EucharisticPilgrimage.org. You can register for local events at ArchBalt.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 06/07: Elbert W. Gross on the 12th anniversary of his passing, requested by his daughter, Patricia E. Shorter;
- 06/11: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 06/14: Tyrone Stephens on the 26th anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Reva Stephens;
- 06/18: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 06/21: Stephanie K. Augins on the 14th anniversary of her passing, requested by her aunts, Faye Augins and Shelley Tyler;
- 06/25: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**BE SURE TO SEE THE FLYERS
AT THE WELCOME TABLE AND IN THIS BULLETIN**

- Hospice and palliative care training this Saturday;
- Men’s Fellowship cook-out and gathering on Saturday, the 20th;
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society’s Father’s Day bake sale on Father’s Day.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

31 May 2026 — online contributions	\$1,418.60
31 May 2026 — envelope contributions	\$5,457.00
Sunday collection total	\$6,875.60
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



Use this QR code to make a donation or to sign up for online giving.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor, a deacon, or a eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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| Mary Adderly | Linda Davis | Angela Johnson | Charles Richardson Williams | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| E-Otree Allen | Kenneth Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Corey Richardson | Tammy Vaughn |
| Phillip Ashton | Dante Davis | Josie Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Rosalie Watkins |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dale Dyson | Joseph Jones | Danielle Singley | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Jean Bennett | Earlene Forrest | Lydia Lashley | Bryan Smith | Yvonne Wilder |
| Parrish Boyd | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | Brenda Williams |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | William Young, Sr. |
| Michael Bruce | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | Alice Zaborowski |
| Renee Bruce | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate | |
| Debbie Chase | Karen Gross | Danielle Owens | Ernest Thames | |
| Louis Cooper | Gloria B. Harris | Brenda Richardson | Jean Thomas | |

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7 June 2026

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8: 2 - 3, 14b - 16a

Moses said to the people:

“Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

“Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 147: 12 - 15, 19 - 20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10: 16 - 17

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

GOSPEL

John 6: 51 - 58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”



Introductory to **HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE** **TRAINING**

June 13, 2026 | 8:30am – 12:30pm

Saint Ambrose RC Church / Zoom Meeting ID: 82172388343 Passcode: nOYw7n

About the Training

Join us for an informative training designed to equip health care professionals, caregivers, community advocates, and volunteers with essential skills in hospice and palliative care. Learn how to provide comfort, dignity, and support to individuals facing life-limiting illness, while also supporting the families and loved ones.

What You'll Learn:

- Principles of hospice and palliative care
- Pain and symptom management basics
- Communication with patients and families
- Emotional, spiritual, and cultural support
- End-of-life care planning and ethics
- Caregiver self-care and resilience
- Understanding military culture at End-of-Life

Who Should Attend:

- Health care professionals
- Counselors
- Caregivers and family members
- Volunteers and community advocates
- Anyone interested in compassionate care at End of Life

Facilitators

- **Barbra A. Swann**, CAVS, MS, Gerontology
- **Michelle Sheldon-Rubio**, RN, BSN, CDCES, CSD
Pastoral, Palliative and Hospice Care

Spaces are limited – reserve your spot today!

For questions or to register:

Swann.Barbra@gmail.com or call 410-925-2448



FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT



**Saturday, June 20, 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM**



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**SAINT VINCENT
DE PAUL**
— MINISTRY —

Happy 
FATHER'S DAY!

HONORING DADS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

BAKE SALE

• SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2026 •

Thank you for
supporting our
ministry and helping
us serve those
in need.



FAITH • SERVICE • CHARITY • LOVE