

## 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 June 2026

### INDEPENDENCE DAY — 250

On the way to the Fourth of July, “many celebrations will take place throughout the breadth and length of our land: flag displays, parades, speeches, fireworks, picnics, and much more. But it will also be a moment for us to unite in prayer as a Nation for our Nation. Surely, we will pray for peace and prosperity. Surely, we will pray that our Nation will long endure. Surely, we will pray that our country will live up to its noblest ideals.

If our prayer is sincere, God will hold up a mirror before our eyes. The Lord will allow us to see ourselves as we really are – with our strengths and weaknesses, our virtues and vices. In sustained prayer, we will absorb God’s wisdom as we discern what we must do in the years ahead to preserve, protect, and defend the Republic we have inherited, with its Constitution, its laws, and its guaranteed rights and freedoms.”



— Archbishop William E. Lori

A decision of the U.S. Supreme Court this week allows the Executive Branch of government to withdraw temporary protected status for families seeking asylum in the United States. Please offer this prayer, provided by the U.S. bishops, for those among us whose future is thrown into frightening uncertainty:

*Good, gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families. We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life. Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace. Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice. As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.*

## 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.

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.

July 11  
July 25

July 18  
August 1  
August 8

12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm



## BIBLE STUDY

*“There is only one God, brethren, and we learn about him only from sacred Scripture. It is therefore our duty to become acquainted with what Scripture proclaims and to investigate its teachings thoroughly. Sacred Scripture is God’s gift to us and it should be understood in the way that he intends.”*

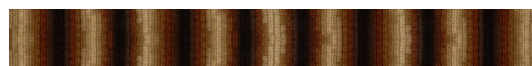
— Saint Hippolytus  
Third century

A group meets every Wednesday evening for one hour in the Saint Augustine Room to prayerfully read, study, and discuss the Scriptures. Everyone is welcome to come any Wednesday at 6:30. Each session is a self-contained study and discussion. Come when you can. This week: **Mary Magdalene**.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

This weekend we are honoring the achievements of our parishioners who have reached a milestone in their academic lives. An acknowledgement, prayer, and blessing will happen at the end of Mass today. Please congratulate these members of our community:

- ◆ Deondre Martin
- ◆ Tierra Stone
- ◆ Cia Allen
- ◆ McKenzie Rubio
- ◆ Sarah Attenoukon
- ◆ Josiah Boyd
- ◆ Josepha Fobella
- ◆ Kamrin Dandridge
- ◆ Robert Jamell Bowen
- ◆ Patrick Reed
- ◆ Ariella St. Louis
- ◆ Storm Swift Harrison
- ◆ Austen Attenoukon



## ON BECOMING CATHOLIC



Across the entire archdiocese 1280 people became full members of the Catholic Church the night of April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Easter Vigil. Seven individuals did so right here. Our church is vibrant and growing!

Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of our church but may need a little encouragement? Invite them to come to church with you. A personal invitation is a powerful way to help fan the flame of faith in another person’s heart. Also, Father David, Sister Rita or Paula Cullings will be happy to speak to them.



### PARISH BOUNDARIES EXPANDING

In the Catholic Church ordinarily parishes are geographically organized; that is, they encompass a specified territory. Decisions of the *Seek the City to Come* process make it necessary to adjust parish boundaries within the city. Archbishop Lori has issued a decree that specifies the geographic boundaries of our parish and others, effective on July 1.

The northern boundary of our parish now extends to Clarks Lane because that major roadway is a more evident dividing line between two parishes. The eastern boundary of our parish now extends to Interstate 83 for the same reason.

Our geographic territory is growing only by a small percentage. We estimate that there are 32 households that are registered Catholic families in other parishes (either Saint Charles Borromeo Church to the north, or the Cathedral of Mary our Queen to the east). If they have no desire to transfer their registration to Saint Ambrose Church, those households will remain members of the community they have come to know, love, and where they invest their energies.

You are invited to learn more by visiting [archbalt.org](http://archbalt.org) and selecting "News" on the homepage.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- 06/28: Anita Cole on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving family;  
 07/02: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;  
 07/05: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;  
 07/09: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;  
 07/12: Pauline Burris on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Reva Stephens;  
 07/16: 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.*

### GOD BE WITH YOU

A small reception after Mass today sends Brother Connor on to his new assignment in Pittsburgh. He moves on Tuesday. Stop by the Saint Augustine Room to wish him well and offer your prayerful support during his transition.

Thank you Brother Connor for your presence and participation.



### TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

|                                                       |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 21 June 2026 — online contributions                   | \$723.10          |
| 21 June 2026 — envelope contributions                 | \$2,917.00        |
| <b>Sunday collection total</b>                        | <b>\$3,640.10</b> |
| <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:*

|                         |                  |                          |                             |                            |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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                 |                            |

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### FIRST READING

*2 Kings 4: 8 - 11, 14 - 16a*

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 89: 2 - 3, 16 - 19*

#### Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

### SECOND READING

*Romans 6: 3 - 4, 8 - 11*

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 10: 37 - 42*

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And who ever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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## MASS ON THE GRASS

WEEKEND

**14 - 16 August**

*Friday - Sunday*

Save the dates!

**Friday, August 14**

5:00 pm

### Sacred Jazz Concert

Bring your own chair

Earlier in the afternoon we will be hosting neighbors and neighborhood organizations to see our school building as we discuss possibilities for its repurposing as a community resource center in some way.

**Saturday, August 15**

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Free produce giveaway

Free Flea Market

sponsored by

*Saint Vincent de Paul Society*

*Saint Anthony's Closet*

**Sunday, August 16**

10:00 am

### Mass on the Grass

followed by

a full afternoon of food  
and activities

## SAVE THE DATE SERVE BALTIMORE

Aquí  
Estoy

Here  
I Am

Aquí  
Estoy

Aquí  
Estoy

Here  
I Am

**JULY  
13-17,  
2026**

**1 SAMUEL 3:1-10**

- A week of faith for rising 9th-12th graders (age 14-18)
- \$125/person
- More info to come

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