

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.

MASSSES:

Sunday, 10:00 am

Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 August 2026



POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY

Almost every Wednesday the pope holds a general audience – a public gathering of pilgrims and visitors to Vatican City. Typically the pope gives some kind of teaching (a catechesis), leads the guests in prayer, and offers particular greetings to various groups in attendance in their native language.

Since late in May, the pope's catechesis has been based on the first document of the Vatican Council

II, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* in Latin).

In this space over the next several weeks we will be highlighting the major points of Pope Leo's catechesis on the liturgy, and provide links to the complete text of his teaching. The title for the first teaching on May 20, 2026 is, "The Liturgy in the Mystery of the Church." In a notable passage from his teaching, the pope said:

"In drafting this Constitution, the Council Fathers sought not only to undertake a reform of the rites, but to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her: the mystery of Christ. Indeed, the liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ."

The complete text is only 842 words.
You can read it here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260520-udienza-generale.html>



Magnifica Humanitas

*On Safeguarding the Human Person
in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*



This series of Saturday gatherings has run its course. The five sessions yielded fascinating conversations and evinced a genuine desire throughout

our community to learn more deeply what the church teaches on a variety of subjects. One subject in particular, is Catholic Social Teaching. A significant part of Pope Leo's letter explores and summarizes that teaching.

In the course of our study we also came upon a short article, originally published in 1998, and reprinted currently in light of this encyclical. The article is titled, "*The 10 Building Blocks of Catholic Social Teaching*." It is short enough to read in about 15 minutes, but profound enough to be the basis for another series of conversations if there is interest. You can access the article here:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/1998/10/31/catholic-social-teaching-ethics-morality-bishops-149086/>



To whet your appetite, those "10 building blocks" are:

<i>the human person</i>	<i>human life</i>
<i>association</i>	<i>participation</i>
<i>preference for the poor</i>	<i>solidarity</i>
<i>stewardship</i>	<i>subsidiarity</i>
<i>equality</i>	<i>common good</i>

THE VATICAN AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In his encyclical Pope Leo warned of "the risk of dehumanisation." This 27-minute episode of "Heart and Soul" from the BBC examines whether an institution (the Catholic Church) built on ancient tradition can meaningfully shape the direction of the most disruptive technology of our time. It invites believers and sceptics alike to consider what impact artificial intelligence might have on humanity.



If you can find half an hour, this radio program is worth a listen.

<https://www.bbc.com/audio/play/p0p4yzl0>



WHY DO CATHOLICS ...?

Fill in the blank. What's the rest of that question for you? Maybe you have a whole list of questions. Maybe you know someone who has asked you a question like this, and you weren't sure how to answer.

Next month, we are beginning a new cohort of people who want to know more about our Catholic faith and practice. Whether you are Catholic or not, these Saturday morning discussions may be just what you're looking for. For some it will become a path to baptism and full incorporation into the Catholic Church. For others, it will be a renewal of faith and prayer. For everyone, it is a beautiful experience of community and learning in a welcoming, non-judgmental environment.

This is the OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Join us for a two-hour session (10:00 am - 12:00 noon) every Saturday starting September 26th. Please sign up at the Welcome table, use the online form available through this link or QR code, or just show up.



<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/ocia-2027>

*Saturday, 26 September
10:00 am
Saint Augustine Room*



Be transformed ... that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

– Romans 12: 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026 - 2027
MEETING OF PARENTS / FAMILIES

TODAY

Right after Mass in the Saint Augustine Room

All of the planning and preparing is nearly done and we are all but ready to begin the new catechetical year. We are kicking it off with a meeting of parents today. Please come over to the Saint Augustine Room after Mass. If you haven't done so yet, please use the QR code or hyperlink below to register your child(ren).

The three class groupings we had last year will continue and move into the second year of sacramental preparation:



First Communion
Confirmation (younger students)
Confirmation (older students)

Any students eligible to begin sacramental preparation may join any of these classes as first year students.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-program>

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Because it is the first day of class, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday here on September 13th. Those who serve our community as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry during Mass. We reflect on the responsibility that each one of us plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the gospel.

God bless our catechists for all that they do in our name as we all rededicate ourselves to the mission of handing on our faith as a believing community.

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
 E-Otree Allen
 Phillip Ashton
 Denise Bannon
 Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe
 Jean Bennett
 Parrish Boyd
 Karen Brown-Berkley
 Michael Bruce
 Renee Bruce
 Debbie Chase
 Louis Cooper

Linda Davis
 Kenneth Davis
 Dante Davis
 Dale Dyson
 Earlene Forrest
 William Ford III
 Eric Frazier
 Sarah Gamble
 JoAnn Glenn
 Karen Gross
 Gloria B. Harris
 Betty Jones

Angela Johnson
 Cornell (Nelson) Johnson
 Josie Johnson
 Joseph Jones
 Lydia Lashley
 Sheila Leary-Smith
 Ernest Livers
 Charles Manns, III
 Kimberly Merrill
 Danielle Owens
 Brenda Richardson
 Charles Richardson Williams

Corey Richardson
 Carl & Bernice Shrieves
 Patricia Simms
 Danielle Singley
 Bryan Smith
 Daniel Smith Sr.
 Archie Stith
 Rosalita Stone
 Gloria Tate
 Ernest Thames
 Jean Thomas
 Vernon Thornton

Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
 Tammy Vaughn
 Rosalie Watkins
 Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
 Yvonne Wilder
 Brenda Williams
 William Young, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

08/30:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/03:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/06:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/10:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/13:	Joshua Alexander Brown on the 24 th anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Trina Brown and his siblings, Gerald and Karah
09/17:	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.

PARISH MINISTRIES RETREAT DAYS

Last Saturday the Parish Mission Council spent a few hours on retreat to reflect on how our new mission statement should shape their service to the parish. On September 19th, all of the leaders of the various ministries in the parish will gather here to do exactly the same thing.

This is part of our effort to make sure that our mission statement is a living document helping us to be more faithful to all that God calls us to be.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>23 August 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$1,733.80
<i>23 August 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$3,127.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,860.80
<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.

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63: 2 - 6, 8 - 9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

SECOND READING

Romans 12: 1 - 2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

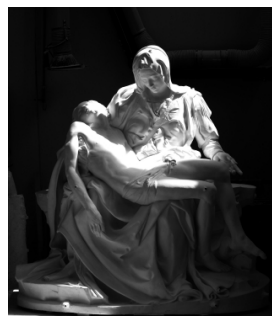
GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 21 - 27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

2:00PM - 5:00PM

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St. Ambrose *Women's Day 2026* *Celebrate With Us!*

 **When:** Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 10 a.m.



Theme:
Women of St. Ambrose
Spreading *Hope* and Serving God
Through *Faith, Unity, and Love*♡



Attire Colors: ♡ Yellow = Hope ♡ Blue = Faith ♡ Purple = Love ♡ White = Renewal

Ladies and men may wear any combination of these colors.



See Dani Owens or Angela Moore-Jones for questions.



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAS**

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ROUND UP DANCE**



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2026**

★ 3:00PM - 7:00PM ★

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