

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 September 2026

POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY



Pope Leo continued his teaching on the Vatican II document on the liturgy on June 24th in Saint Peter's square. It was the fourth in a series of eight. This is how the Vatican excerpted his teaching:

“Dear brothers and sisters, as we continue our series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the celebration of the Eucharist as presented by the Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. This sacred

mystery is described in the second chapter of the document as ‘a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, “a paschal banquet in which Christ

is received, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.” The Constitution also emphasizes that at Mass, the faithful are not passive spectators. Rather, all are encouraged to offer themselves in union with Jesus Christ, the spotless victim, to the Father, through the hands of the priest and together with him. Participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice also means being formed by God's word and nourished at the table of the Lord's body. Indeed, these two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy, ‘are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship.’ Brothers and sisters, as we seek our nourishment from this abundant source of divine life, let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate.”

The full text is available here. It is 826 words this week.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260624-udienza-generale.html>



Celebrate the Passing of our Holy Father Saint Francis 03 October 1226

800 years ago this October 3rd, Saint Francis died in the evening, lying naked on the ground according to his wish. Celebrating his passing is always a deeply meaningful way we friars begin our commemoration of Saint Francis' life every year on October 4th. The eighth centenary makes it particularly special to us.

Please join us in church on that Saturday evening at 6:00 pm to celebrate the *Transitus* within the Liturgy of the Hours. Night Prayer centers around the singing of a psalm; and the *Transitus* features an extended reading about the death of Saint Francis.

Because of a longstanding tradition in which Franciscan friars and Dominican friars exchange preachers on each one's Founder's Day, Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak, O.P. will deliver a brief homily. Fr. Maximilian is not only a Dominican friar, but also the spiritual director and a professor at Saint Mary Seminary and University, Roland Park.

Please join us!
Your presence would do the friars a great
honor.



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.

This Saturday 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 beginning with this one, 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



MASS ON THE GRASS 2027

Save the Dates!

Next year's weekend has been selected and
confirmed. Mark your calendars now.

Friday - Sunday

27 - 29 August 2027

COME OUT and ENJOY the FUN

BINGO!

with the OBLATES!

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
2:00PM - 5:00PM

FUNDRAISER TO PURCHASE CARS NEEDED TO TAKE THE
SISTERS TO AND FROM DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
CALL 410-242-8500,
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The archdiocese is implementing new policies, practices and training for all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. The archdiocese itself is conducting the training – and it is mandatory for everyone who distributes Holy Communion whether in church, or to the sick and homebound. Print copies of the new policy and new norms are available.

If it is convenient for anyone, a group is gathering in the Saint Augustine Room for the Tuesday, October 13th session at 2:00 pm. If you want to participate this way, you must still register with the archdiocese, or let us do it for you. Regardless of which session you choose, please let the parish office know so that we can make sure the archdiocese keeps an accurate record of our ministers.

If you are a minister of the Eucharist, please register for a training session:

<https://archbalt.regfox.com/aob-emhc-formation-sessions>

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT RETREAT DAY**

Saturday, 24 October 2026

Yesterday's retreat day for leaders of parish ministries and organizations only took place after this bulletin went to print. A report on the day will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Another retreat day will be held on Saturday, October 24th for everyone involved in any ministry in the parish and for any members who are interested in contributing to living the parish's mission more deliberately.

Please save that date and look for registration information next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

09/20:	Margaret E. Gross on the 16 th anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Patricia E. Shorter
09/24:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/27:	Gloria Jiggetts on the 1 st anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving husband, Clinton, and family
10/01:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
10/04:	Denver Johnson on the 1 st anniversary of his passing, requested by his loving wife, Ethel, and his brothers and sisters
10/08:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
<i>Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</i>	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2027

Next year's book for recording Mass intentions is now open for requests. To make sure that everyone has time to place an intention on the calendar, we will accept two intentions per person until March 1st. After that, individuals may request more.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>13 September 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$3,370.00
<i>13 September 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$1,965.30
Sunday collection total	\$5,335.30
<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	Corey Richardson	Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
E-Otree Allen	Kenneth Davis	Cornell (Nelson) Johnson	Carl & Bernice Shrieves	Tammy Vaughn
Phillip Ashton	Dante Davis	Josie Johnson	Patricia Simms	Rosalie Watkins
Denise Bannon	Dale Dyson	Joseph Jones	Danielle Singley	Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe	Earlene Forrest	Lydia Lashley	Bryan Smith	Yvonne Wilder
Jean Bennett	William Ford III	Sheila Leary-Smith	Daniel Smith Sr.	Brenda Williams
Parrish Boyd	Eric Frazier	Ernest Livers	Archie Stith	William Young, Sr.
Karen Brown-Berkley	Sarah Gamble	Charles Manns, III	Rosalita Stone	
Michael Bruce	JoAnn Glenn	Kimberly Merrill	Gloria Tate	
Renee Bruce	Karen Gross	Danielle Owens	Ernest Thames	
Debbie Chase	Gloria B. Harris	Brenda Richardson	Jean Thomas	
Louis Cooper	Betty Jones	Charles Richardson Williams	Vernon Thornton	

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 20c - 24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 1 - 16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
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DINNER

Food • Fellowship • Community



Come enjoy an evening of
good food, great conversation,
and fellowship with our
Young Adult Ministry!



Tuesday,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026



6:00 PM



Saint Ambrose Rectory
ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM



DINNER IS *FREE!*



Please *confirm* your attendance
in the Young Adult Ministry group chat
or by email: stonetierra549@gmail.com

