

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

04 October 2026



POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY

The sixth of eight teachings on the liturgy by Pope Leo occurred on August 12th. The pope emphasized the importance of gathering in person with each other to celebrate Sunday Mass, which cannot be fully substituted by a virtual presence nor reduced to a passive gathering. The Vatican Press Office summarized the catechesis:

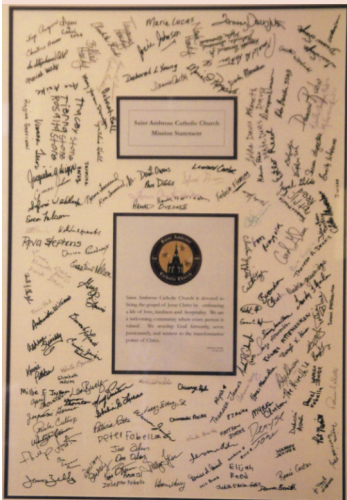
“Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council’s

Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we reflect today on the liturgical year and its relevance for the faithful. The liturgical year is not a static representation of past events, but an encounter with Christ himself, who desires to immerse his people in the mysteries of the history of salvation. The day on which Christ rose from the dead is the core of the liturgical year, and foreshadows Christ’s second coming, when we will all rise again. For this reason, it is essential for the faithful to sanctify the Lord’s Day by gathering to celebrate the Eucharist. May our active participation and steadfast witness help us to enter ever more deeply into the reality of belonging to Christ, and may we anticipate with hope his coming in glory.”

The full text is 861 words and can be read here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260812-udienza-generale.html>



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT RETREAT DAY*Saturday, 24 October 2026**10:00 am - 3:00 pm*

A thread woven throughout everything we do as a church family is our parish's mission statement. From the time the statement was formally promulgated we have been systematically working our way through the various bodies and ministries of the parish, engaging in deliberate prayer about the ways our mission statement

can and should shape the things we do here.

On October 24th, just three weekends from now, we will have a retreat day for every member of every ministry and organization in the parish. The day is also open to any parish member who wants to participate. Everyone is welcome, invited, and encouraged to take part.

Because we have to organize space for everyone who will come and we have to offer some lunch to everyone, registering is very important. There is a sign up page on the Welcome table. There is a link and code to access an online form to register. Please choose one way or the other to sign up and please do so soon.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/mission-statement-retreat-day>



If you want to get a little more of an inside scoop on what to expect, you may talk to any of the ministry leaders who all participated in the first retreat day on September 19th.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3RD

<i>October 13:</i>	Deadline to register to vote online and update information
<i>October 22 - 29:</i>	Early voting
<i>October 30:</i>	Deadline to request mail-in ballot (for already registered voters); November 1 for electronic mail-in ballot
More information and resources are available at: https://www.mdcatholic.org/elections/	


**FAITH
RENEWED**

**MISSION
SUSTAINED**

Our parish is sustained by parishioners who pray, serve, participate, and give. Each of those commitments matter. When we renew our support, look for ways to become more involved, thank those who serve, and pray for the mission we share, we help strengthen the life of our parish. Please take your Renewal Card home and keep it as a reminder of the commitment you are making or are still prayerfully discerning.

If your commitment includes renewing or increasing your offertory support, please take the next step this week. If you give online, log in to your parish giving account and update your recurring gift. If you have not yet set up online giving, the QR code on the card can help you begin. Automatic recurring giving is one of the best ways to provide steady support for the ministries that renew faith and sustain the mission of our parish.

Thank you for helping renew our faith, strengthen our parish, and sustain the mission we share.

**MASS
WITH THE SACRAMENT
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

*Thursday, October 8
6:00 pm*



The Thursday evening Mass this week includes the opportunity for those in attendance to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament takes place after the homily and before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Celebrating the sacrament during Mass gives us the opportunity to collectively bring our weakness and ill health to God for blessing and healing. Through the sacrament, we present ourselves and our loved ones to God for healing, and we are strengthened by praying together for each other. Even if you are not in need of this sacrament at this time, come and pray with brothers and sisters here, who beg God's healing Spirit in their lives.

If you know someone who may benefit from the sacrament but may not otherwise be able to be here, maybe you could offer to bring that person.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Don't forget that in order to continue serving as a minister of the Eucharist in church or to homebound members, all ministers must attend a training session led by the archdiocese. If you need help registering for a session, please call the parish office. Register here: <https://archbalt.regfox.com/aob-emhc-formation-sessions>

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the church, helping overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Mental health resources are available at: <https://www.archbalt.org/help-is-here/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
18 October 2026

The second collection we take up on World Mission Sunday helps extend the church's missionary work to places where the church barely exists, where the Gospel has never been heard before, and where the church is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for being generous. Please use the envelope in your packet or the fund available on our website's online giving page.



Use this QR code or link to submit a request to have a meeting or an event published on the parish calendar.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/calendar-request>

MASS INTENTIONS

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
10/11:	Ronnie Tuitt on his birthday and the 2 nd anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Merle Parejo
10/15:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
10/18:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
10/22:	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>	

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

27 September 2026 – online contributions	\$1,254.40
27 September 2026 – envelope contributions	\$5,474.00
Sunday collection total	\$6,728.40
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, SEPTEMBER 2026 <i>Online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>Continuing Our Mission</i>	\$1,440.60
<i>Utility Fund</i>	\$56.10
<i>"What You Did For the Least"</i>	\$20.40
<i>In Memoriam, Mr. Al Butler, total since June</i>	\$319.00
<i>Black and Native Americans</i>	\$10.00
<i>Online gifts through archdiocesan portal, August 2026</i>	\$840.00
<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 5: 1 - 7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: what more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80: 9, 12 - 16, 19 - 20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 6 - 9

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33 - 43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,*

and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The poster features a central illustration of seven women of diverse backgrounds, seen from behind, holding hands and raising their arms in a gesture of praise or prayer. They are standing on a golden, wavy ribbon that flows across the bottom. The background is a soft, ethereal blue and white sky with a large, faint white cross on the right and a church steeple on the left. The overall color palette is dominated by purple, blue, yellow, and white, with decorative floral elements like lilies and purple flowers at the bottom corners.

 **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.**

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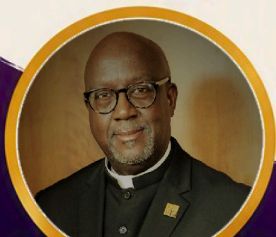
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TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2026



7:00 PM ET



Fr. Manuel
Williams



Sr. Eva Lumas



Kayla August



Dr. David
Robinson-Morris

*Rooted
in Faith.
Rising
Together*



Dr. Ansel Augustine
Moderator

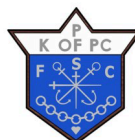


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Renewal Weekend

Thank You for Renewing Your Commitment

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Next Steps This Week



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Online Giving
Simple. Secure. Faithful.



Visit our Parish website
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This week we give thanks for everyone who is prayerfully making a renewed commitment to our parish, our ministries and the mission we share.

Your commitment helps sustain the worship, service, formation, outreach, and community that bring parish life to life.

We are especially mindful of the many people who make this parish strong: those who give, those who serve, those who pray, those who welcome, those who teach, those who visit, those who quietly help, and those who show up with faithful hearts.

Thank you for being a part of our parish.

MIDWEEK MOMENTS OF REST

Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm the church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Regularly, about 20 people gather to listen to the Word, sing, pray, and share the Eucharist. You are always welcome.

At 6:30 on Wednesday evenings a group gathers for an hour to study the Bible. You can jump in at any time to take part and get something out of it. The group meets in the Saint Augustine Room. Bring your Bible, your insights, and any questions you may have. Every person's contribution to the conversation is valued and treated with reverence.

