

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 October 2026



POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY

In the seventh and penultimate catechesis in his series on the liturgy, on August 19th Pope Leo spoke on the importance of music and inculturation in the church's worship. This is the official summary of his teaching:

"Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, today we consider the importance of sacred music. Indeed, singing and playing a musical

instrument are acts of prayer. Music thus fosters our unity in praising God and opens our hearts to be fashioned by his grace. Far from being merely decorative, therefore, sacred music is a treasure of profound value. It should always be dignified, draw inspiration from Sacred Scripture and reflect the grandeur of the mystery celebrated. Sacred music is also to reflect local cultures, expressing the authentic traditions of peoples, while promoting the universal Church's musical heritage. The Council also emphasized the need for solid liturgical formation and education in sacred music. Dear brothers and sisters, in the liturgy, may we join together in love, and – in the words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch – 'with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ.'"

At almost 1100 words, the full text is a little longer than most of them, but it is worth your time to read it thoroughly. You can access Pope Leo's teaching here:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260819-udienza-generale.html>



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FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6 - 10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1 - 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.



SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20

Brothers and sisters:

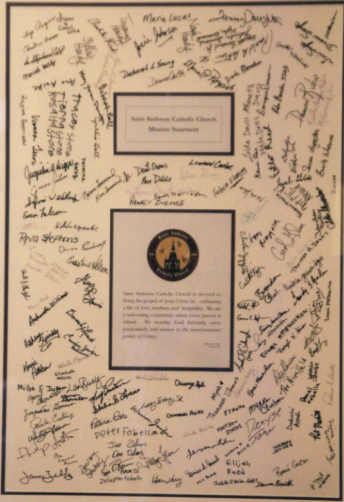
I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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 two 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.



FAITH RENEWED

MISSION SUSTAINED

Thank you for the many ways you help sustain the mission of our parish. Through your generosity, prayer, service, and presence, our parish continues to be a place of worship, welcome, formation, service, and care.

As we end this three-week focus on our mission, thank you to everyone who reflected on their commitment to the life of our parish. Our parish is strengthened by parishioners who give, serve, participate, and pray. Together, these gifts renew faith and sustain the mission we share.

We also invite you to continue sharing gratitude throughout the year. Our prayer box on the Welcome table is also now a Gratitude box. Please, keep dropping your prayer intentions inside; but also, anytime you notice a ministry moment, someone serving faithfully, an act of kindness, or something in our parish community that you are thankful for, please write it down and drop it there.

Periodically, we may share selected notes and themes with the parish community so we can continue recognizing the people, ministries, and moments that strengthen our parish.

A grateful parish is a stronger parish. What are you grateful for in our parish?

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST*Tuesday, October 13**2:00 - 4:30 pm**Saint Augustine Room*

We have arranged with the archdiocese that a group of us may attend the same Zoom training session as long as each eucharistic minister signs up individually. If, for any reason, you'd rather join a group of us and go through this training together, register for the October 13th training and join us Tuesday afternoon in the Saint Augustine Room. If you need a little help registering, give us a call at the parish office.

In order to continue serving as a minister of the Eucharist in church or to homebound members, all ministers must attend one of these training sessions. Register here: <https://archbalt.regfox.com/aob-emhc-formation-sessions>

**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/	

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Action on behalf of justice is a constitutive element of the Gospel of Jesus. That is, we have to put our faith into action. There are many ways to do that, each according to our abilities, time, and energy. Two particular opportunities are presenting themselves in the next couple of weeks. *[See the flyers elsewhere in this bulletin.]*

One is an event tomorrow evening at the Morning Star Baptist Church in Woodlawn to appeal to government officials and candidates about issues like housing and immigration.

A second event is a presentation by Sister Norma Pimentel who is an immigration advocate with national recognition and reputation.

SHARE YOUR PARISH PHOTOGRAPHS

If you are taking photographs as parish activities are happening, as groups are meeting, as ministries are working, please share those photographs with the parish. Send them by way of email to:

photos@saintambrose.com

The goal is to build and organize a broad database of Saint Ambrose Church in action. To the extent that it is practical, please identify and date the event, and name the people in the photograph. This body of material will be a valuable resource for flyers, bulletins, the website, social media and more.



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

10/11:	Ronnie Truitt 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
10/25:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
10/29:	Archer and Augustine Stith on their 52 nd wedding anniversary requested by their daughter, Paula Langford
<i>Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</i>	

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

18 October 2026

Next weekend's second collection 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.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

04 October 2026 – online contributions	\$2,593.40
04 October 2026 – envelope contributions	\$3,710.00
Sunday collection total	\$6,303.40
<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	



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.



2026 BUILD STATEWIDE ACTION

Join approximately 2,000 people as we engage officials & candidates about the issues that matter to us. We'll celebrate & press for action around BUILD's priorities including housing, criminal justice, immigration, and neighborhood issues. Join us!



Monday, October 12
6:30 - 8:30 pm



**Morning Star
Baptist Church**
1512 Woodlawn Dr.
Woodlawn, MD 21207



tinyurl.com/26GovAction



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

02 November 2026
Monday at 6:00 pm

On Monday, November 2nd, Saint Ambrose Church will join the universal church in its annual commemoration of all the faithful departed. By long tradition this commemoration follows the day we celebrate all the saints of the church, whose place in heaven at the throne of God, is sure.

As we have in the past, our parish celebration will include a particular focus on those members of our parish who have passed away in the last twelve months and whose funeral liturgy we have celebrated here. Families members of those deceased will be receiving personal invitations to

pray with us that day.

Because the commemoration will not be during a Sunday Mass, we have more opportunities to focus our celebration. The parish's Liturgy Committee is planning a commemoration that also includes those who have died by violence in the city.

Our liturgy that day, and our prayers throughout November, will hold all our loved one in a place of honor. Please submit the names of loved ones you want us to remember with you. A variety of ways to do so are being arranged.



REGISTER NOW!

JOURNEY TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

**From Stranger
to Neighbor:
An Immigration
Call to Action**



A conversation with
Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ,
nationally-renowned
immigration advocate

OCTOBER 21, 2026

Presentation 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Dessert reception to follow

Church of the Nativity
20 E. Ridgely Road, Timonium MD, 21093

**THIS EVENT IS FREE
AND ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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