

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness and hospitality.

MASSES:
Sunday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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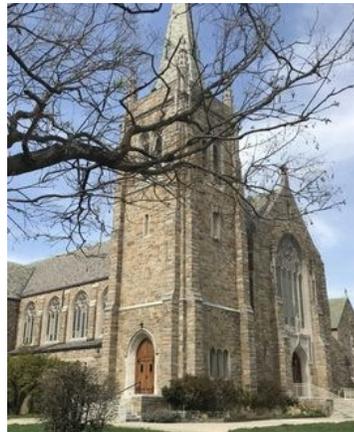
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

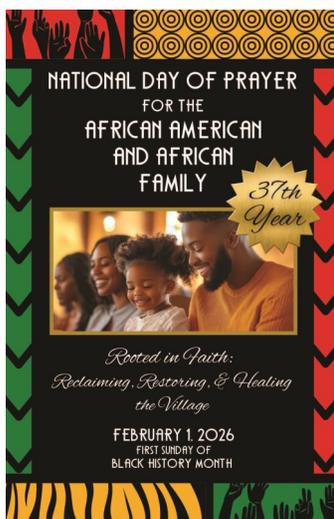
01 February 2026

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

FOR THE

AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

This day of prayer is observed today, and begins Black History Month. Please stop by the Welcome table for a couple of resources you can use at home to honor the day.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY

Kicking off our month-long observance of Black history, take a moment to look around the church today at everyone who is dressed in festive African apparel.



Appreciate the beauty, the color, and the diversity that enriches us all as a church and as a society.



February 8th — if it weren't the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year — would be the Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita. Next Sunday we will celebrate and honor her life, as well as ask the support of her prayers that we may follow her example of virtue born from her love of God.

BIBLE STUDY COMING*Immerse yourself in the Word of God*

Thirteen parishioners expressed interest in beginning a Bible Study in the parish by completing the online survey that has been available throughout January. A summary of the survey's findings was emailed to each of them and can be made available, for the asking, to anyone else who is interested. Wednesday evenings are the most convenient time for most of the respondents. The top choices for a place to begin are these:

- *Themes found throughout the Bible*
- *The Gospels and Acts of the Apostles*
- *Wisdom literature*
- *Explore the Old Testament*
- *The letters of Saint Paul*

With this, Father David will begin working on a plan for a weekly Bible Study group. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Bring a friend, if you want. The meetings will be in person and take place in the parish offices. We'll begin:

Wednesday, March 4th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Last Sunday's winter storm interrupted the archdiocese's plan for announcing the Annual Appeal. Making a pledge can help you give a larger gift because it is given over a period of ten to twelve months. In church next weekend, we will take some time to allow families to fill out the envelope. However, the pledge/gift envelope is already in the pew and you may take one now if you're ready to give.

At this time last year we emphasized that only 4% of our parishioners made a gift or a pledge in 2024 and we hoped to increase that number. In 2025, 10% of our registered households made a pledge or a donation. That is a remarkable increase. Thank you. Let's keep that growth trend moving.

If you have ever been proud of a service provided in the name of the Catholic Church in support of the needy and most vulnerable among us, that service is almost certainly possible because of your donations to the Annual Appeal.

“WE NEED TO SAY, ‘NO.’”

“We mourn for a world, a country that allows 5-year-olds to be legally kidnapped and protesters to be slaughtered.”

These are the words of Cardinal Joseph Tobin of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey at an interfaith call to prayer on January 25th. Cardinal Tobin called on people of faith to counter violence with love — and to ask our elected officials to vote against an upcoming appropriations bill that includes funding for what he called a “lawless organization.”

Contact information for our elected representatives is on the Welcome table. Please consider contacting them and advocating for justice as the U.S. Congress takes up the appropriations bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security over the next two weeks.

The full text of an article published by *Our Sunday Visitor* about Cardinal Tobin's appeal is available on the Welcome table. It is worth your time to read it thoughtfully and prayerfully.

RETURN YOUR PALM

It's not too late to return old palm branches you may have at home. There is a basket at the front door of the church to collect them. They will be burned to make the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday. Mass that day is at 6:00 pm. There is no Mass on Thursday that week.

DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for the Daniel Rudd Scholarship. It is open to all students attending a Catholic institution, grades Kindergarten to 12, and who are active members of their parish community. Application forms are available on the Welcome table; they are due by May 31st.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of your contributions to the parish as you prepare your 2025 tax return, please leave your name and contact information on the list at the Welcome table or leave a message at the parish office. We will promptly prepare a statement for you, but only upon your request.

LENT IS COMING

As we turn the page to February, it's time to turn our thoughts to Lent. Are you considering what extra spiritual disciplines you want to add to your daily routine to allow God to draw you closer to his heart? Here are a few things that will be offered here. Please consider:

- ◆ attending Mass on Thursdays at 6:00 pm;
- ◆ praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00 pm;
- ◆ an abridged version of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in lieu of the rosary;
- ◆ attend one or more of the Saturday noontime sessions on the Liturgy to be held in church from February 21st to March 14th;
- ◆ the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the Thursday evening Mass on March 12th;
- ◆ a Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin on March 4th.

LAST MINUTE FLEXIBILITY

When we made the decision to move our Sunday Mass to Saturday afternoon last weekend we tried to get the word out as quickly and efficiently as possible. If you didn't get the message by email or text and want to be included in future messages, please call the office and make sure we have your preferred way of communication. 89 people were able to make the adjustment and made it at 3:00 on Saturday afternoon.



We owe thanks to everyone who adjusted their schedules to make it possible to celebrate Sunday Mass a day early. Thank you for being here.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 02/01: Jean and Darrell Kotchka, requested by their daughters;
- 02/05: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 02/08: Joseph H. Garner, Jr., requested by Patricia Shorter;
- 02/12: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 02/15: Joyce Ann Roberts on the 13th anniversary of her passing, requested by her sister, Myra Clinton;
- 02/18: for 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.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
<i>25 January 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$838.60
<i>25 January 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$1,874.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$2,712.60
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, JANUARY 2026 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>Continuing Our Mission</i>	\$1,155.00
<i>Utility Fund</i>	\$860.10
<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</i>	\$385.00
<i>Retired Priests of the Archdiocese</i>	\$536.80
<i>Online donations through archdiocesan portal</i>	\$1,589.00
<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:

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| Mary Adderly | Louis Cooper | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | William Young, Sr. |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith, Sr. | Alice Zaborowski |
| Renee Bruce | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | |
| Al Butler | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |
| Debbie Chase | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate | |

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01 February 2026

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12 - 13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 146: 6 - 10

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are some-

thing, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1 - 12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."