

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

Pastor

Rev. Steven Zehler
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
and 11:00am

Daily Mass Schedule

M,T,F 8:00am
Wednesday 6:00pm
Thursday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 5:00 – 5:30pm

Church Staff

Office Manager:
Terri Sowards
Office Assistant:
Marybeth Gaetano
Religious Ed. Coordinator:
Christine Humphries
Music Director:
Tom Rivers
Youth Ministry Coordinator:
Chris Fisk

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00am to 2:00pm

Church Address

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September 12, 2021 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year of Saint Joseph

*Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ
in the Catholic tradition since 1875*

Ministry Contact List

Altar Servers: Parish Office 904-692-1366
Fair Chairman: Frank DuPont 904-814-2276
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stambministries@windstream.net
Pastoral Council: Nancy Dupont, Church Office 904-692-1366
Prayer List: Donna Rogero donnarogero@att.net 386-325-5230
RCIA: Parish Office 904-692-1366
Respect Life: Ana Martin 904-692-4927 & Kathleen Quinones
Religious Education: Christine Humphries
stamreled@windstream.net
Sacristan: Maggie Hill 904-797-2733

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please take a few minutes to complete a confidential registration form which can be found in the Church lobby. You may hand the completed form to a Welcome Minister or mail it to the office. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners should contact the Pastor before setting a wedding date. Normal preparation time is 8 months which includes a required Diocesan marriage preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered and active members of the Parish for at least six months prior to the Baptism. A Baptismal Class for the parents and godparents is required. Please call the office for more information.

SPIRITUAL OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY

If you have a spiritual or medical emergency, please call Father Steven at the emergency number: 904-436-3056. No texting please.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

For those parishioners who can no longer attend Mass, you can still receive Holy Communion. Our Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring the Lord to your home. Father Steven also makes First Friday visitations to provide the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession. Call the office at 904-692-1366 to arrange a visit.



We ask everyone in the parish to pray for the people on the prayer list. Blessings!

Chris Barnes Family, Jackie & Dan Barry, Laura Boyd, Sharon Brown, Betty Jo Brubaker, Carrie Brubaker, Chad Corbett, Jim Devlin, Maureen Devlin, Joan Dietrich, Fred Duquette, Daniel Eggland, Rik Freeney, Baby Girl Feibel, Gail Freeman, Annalee Freund, Jacob, Ashley and Baby Fulford, Pat Gay, Mary Geer, Kathleen Green, Phyllis Greer, Robert Hall, Sherry Herrington, Craig Herrington & family, Valorie Kline, Evelyn Kennedy, Sybil LaFountain, Athena Leach, Mike Lisle Sr., Mike Lisle Jr., The Ludas Family, Lucy Kirk, Jenny Gale Kopetski, Eryka McCarthy, Dr. Robert McLendon, Juliana McCumbers, Sandy McCumbers, Bill, Gwen & Pat Mead, Gary Messisco, Andrea Novak, Carmine Quatrano, Jim Rogero, Walter Rogero Family, Alicia Stratton, Stuart Stratton, The family of Keith Taylor, Val Thomas, Asya Welz, Erin Wilson

Please notify Donna Rogero at (386) 325-5230 or donnarogero@att.net with your prayer request. We have updated our list and anyone wishing to be put back on the list that was previously listed please contact Donna.

Hospitality after all weekend Masses
(In front of the church)

Saturday, September 11 - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 12 - 9:00 & 11:00 am Mass

Saint Ambrose Parish Calendar

Monday, September 13

8:00 am No Morning Mass

Tuesday, September 14

8:00 am No Morning Mass

Wednesday, September 15

5:00 pm Confessions (until 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm Religious Education Class

6:00 pm Evening Mass

Intention: (B) Kyle Sowards

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am No Morning Mass

Friday, September 17

8:00 am Morning Mass

Intention: (SI) The Kennedy Family

Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm Confessions (until 4:30 pm)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Intention: † Larry Stevens

Sunday, September 19

9:00 am Morning Mass

Intention: For the Parish

11:00 am Morning Mass

Intention: † Dale Moore

Birthday Celebrations - September

11 – Alvez Barkoskie

13 – Santiago Martin

14 – Amanda Doucette; Rita Golden; Kristina Hersey

Camila Rafols-Aviles; Jill Sierakowski

15 – Chelsea Imperial

16 – Andrew Jordan; Kyle Sowards

17 – Gabriella Elekes



Giving Donations September 4 & 5, 2021

Not available due to early bulletin deadline.

**This information will be included in
the September 19 Bulletin**

Thank you for your understanding.

Reminder: Online Giving is Easy to Use

Using **ParishSOFT Giving**, we are able to receive online donations. Go to www.saintambrose-church.org and click on the online giving link, or go to **MyParishApp** and click on the Giving icon. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation with either your debit or credit card. Thank you for your generosity!

The Fullness of Life in the Cross

Jesus asks 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 and that of the gospel will save it." *Mk 8:34-35*

The concept of taking up our own cross is not merely self-sacrifice. It is how we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross.

When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him. Excerpts from ~ *learningreligions.com*

As Christians we know our salvation is through the Cross

On **September 14** we celebrate the feast of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself. . .

The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's. . .

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours.

Excerpt from ~ *Saints and Feast Days*

K of C Wreath & Christmas Card Sales

The **Knights of Columbus Council # 11046** will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Cards in front of the church after all Masses beginning next weekend, **September 18/19**. **All proceeds** from the sales go to Saint Ambrose youth programs.

Saint Ambrose Pro-Life Ministry Schedule

Saint Ambrose is blessed to have an active **Pro-Life Ministry Program**. There are many events planned through the end of 2021. Stay tuned!

March for Life Tee Shirts Available

Tee shirts for the Saint Augustine March for Life in January, 2022 (1/15/22) are available online at marchforlifestaugustine.com. The cost is \$15/ea.

St. Joseph Academy 9th Annual Tuition Raffle

Win \$10,000 Tuition to school or college of your choice or pay off your college loans. For more information or to order tickets online visit www.sjweb.org. Click on Tuition Raffle under QuickLinks. Or call Jodi Kotrady-Hatin 904.824.0431 ext.307. The drawing takes place on Friday, September 24th at the SJA Home Game (Versaggi Field). The donation for the tickets is \$100.

Raffle proceeds go toward scholarships for St. Joseph Academy Students.

Quote from our Patron Saint: "The devil tempts that he may ruin; God tests that he may crown."

— Ambrose of Milan

RCIA at Saint Ambrose - Join us!

Saint Ambrose **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** began Wednesday, September 8th at 6:45 pm. Classes are being held in the parish office.

There is still room for more!

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic faith but are not yet Catholic? Have you wondered about Church teachings, history, the mass, scripture, or the sacraments? RCIA is a process of prayer, study, service, worship, discussion, faith sharing and celebration for individuals who have questions and are interested in the possibility of becoming Catholic: (*Unbaptized adults and children of catechetical age who wish to learn more about the faith; Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic faith*).

Additionally, RCIA offers **baptized Catholics** who have **not received** the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation and desire to enter fully into the community of the Catholic faith.

Please send contact the parish office at either (904) 692-1366 or send an email to officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org with any questions.

You're invited to join us for Bible Study!

Join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** for a virtual Bible study on Zoom using Dr. Scott Hahn's Sunday Bible Reflections. Audio file and links to Bible readings are available at the following website: www.stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections. Each week we will study the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday Mass. To register for the Zoom link, send an email to officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org.

Our Lady of La Leche - Canonical Coronation



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has recognized the importance and sanctity of the Our Lady of La Leche devotion by granting a **Canonical Coronation** on Sunday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St.

Augustine. The public is invited to participate via **live stream**. To learn more, visit coronation.dosafl.com.

Defending our Catholic Faith

Many people have misconceptions about the Catholic Faith. How often are you asked questions about your Catholic Faith and feel unprepared to answer and defend it? We could use Catholic resources to assist us. Catholic Answers is a media company dedicated to sharing what the Church teaches. They provide reliable information about the Catholic Church's doctrine, tradition, and beliefs. Visit www.catholic.com for more information

Parishioner Contact Information Updates

If you have had any change in your address, telephone number or email address, please notify Marybeth at the following email address officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org or call the office with your updated information.

ATTENTION: The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or you may call the **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator** at (904) 208-6979 or send an email to inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopsabuse.org.