



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



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St. Catherine's Office

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Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian after Mass, fill out a registration form located in the church entrance, and place in the collection basket.

Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes: Please contact the parish office regarding Sacramental Preparation for all Sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six (6) months prior to the date chosen. A marriage preparation course is required.

Bulletin Announcements: Need to be submitted by 12:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2024

Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven.

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OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Aug. 11—Aug. 17. Mass Intentions for Aug. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Aug. 13	SA	NO MASS
Wednesday, Aug. 14	SC	NO MASS
Thursday, Aug. 15	SA	NO MASS
Friday		
Sunday, Aug. 18	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 18	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 18	SA	NO 4 PM MASS



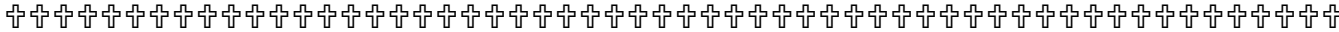
Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Sylvia Zalik, Dave Gensorek, Lorainne Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic
And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased.

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

St. Catherine's
Sunday July 28
 Reg. \$1, 613.25 TIA \$110 O&M \$410
Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose
Sunday July 21
 Reg. \$1,518.80 TIA \$280 Benev. Fund \$5
 Pope's Past. Works \$10
Well done, good and faithful servants!



Support For Our Diocese Programs

*God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches
 in glory in Christ Jesus.*

St. Catherine's Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 703.00
<u>Donations to Aug. 4:</u>	<u>\$ 3,816.00</u>
We still need:	\$ 6,887.00

Giving out of love!



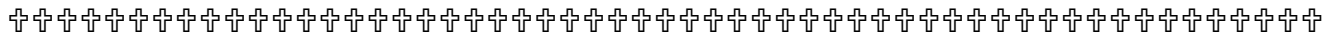
St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 531.00
<u>Donations to Aug. 4:</u>	<u>\$ 7,001.50</u>
We still need:	\$ 3,529.50

Giving out of love!

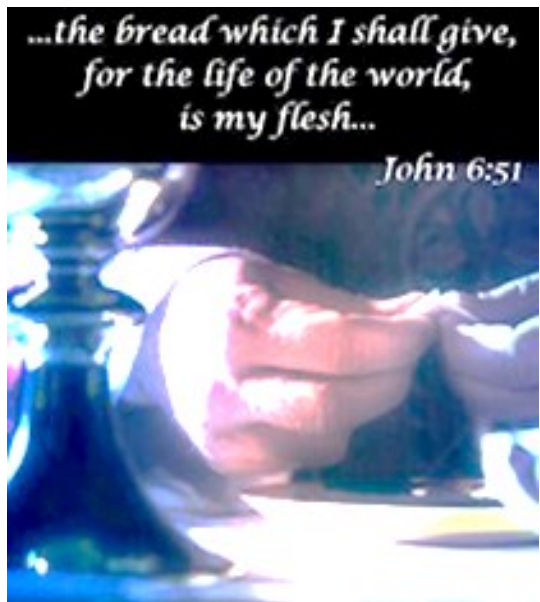
Our TIA campaigns are going well, with each week bringing us closer to our goals! Your willingness to share God's gifts with those in need in our Diocese is deeply appreciated. Keep up the great work,

WARNING!! Once again, there are emails being sent out that appear to be from Fr. Ian (or may have other priest's names) asking for money, gift cards, etc. **OUR PRIESTS WILL NEVER SEND OUT EMAILS ASKING FOR DONATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FORM OF GIFT CARDS, ETC.** This is a scam—always! Do not respond and immediately delete the email from your computer! You can also phone the office to check if something suspicious is legitimate 403-345-3400. Don't get manipulated by these clever criminals!



OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel: John 6:41—51



Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. Jesus then concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

**How do we react to the debate between Jesus and the people in today's Gospel?
 When was the last time you doubted the power of Jesus?**

(Sunday Connection)

OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:
Resumes Aug. 28/24

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Resumes Aug. 29/24



Sacrament Prep. Inquiries—First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Susan, at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217.

Preparación sacramental. Consultas: ¿Preguntas sobre Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.


Sunday Ministries Schedule

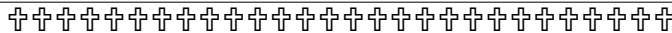
DATE	EMHC	LECTORS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
Aug. 18	Liz	Lynda	Susan	?
Aug. 25	Susan	Phil	Susan	Lynda & Jackie

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If there are emergencies where a priest is urgently needed, please phone either All Saints Parish in Lethbridge at 403-327-8931 or St. Augustine's Parish in Taber at 403-223-2226. Otherwise, please phone the parish office as usual.



 **Today is Soup Sunday!!** After Mass, come and enjoy a variety of homemade soup and catch up with neighbours and friends. Your donations will be gratefully accepted towards maintenance of our church. Thanks!



St. Ambrose Parish

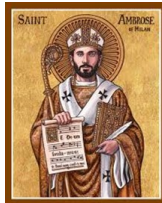
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Masses:
Resumes Aug. 27/24.

Adoration: Friday Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 at 7 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Resumes Aug. 27/24.

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with the CWL.



Sacrament Prep. Inquiries: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Sylvia, at 403-394-6234.



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Aug. 17 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Aug. 18. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.


Aug. 18 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945



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 **Deacon Peter will be present on Friday Aug. 9 and Friday Aug. 23 to open the church for Adoration at 7 pm.** There will not be Confession available on these Fridays.

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy is a ministry in the Diocese of Calgary that fosters faith, formation and fellowship among young adults within the Diocese through 3 Chapters: 1) University Students, 2) Young Professionals, and 3) Young Families. For more information follow us on

www.facebook.com/SFXCLeth OR www.instagram.com/sfxc_leth

Contact Fr. Santiago at santiago.torres@calgarydiocese.ca

August Events

Wednesday, Aug. 21 ADORATION & BOARD GAMES AT St. Martha's Church at 6:30 pm



The Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Ambrose needs your help! This ministry, dedicated to taking Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners each week after the 9 am Mass, is a lifeline between themselves and our parish Masses which they can no longer attend. Working in teams of 2, our 4 Pastoral Care members rotate Sundays as they take Jesus to the sick, the elderly and the shut-in from our community, and assure them of our prayers. The time commitment is 2 hours on the Sundays you serve.

In the next few months, **2 of our 4 Pastoral Care team members will be leaving the ministry.** This will leave only 2 people, or 1 team, to struggle to keep this Ministry alive in our parish. We need more people to join this Ministry—individuals or couples are welcome—and make sure that our older parishioners who can't join us at Mass can continue to receive the Body of Christ each week. More Ministers would mean less rotations for the teams! Is this a ministry anyone can do? Maybe not. Is this a ministry where YOU can serve? Hello! Jesus is calling!

If you might be called to this Ministry, you can call the office at 403-345-3400 or call Bonnie Sturm at 403-345-4596 with questions or to volunteer. Training and mentoring are provided.

*****FOOD ITEMS LEFT IN THE CHURCHES*****

There is an ongoing problem with food items being left in St. Ambrose and St. Catherine's churches, particularly in the hymn book shelves in the pews. This is creating a difficult problem with ants coming into the buildings, and also leads to mouse infestations.

Generally, food items are not allowed in the church proper, and drinks should be limited to water only.

IF YOU ARE BRINGING SNACKS FOR YOUR CHILD, please make sure that you remove all food and wrappers/containers when you leave Mass. There are garbage cans in the foyers for your use. Our caretakers have been finding crackers, cookies, apple sauce containers, etc., all of which attract pests into our buildings.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING COFFEE TIME, SOUP SUNDAY, etc., please do not allow children to take food into the church proper during this time. Let them know that food in the church proper is not allowed, but they may eat in the foyer or hall.



Coaldale-Lethbridge Foodgrains Project—A Christian Response to Hunger: You are all invited to the **Foodgrains Harvest & BBQ on Aug. 20 2024 @ 11AM weather permitting.**

Please bring a lawn chair. **Directions:** Paved: East on Hwy 3. Turn South on Hwy 512 (Readymade Road). Proceed to TWP 9-2. (near Stafford Lake) Field is at the corner. Gravel: East on main street to TWP 9-2) If you have any questions, please contact

Deb Chapman @ 403-634-3111.



Lethbridge People of Praise Live-In Group Fellowship BBQ Sunday Aug. 25, 11 am—5 pm at the Kinsmen Picnic Shelter in Coaldale. Meal will be at 3 pm. Burgers and hotdogs provided, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Registration required, please email: katie.lindsay51@gmail.com or call: 403-382-1235.



Cemetery Mass—Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried in our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and the area. There will be a Mass celebrated at **Mountain View Cemetery in Lethbridge on Thursday August 29 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and pray.**

