



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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

*Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood
will live forever...*

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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.

OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Aug. 18—Aug. 24. Mass Intentions for Aug. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Aug. 20	SA	NO MASS
Wednesday, Aug. 21	SC	NO MASS
Thursday, Aug. 22	SA	NO MASS
Friday		
Sunday, Aug. 25	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 25	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 25	SA	NO 4 PM MASS



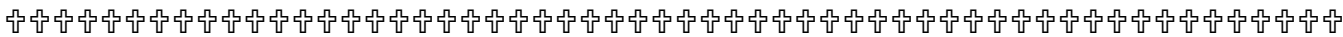
Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Sylvia Zalik, Dave Gensorek, Lorainne Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic
And for the Repose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

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

St. Catherine's
Sunday August 11
 Reg. \$1,110.41 TIA \$231 O&M \$156
Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose
Sunday August 11
 Reg. \$1,365 TIA \$150 Benev. Fund \$50
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. 11:</u>	<u>\$ 4,047.00</u>
We still need:	\$ 6,656.00

Giving out of love!

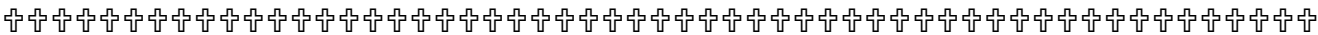


St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 531.00
<u>Donations to Aug. 11:</u>	<u>\$ 7,151.50</u>
We still need:	\$ 3,379.50

Giving out of love!

It is wonderful to see that our parishes continue to work towards their TIA goals even through the summer months! Many thanks for your amazing generosity and sharing of your gifts to help those who are in need in our Diocese. Let's keep pushing forward together!



OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel: John 6.51-58

Today's passage from John's Gospel bring to us a great challenge to accept and always have within us the true presence of Christ. In the Old Testament God sends the Israelites manna from heaven, and now Jesus is asking the crowd to eat his flesh and drink his blood – offering himself as food that will bring eternal life. We know this presence through the Eucharist. This is a call to trust in the true reason and wisdom of God. Jesus is the revelation spoken of in the Old Testament who has come to offer us eternal life freeing us from the bondage of sin.

"Whoever eats me will live" – What are the consequences of "eating Jesus?" How has the experience of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist brought you life? Talk about eternal life raises the reality of death – How prepared are you to die? How have you tasted eternal life in this life?



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

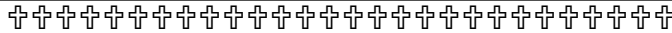
DATE	EMHC	LECTORS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
Aug. 25	Susan	Phil	Susan	Lynda & Jackie
Sept. 1	Lew	Jackie	Elaine	?

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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.



Are you returning bottles, cans, milk containers found in your spring cleaning? Consider donating the money to the St. Catherine's Flower Fund. When you go to the Bottle Depot, just let them know that the money can go into the St. Catherine's Flower Fund.



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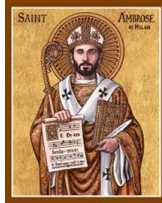
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

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. 24 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Aug. 25. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

Aug. 25 Team: Mary-Ann 403-345-5457 and Lauraine 403-345-4184



PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Ian will be on holidays from Sunday July 28 until Sunday August 25. He will be here to celebrate the 9 am Mass at St. Ambrose on Sundays, but otherwise he will be unavailable. There will be no 4 pm Sunday Masses July 28, Aug. 4, 11, and 18, no weekday Masses, no Confessions or Adoration. The regular schedule resumes Aug. 25.

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Deacon Peter will be present on Friday Aug. 23 to open the church for Adoration at 7 pm. There will not be Confession available on this Friday.



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.



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.**



1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation! It is time to start thinking about Sacramental Preparation for these sacraments this fall, which will be celebrated in the spring of 2025. 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion classes are for children in Grade 2 and up who have been Baptized. Confirmation classes are for children in Grade 6 and older who have received Baptism, 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Watch for registration Information coming home from St. Catherine's and St. Joseph schools in early September. If your child attends school in the public school districts, please call the parish office for info.

If your child needs to "catch-up" with Sacraments, please call:

St. Ambrose Sacramental Coordinator: Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234

St. Catherine's Sacramental Coordinator: Susan Trechka at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217

Or call the parish office at 403-345-3400.

If you have any questions about your child receiving the Sacraments, please call the numbers above.