



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

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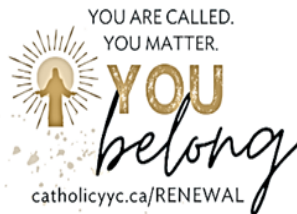
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Deacon, St. Ambrose **Rev. Mr. Peter Lilienthal** (peter.lilienthal@calgarydiocese.ca)
Deacon, St. Catherine's (on loan) **Rev. Mr. Isaac Driedger** (isaacdriedger62@gmail.com)

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St. Catherine's Office

762 Crescent Ave Picture Butte
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Office Hours: 9:00 – noon Wednesday

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

*Lord, to whom can we
go? You have the
words of eternal life.*

OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Aug. 25—Aug. 31. Mass Intentions for Aug. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Aug. 27	SA 7:00 pm	Mike Panić RIP
Wednesday, Aug. 28	SC 9:00 am	Stan Vavra RIP
Thursday, Aug. 29	SA 8:45 am	Michelle Gagné Int.
Friday		
Sunday, Sept. 1	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Sept. 1	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Sept. 1	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



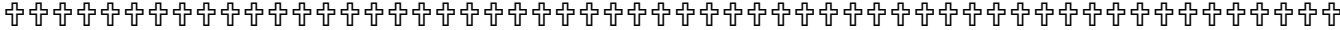
Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Sylvia Zalik, Dave Gensorek, Lorainne Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic
And for the Repose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

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Support for Our Parishes

St. Catherine's
Donations Sunday August 18
 Reg. \$1,352.90 O&M \$222
 Soup Sunday \$360 Rectory Reno \$2500
Well done, good and faithful servants!

St. Ambrose
Donations Sunday August 18
 Reg. \$1,701 TIA \$75
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>\$ 7,226.50</u>
We still need:	\$ 3,304.50

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 6.53; 60-69

This week's Gospel concludes chapter 6 of John's Gospel, which was begun five weeks ago. Every week we have been summoned to strengthen our belief in the body and blood of Jesus as essential to eternal life and to fullness of life on earth. Every week we have been praying Psalm 34, inviting us to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." We need these repetitions, especially to grasp those mysteries, which can only be understood and appreciated through faith.

How would you reply to the disciples' question: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

Recall a time when you found it too difficult to believe. What happened?

How did you answer Jesus' question: "Do you also wish to go away?" What does it mean to you to *keep the faith*?

(Diocese of Saskatoon)



OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:
Wednesday 9:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Thursday 6:30—7:30 pm**



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
Sept. 1	Lew	Jackie	Elaine	?
Sept. 8	Elaine	Austin	Elaine	?

Meetings this week: Wednesday Aug. 28—Joint Parish Finance Committee 7pm St. Catherine's Hall



We are still accepting donations of food for the Food Bank. Please leave all food donations in the big box by the front door of the church. Money donations can be clearly labelled and placed in the collection.

Thank you for your generous support of our brothers and sisters in need!



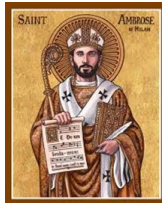
Are you returning bottles, cans, milk containers found in your spring cleaning? Consider donating the money to the St. Catherine's Flower Fund. When you go to the Bottle Depot, just let them know that the money can go into the St. Catherine's Flower Fund.



St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 7:00 pm & Thursday 8:45 am**



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



Adoration: Fridays 7—8 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday 6—6:45 pm & Fridays 7—8 pm

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with the CWL (except holidays).



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Aug. 31 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am **Sunday Mass on Sept. 1**. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

Sept. 1 Team: Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945



Meetings this week: Tuesday Aug. 27—Liturgy Committee 7:30 pm Foyer

Hall Committee 7:30 pm Old Rectory

Wednesday Aug. 28—Joint Parish Finance Committee 7pm St. Catherine's Hall



Community Coffee Donations Needed! St. Ambrose Parish relies on your generous coffee donations for Sunday Hospitality, meetings, and events during the year. A labeled collection basket has been placed in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for supporting our parish community! Questions? Contact Diane Miedema at 403-345-3974.

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



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.



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.



**** DATE CHANGE** Cemetery Mass**—Fr. Kevin Tumbach will celebrate Mass for the souls of the deceased buried in our Catholic cemeteries in our area. There will be a Mass celebrated at **Mountain View Cemetery in Lethbridge on Thursday September 12 at 7:00 pm.** All are invited to come and join in prayer for our faithful departed family members and friends.



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 Registration 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.

