



## ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

## St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



# September 11, 2022

# 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ian Gagne

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#### Central Office at St. Ambrose

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Thursday, Friday

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Website: [stambroseparish.ca](http://stambroseparish.ca)

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

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Thursday 8:45 am

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 7:00—8:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 10:00—11:00 am



#### St. Catherine's Office

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Office Hours: 9:00 – noon Wednesday

Email: [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca)

Website: [stcatherineparish.ca](http://stcatherineparish.ca)

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am

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

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 pm

### Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes—**WELCOME!** A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Kindly introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian, 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 **3:00 pm each Wednesday** of the week the bulletin is published. Please submit to: [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca)

### Scripture Reflection

**Why Hang Around with the Lost Ones?** We can read Luke chapter 15 as parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost child. But basically, they are stories of joy resulting in lavish parties for what is found: a full flock, a complete dowry, a returned relationship of parent and child. Ultimately, they show God's desire to be reunited with anyone who becomes lost in little or big ways. It needs to be our desire, too.

**For whom will I go looking who needs to be found?**

**Who am I called to hang around (I may be surprised)?**

**How will I be like the generous father standing on the porch awaiting the return of \_\_\_\_\_**

(Source: Diocese of Springfield)



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

SA intention	Tuesday, Oct. 13	Bethany Vander Belk RIP	SA 7:00 pm
SC intention	Wednesday, Oct. 14	Mia Austie Int.	SC 9:00 am
SA intention	Thursday, Oct. 15	Ann Keujer RIP	SA 8:45 am
SA intention	Sunday, Oct. 18	For the parishioners	SA 9:00 am
SC intention	Sunday, Oct. 18	For the parishioners	SC 11:00 am
SA intention	Sunday, Oct. 18	For the parishioners	SA 4:00 pm



**Please pray for the sick of our parishes** – Maria Panic, Diann Knight, Ed Verhoeven, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Ineke Broers, Dave & Rita Gensorek, Kathy Majeau, Marlene Stroeve, Walter Coles, Gracie Jeppson, Justin Dyck, Gaby Broers, Pat Theroux, John Vogel, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic, Marianne Hirose, Gordon Briggs,

**And our beloved deceased.**

(Notices for Prayers for the Sick can only be accepted when made by the ill person or their family.)

**Please continue to pray for all those who are ill with Covid 19, for all who have died and for their families.**

**Donations for Sept. 25, 2022**

**St. Ambrose:** \$1766 TIA \$827

Pre-Auth. Debits \$735 Hall \$300 TIA \$255

**St. Catherine's:** \$1647 TIA \$126 O/M \$175

Pre-Auth. Debits \$500

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

**Donations for the Holy Land** can be made year-round at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/goodfridaycollection.html>



“Know that the Lord is God, He made us, we belong to Him, we are His people, the flock He shepherds.”  
(Ps.100.3)

**Our 2022 TIA goals:      As of 6/9/22:      Bal owing:**

**St. Ambrose- \$10,531      \$8,864.00      \$1,667.00**

**St. Catherine's - \$10,703      \$5,660.00      \$5,043.00**

**Our TIA campaign for 2022 continues. The TIA goals** for our parishes are posted above. Your generosity in donating will help us reach our goals so that the Diocese, on our behalf, can continue to help those in need!

**\*\*Ukraine Emergency Relief - The parishes ARE NOT accepting these donations. Donations go directly to Development and Peace or CNEWA Canada. If you would like more information about this, please call the parish office.**



**A Reflection on The Lost Coin – from God's Search for Us: Five Truths from a Missing Coin. by Fr. Jeff Kirby**

Fr. Kirby explains the how a commonly overlooked parable relays the message of God's search for his people, and offers insights into our celebration of the Mass.

The parable is from Luke 15, and in that parable we have the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin, and of course the famous prodigal son. And most people know the prodigal son and the lost sheep, but the lost coin kinda gets missed ... what's surprising for me, of the three, the missing coin has come to resonate more and more with me."

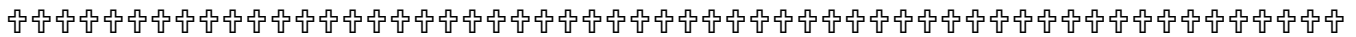
"It beautifully describes the whole of salvation history. The woman in this story represents God. She searches diligently for the coin. She lights the candle and she sweeps. She is actively looking for this coin and that is how God is searching for each one of us ... Long before we ever think about looking for God, he's already been searching for us. And even when we think that we've initiated this search, we're really just responded to the search that he started long ago."

Father Kirby discusses a few more lessons we can learn from this parable. "In times we're so ready to accept darkness ... either in ourselves or others, or we're willing to be accomplices because we're being overly passive in terms of evil in our society. And the Lord comes, and part of that search [for the coin] is that he wants to get that darkness out because he comes as light. He wants to bring this radiance and splendor to us, so that we can understand our dignity as his children."

"We also know that in the parable when the woman finds the coin, she invites her friend over. In fact, we're told by biblical scholars that the cost of the candle that she lit in her search and the cost of the reception she had for her friends probably far outweighed the cost or value of the missing coin. But what we find is that she is so happy to invite her friends to be with her and celebrate ... and the great celebration in the parable can be compared to our celebration of the Eucharist. We are a community that has been found, called together, and to celebrate together."

Taken from: <https://bustedhalo.com/podcasts/father-jeff-kirby-the-woman-and-the-missing-coin>





**\*\*Adoration Fridays 7—8 pm  
Confessions Saturdays 10-11 am**

 **St. Ambrose Parish** 

 **Rosary: Monday 10:00 am CWL  
Tuesday after Mass**

**First Sacrament inquiries** - If you have any questions regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation please contact Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234.

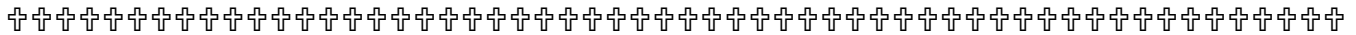
**Pastoral Care Ministry** Our parish is experiencing a severe shortage of Pastoral Care ministers (there are only 3 people now) and no volunteers are coming forward to help. This ministry is critical to the shut-in members of our parish who cannot attend Mass. **Please, if you could help, contact the office for more information**

If you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Mass on Sept. 18, please contact the team by Saturday Sept. 17. The teams ask that you please have another person present with you when they come to your home. Please call: Mary-Ann Vervoort 403-345-5457 or Lauraine Sincennes 403-345-4184

**\*\*St. Ambrose Ministries** are being called back to serving at Mass. Please call the office if you would like to return to serving, or start serving, at Mass on Sundays. Thank you!



**CWL PIE FUNDRAISER** - We will be selling 100 delicious, homemade pies (apple, cherry, rhubarb) for \$15 with profits toward a new altar cloth for St. Ambrose Church. We will accept orders (with payment by cash or check) before and after Sunday Masses on Sept. 18th & 25th (9 am & 4 pm). Pie pickup will be Saturday, Oct. 1st from 2-4 pm at St. Joseph School (kitchen). **All parishioners are invited to join our "work bee" on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 9:30 am.** To join the fun, contact Lisa Wolfe at 825-594-4888 or [lisa\\_wolfe@shaw.ca](mailto:lisa_wolfe@shaw.ca) by Sept. 18th. She will provide a list of helpful kitchen supplies. *Thanks for your support!*



**\*\*Confessions: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

 **St. Catherine's Parish** 

**First Sacrament inquiries** - Questions about First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation? Please contact Susan Trechka 403-732-4685, cell: 403-315-3217.

**ST. CATHERINE'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COMM./LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
Sept. 11/22	Lew	Lynda	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet
Sept. 18/22	Elaine	Jackie	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet
Sept. 25/22	Diane	Austen	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet

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**\*\* Knights of Columbus meeting**—Tues. Sept. 13 at 7:30 pm in the hall.

**\*\* Registration and Parent Information Session to explain the Sacrament Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist for baptized children grade 2 and older.**

Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM at St. Catherine's Church.

This meeting is for the parent(s) only. Fee of \$25 per Sacrament Preparation Program, \$50 total.

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

Questions: Susan Trechka phone: 403-732-4685, text: 403-315-3217



**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2022—For abolition of the death penalty:**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**The Pope video for Sept. 2022 can be found here:**

<https://thepopevideo.org/>



**Natural Family Planning Assoc. of Alberta AGM—will be held Saturday, Oct. 1/22 at 10 am. This meeting will be on Zoom at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87446638141#success>**

**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Attention Young Adults** - The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, Lethbridge, seeks to provide faith, formation, and fellowship for all young adults in Lethbridge and surrounding area. These events are open to all young adults, whether single or married. For more information, please contact Fr. Derek Remus at (403) 327-8931 or [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca).

Upcoming Events:

**Pilgrimage to St. Stephen's of Hungary Catholic Church.** Saturday, Sept. 17. Located 10 miles southwest of Cardston near Police Outpost Provincial Park, St. Stephen's of Hungary is a beautiful Catholic church built in 1907. Mass will be celebrated there by Fr. Derek at 11 am. A hike at Police Outpost will follow. Please bring your own lunch.

**Church History Night.** Thursday, Sept. 22 @ 7:30 pm. St. Basil's Church. First of a new series of seminars on the history of the Catholic Church. From now until Christmas, we'll look at the history of the Church from the first century into the early Middle Ages.

**Open Mic & Karaoke Night.** Saturday, Sept. 24 from 7-9 pm. St. Martha's Parish K of C Hall. Come for a night of talent and fun with one hour of open mic performances (singing, instruments, poetry, etc.) followed by one hour of Karaoke. Share your skills or just enjoy! Snacks and beverages provided. If you would like to perform or for more information, please contact Cameron: [camtenpin@gmail.com](mailto:camtenpin@gmail.com) or (587) 220-5300.



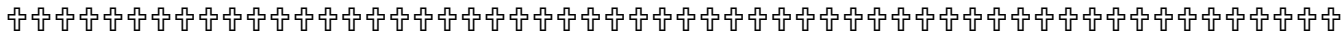
**Soup Kitchen Service**—The second Friday of each month is our parishes' time to serve the community at the Soup Kitchen. Remember that we are called to 'Feed the Poor'. If you can help please phone Bonnie at 403-345-4596. **Our next ministry date will be: Oct. 14, 2022**



**Looking for information from our Retreat Centers?** Here are the links to their websites:  
**The Martha Center, Lethbridge** <https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>  
**Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane** <https://mountstfrancis.ca/>



The parish office strives to keep our parish records as up-to-date as possible. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email address, status, etc., please give us a call at 403-345-3400 or email [office@stambroseparish.ca](mailto:office@stambroseparish.ca) and update us. Your help is much appreciated!



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