

## ST. AMBROSE PARISH COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish Picture Butte, AB



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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.

<u>Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes</u>: 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 <u>at least six 6</u>) <u>months prior to the date chosen</u>. A marriage preparation course is required.

**<u>Bulletin Announcements:</u>** Need to be submitted by 3:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.

# February 18, 2024

# First Sunday of Lent

# **OUR PRAYERS**

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of February 18.	Mass Intentions for February 2024 posted in fovers of churches.
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Tuesday, Feb. 20	SA 7:00 pm	Jane Jagielski RIP John Vogel RIP		
Wednesday, Feb. 21	SC 9:00 am			
Thursday Feb. 22	SA 8:45 am	Geraldine Shankland RII		
Friday				
Sunday, Feb. 25	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners		
Sunday, Feb. 25	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners		
Sunday, Feb. 25	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners		



**Please pray for the sick of our parishes** – Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Briggs, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic.

#### And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased.

One Year Anniversary of Death—February 2023: Jake Braat.

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**Lenten Movie Nights:** The St. Ambrose Hall Building Committee is screening season 1 of **THE CHOSEN!** Season 1 of the series, rated PG, portrays the life of Jesus Christ and the calling of his initial disciples.

Starts Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> and then every Sunday until March 17th, at St. Joseph's School.

Time: Doors open 5:00 pm. Show starts at 5:45 pm and runs for approx. 90 minutes.

Snacks will be available: Hotdog/Drink/bag of popcorn for an extra \$5/person.

Please join us!



You are Called, You Matter, You Belong!

#### OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

#### **Our Support For Our Parishes**

Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Feb. 11, 2024

<u>St. Catherine's</u>—\$1,019.22 TIA \$50 O&M \$371 Benev. Fund \$111 Annual Coll. \$250

Well done, good and faithful servants!

<u>St. Ambrose</u>—\$1,595 Hall Fund \$10 TIA \$10 Benev. Fund \$30 Bulletin Ads \$170

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 Donations to Feb.18: \$226.00

We still need: \$10, 477.00



#### St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal: \$10, 531.00 Donations to Feb. 18: \$70.00

We still need: \$10,461.00

The 2024 Together In Action's campaign kicks off our Lenten journey. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making other people's needs become part of our concerns. The Parish goals for the 2024 Together in Action are posted above. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the Diocesan goal of \$2 million.

Every contribution you make significantly impacts areas close to our hearts - providing care for our retired priests, supporting hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care as well as key diocesan ministries and outreach such as Elizabeth House and Mission Council, and supporting local healing and reconciliation initiatives in Indigenous communities. **Thank you for your generosity in helping others!** 

To learn more, go to: https://www.catholicyyc.ca/tia.html

### OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK



The gospel tells of how the Spirit has just driven a newly-baptized Jesus into the wilderness. Mark does not say anything about what Jesus and Satan say to each other, and there are no promises or rebukes as we find in the gospels' accounts in Matthew and Luke. Mark concentrates on the fact that Jesus is bringing the kingdom of God – the Good News – and that the gates of hell will never prevail over this mission.

What does Jesus mean when he says, "the kingdom of God has come near"? Does this mean anything to us?

What needs to be reformed in our lives? From what do we need to "repent"?

In what ways are we going through a desert at this time in our lives?

What will you do this Lent to live increasingly in the loving light of Christ while decreasing the areas of your life dark with the power of sin?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

#### OUR EVENTS



**DID YOU KNOW that 2025 will be a JUBILEE YEAR** in the Church? The Holy Father has asked us to make 2024 a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year. The Holy Father encourages us to highlight the importance of both communal prayer and individual prayer this year.



To learn about the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" - visit: <a href="mailto:catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer">catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer</a> Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.

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# St. Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council: Seeking up to Five New Members! An Opportunity to Serve and Shape Our Parish Community

#### Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose,

We are excited to announce an opportunity for you to play a pivotal role in the life and direction of our parish. The St. Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council is seeking new members who are eager to lend their voices, talents, and unique perspectives to our faith community.

The Role of the Council: The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a key advisory body to our Pastor, focusing on the vital matters of our parish. As a council member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to discussions that shape our parish's future, help identify and respond to the needs of our community, and foster an environment of growth and spiritual nourishment.

**We Value Diversity:** Our parish is a tapestry of individuals from varied backgrounds, each with unique gifts and experiences. We believe that a diverse council better reflects the richness of our parish community. Therefore, we encourage parishioners of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds to consider joining the council. Whether you are a long-time member of St. Ambrose or new to our parish family, your insights and talents are valuable to us.

#### What We Look For:

- A commitment to the Catholic faith and the mission of our parish.
- Willingness to engage in constructive and respectful dialogue.
- A desire to work collaboratively towards the common good of our parish.
- Availability to attend regular council meetings and parish events.

**How to Apply:** If you feel called to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, please talk to Fr. Ian, Greg Schmidt (Chair) or the church office. **Please respond by February 25, 2024**. Together, let us continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and faith-filled community at St. Ambrose Parish. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **OUR LARGER COMMUNITY**

The next Live-In weekend retreat will take place Feb. 23—25, from 4:30 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday, at St. Joseph's School in Coaldale. Register online at: www.lethbridgelivein.ca
For more information contact: katie.lindsay51@gmail.com OR petervanu@outlook.com

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**Assumption Charismatic Prayer Group** will be hosting a pot luck every FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall at Our Lady of the Assumption church in Lethbridge. Doors open at 5:30 pm, supper is at 6 pm, and praise and worship begins at 7 pm. All are welcome!

### **OUR LARGER COMMUNITY**



The Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill—We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

The Pope video can be found here: <a href="https://thepopevideo.org/">https://thepopevideo.org/</a>

From Holy Spirit Catholic School Division—School Registration Fall 2024:

Families of Continuing students will get an email to update registration the week of Jan. 15-19/24. New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division begins Feb. 1, 2024, including Early Learning for 3 & 4 year olds, Kindergarten for age 5 on/before Dec. 31, 2022. French Immersion is also available in our school Division. Please register on line, or for more info see <a href="https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca">www.holyspirit.ab.ca</a> or visit your neighborhood school.



**Just a reminder:** If you are planning an event, meeting or practice in St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's church, Lobby, SA Olde Rectory, or SC Hall, please book with the office. Things are getting busier and not booking a space could mean you don't have one when you arrive. Call 403-345-3400 to book for weekdays and weekends. Thanks!

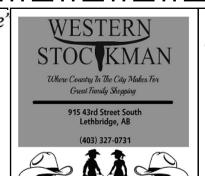
KEYS, KEYS! – Do you have one or more keys belonging to St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's church or hall? WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THEM BACK (unless you don't need them), just that we ensure they are registered with the office as per the policies of the Diocese of Calgary! If you have keys, and have not spoken with Roisin about them, please email at office@stambroseparish.ca OR phone the office at 403-345-3400 so we can make sure our records are up to date! Your cooperation is much appreciated in helping to keep our churches safe and secure, and in helping us avoid the expense of having to change all the locks!



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### **OUR PARISHES**

St. Catherine, Pray for us. Feast Day: November 25

### St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday/Jueves 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.

WARNING!! Once again, there are emails being sent out that appear to be from Fr. Ian (or may have other priests 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 emails are legitimate 403-345-3400. Don't get manipulated by these clever criminals!

This week in our parish Feb. 18—Feb. 24
Esta semana en nuestra parroquia del 18de febrero - 24 de febrero

Sunday, Feb. 18 Sunday Mass/Misa Dominical 11 am

Domingo 18 de febrero

Miércoles 21 de febrero

Coffee after Mass.

Café después de Misa.

Wednesday Feb. 21 Mass/ Masa 9 am

Coffee to follow. Café a seguir. CWL meeting at 7 pm in the hall.

Thurs. Feb. 22 Reconciliation/Reconciliación 6:30—7:30 pm

Jueves 22 de febrero

\*\* Please note that Deacon Isaac will be away until later February.

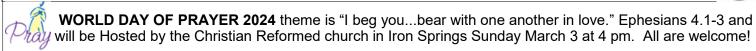
\* Tenga en cuenta que el diácono Isaac estará ausente hasta mediados de febrero.

Ministries Schedule								
DATE	ЕМНС	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE			
Feb. 25	Susan	Lynda		Susan Trechka	Lynda & Jackie			
March 3	Lew	Phil		Nicki Murray	?			

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please call Wil Dooper at 403-732-4962.

**CWL News:** Our membership drive continues. The fees are \$35.

Meeting Wednesday Feb. 21 at 7 pm in the hall. Bring new ideas! All ladies are welcome.





### **OUR PARISHES**

St. Ambrose, Pray for us. Feast Day: December 7

## St. Ambrose Parish

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 7:00 pm, Thursday 8:45 am

Adoration: Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6:00—6:45 pm

Fridays 7:00—8:00 pm

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with CWL

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



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#### This Week in our Parish: Feb. 11—Feb. 17

Sunday, Feb. 18: Sunday Mass 9 am & 4 pm

Mon. Feb. 19: Family Day—office closed.

Live In Core meeting 7 pm

Tues. Feb. 20: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm,

Mass 7pm

Wed. Feb. 21: CWL meeting 7:00 pm

Thurs. Feb. 15: Mass 8:45 am

Happy Gang practice 7 pm

Fri. Feb. 16: Soup & Bun 6 pm

Stations of the Cross 7 pm

Adoration & Reconciliation 7:30 pm



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Feb. 24

if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Feb. 25, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

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

St. Ambrose CWL NEWS: CWL Membership Drive is still on until Feb. 28. Please see our Executive to renew/ ioin.

\*Maria Federmesser is now the new Service Chair for our Council. Congratulations!

Thank you to all our parishioners who signed the many anti-Euthanasia postcards! Your support was tremendous!

Today, Sunday Feb. 18, is Clergy Appreciation Day! There will be coffee after Mass and a celebration of Fr. Ian and Deacon Peter. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Diocese Vocation Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 theme is "I beg you...bear with one another in love." Ephesians 4.1-3

- 1. Hosted by the Coaldale Mennonite Church (2316 17 St.) on Fri. March 1 at 7 pm.
- 2. Hosted by St. Augustine's Parish in Taber (5009 48 Ave.) on Fri. March 1 at 1:00 pm Come together to pray for our world.

