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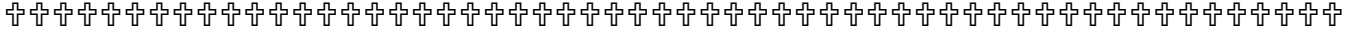
Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Feb. 11 , 2024

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

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

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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 Feb.18:</u>	<u>\$ 226.00</u>
We still need:	\$10, 477.00



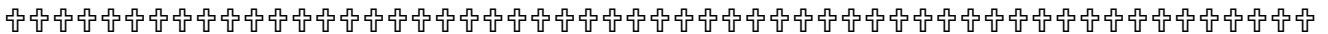
St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 531.00
<u>Donations to Feb. 18:</u>	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
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)

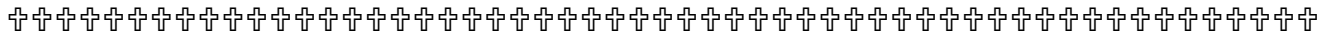
OUR EVENTS



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: catholicyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer
Watch here for more information on The Year of Prayer and The Jubilee Year.



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.

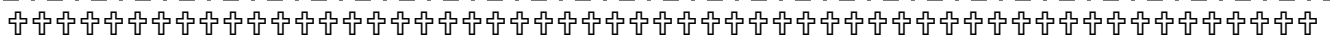
The Role of the Council: The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a key advisory body to our Pastor, focusing on the vital matters of our parish. As a council member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to discussions that shape our parish's future, help identify and respond to the needs of our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



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: <https://thepopevideo.org/>

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 www.holyspirit.ab.ca 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, 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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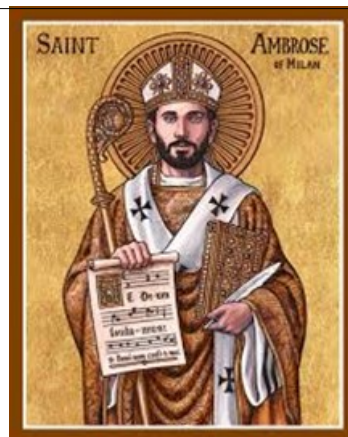
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OUR PARISHES

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.

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 something suspicious is legitimate 403-345-3400. Don't get manipulated by these clever criminals!

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

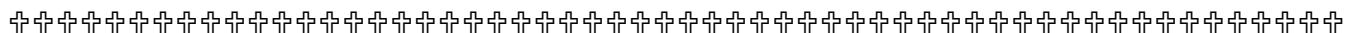
Tues. Feb. 20: Reconciliation 6—6:45 pm,
Mass 7pm



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/join.

*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.