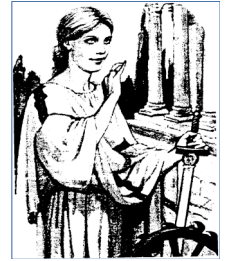




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St. Catherine's Parish

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July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. Ian Gagne

Parish Secretary: Roisin Spitzig (office@stambroseparish.ca)
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Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

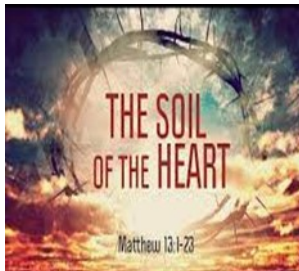
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 7:00 pm
Thursday 8:45 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 7:00—8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Tuesday from 6:00—6:45 pm,
Fridays during Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm



St. Catherine's Office

762 Crescent Ave Picture Butte
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Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass: Wednesday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6:00—7:30 pm

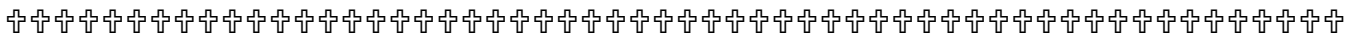
Parish Registration

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 3:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.



Scripture Reflection



Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse. Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

From <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

What word or words in this passage caught your attention?

What in this passage comforted you?

What in this passage challenged you?

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of July 17—23 **Mass Intentions for July/August 2023 posted in foyers of churches**

Tuesday, July 18	SA 7:00 pm	Ron Favreau RIP
Wednesday, July 19	SC 9:00 am	Marinus Vanderminnen Int.
Thursday July 20	SA 8:45 am	All Souls RIP
Friday		
Sunday, July 23	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, July 23	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, July 23	SA 4:00 pm	For the parishioners



Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Robert Murray, Fr. Bob Dielissen, Martin Vanderminnen, Stan Rach, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Diann Knight, Deirdre Doyle, Tony Campmans, Kathy Majeau, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic



****PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Mass cancelled July 25, 26, 27 and Aug. 1, 2, 3 as Fr. Ian is away. The Piyami Lodge Mass on Aug. 4 is also cancelled. The office will be closed Aug. 4 and Aug. 7—11. Next bulletin will be Aug. 20.**

Weekly Donations to Our Parishes
June 25—July 9, 2023


June 25 St. Ambrose—\$1844.95 TIA \$70
St. Catherine's—\$1339.60 TIA \$75 O/M \$125

July 2 St. Ambrose—\$1615 TIA \$140 Init. Off. \$20
St. Catherine's—\$1427.05 TIA \$160 O/M \$90

July 9 St. Ambrose—\$1818 Hall \$55.50 TIA \$165
St. Catherine's—\$2562 TIA \$1 O/M \$186

June Pre-Auth. Debits
St. Ambrose—\$1,195 Hall \$315 TIA \$305
St. Catherine's—\$955 TIA \$280 O/M \$400

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!



Making summer holiday plans? Have fun and stay safe, but remember that your parish still needs to pay the bills over the summer. If you're going to be away, you could put your envelope in the collection ahead of time, or drop it off at the office at St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's before you go. Please help your parish keep up financially this summer by not forgetting your appreciated donations!

Bulletin for July and August: the bulletin will be published once in July, on July 16, and once in August, on August 20. If you are away, the bulletin will be available on the website any time or ask in the office for a paper copy.

The quarterly financial statement that was supposed to be in this bulletin is unavailable. It will be printed as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

The Ascension App

By the end of its launch day on June 26, 2023, the **Ascension App** was the #1 Bible app in the App Store, and #46 in all app categories, ahead of apps from Disney+, LinkedIn, and Zoom. The new Ascension App features full text of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible; Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) podcast and episode transcripts, and over 1,000 commonly asked Catholic Bible questions answered by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, and other Catholic authors. To download the Ascension App today:

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ascension.app&pli=1>

Do you have time for a retreat this summer? Wondering where to go? The retreat centers in our Diocese have many opportunities this summer for prayer and renewal!

Here are the links to their websites:

The Martha Center, Lethbridge
<https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/>

FCJ Centre, Calgary | fcjcentre.ca

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Cochrane
<https://mountstfrancis.ca/>



Let us love.
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

Our 2023 TIA goals:	Donated to 10.7.2023:	Bal. owed:
St. Ambrose - \$10,531	\$7,159	\$3,372
St. Catherine's - \$10,703	\$6,062	\$4,641

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal (TIA) was launched on Ash Wednesday as a way for us to enter into a renewed penitential path which can lead us to conversion and new life in Christ. May the efforts of raising funds to support the various needs reminds us the we love not in speech but in truth and action.

Thank you for blessing others with your support.

God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
- St. John Henry Newman

✠ **St. Ambrose Parish** ✠



Adoration Fridays 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Confessions Tuesdays 6:00—6:45 pm
 Fridays 7:00-8:00 pm



Rosary: Mondays 10 am with CWL

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm. (not July/Aug.)

St. Ambrose CWL meets the 2nd Wed. each month at 7pm. (not July/Aug.)

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 will be going to a revised schedule for the summer, taking Holy Communion on:

July 30, August 27: Bonnie Sturm 403-345-4596 or Diann Knight 403-345-4945

July 16, August 13: Mary-Ann Vervoort 403-345-5457, Lauraine Sincennes 403-345-4184

As always, please phone the team the Saturday before if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Minister arrives. This schedule will also be on the foyer bulletin board.

The Mass at Sunny South Lodge is cancelled for July 14, but will take place Aug. 11. The Rosary group will still meet on July 28 and Aug. 25.

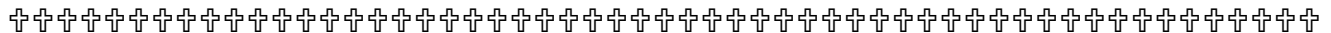


CWL NEWS: There will be no CWL meetings in July or August. Have a safe, enjoyable summer.

Sunday, Aug. 20—Fr. Andrew will be here to celebrate Mass while Fr. Ian is away. There will be NO 4 pm Mass this day. Please mark your calendar!

Many thanks to Sylvia Zalik who organized and arranged the beautiful photo displays for both Mother's Day and Father's Day! It was a beautiful way to remember our parents who are no longer with us on these special days. Thanks also to those who contributed photographs for the display.

Just a reminder: If you are planning an event, meeting or practice in St. Ambrose Church, lobby or olde rectory, 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!



✠ **St. Catherine's Parish** ✠

Confessions 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 6:00 to 7:30 pm



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 CWL meets the 3rd Wed. of each month at 7:00 pm.

Ministries Schedule

The July and August Ministry schedule is posted on the lobby bulletin board.

CWL NEWS: No meetings in July or August.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2023—For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2023—For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Aug. 2—6, will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

The Pope video can be found here: <https://thepopevideo.org/>



New Student Registrations for Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division for new students and continuing Early Learning/Kindergarten students begins **Feb. 1, 2023**. 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. For more info see www.holyspirit.ab.ca or visit your neighborhood school.



Lethbridge Soup Kitchen Update: The Soup Kitchen is inquiring regarding our parishes continuing their service to the Soup Kitchen on the 2nd Friday of each month. They have other groups who are on their waiting list and would like to serve. Our numbers have been dropping and we are in desperate need of new volunteers if this crucial ministry is to continue and we are to maintain our Catholic presence at the Soup Kitchen. Jesus has called us to serve the poor and needy in thanks for His generosity to us, and this ministry is one way of doing exactly that! We need to establish a strong core group of 6—8 volunteers from both St. Ambrose and St. Catherine's, plus extra people who can fill in when needed. If you would like more information or if you can volunteer, please call **Bonnie at 403-345-4596** ASAP as the Soup Kitchen needs our answer soon.



Volunteer Needed for Sunny South Lodge—who would be willing to spend some time each week with a woman with a vision impairment. She is in need of some companionship and support for activities. If you might be interested in this opportunity, please phone **Haylee Ankermann, Activity Coordinator, Sunny South Lodge** at 403-345-5955 Ext. 103 for more information.



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!** 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!** If you know someone who has not seen this, please let them know.

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