

**November 26, 2023**

**Feast of Christ, King of the Universe**



**ST. AMBROSE PARISH**  
COALDALE, AB

**St. Catherine's Parish**  
Picture Butte, AB



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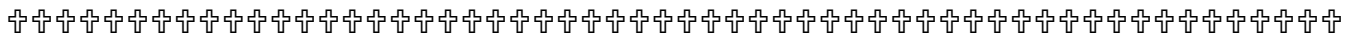
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**Parish Registration**

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.

**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.



**OUR PRAYERS**

**MASS INTENTIONS: Week of November 26.** Mass Intentions for November 2023 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Nov. 28	SA 7:00 pm	Jerry & Ryna Henderson Int.
Wednesday, Nov. 29	SC 9:00 am	Campmans family Int.
Thursday Nov. 30 (SJS Gr. 6-9)	SA 8:45 am	Ken & Nancy Perlich Int.
Friday		
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>	<b>SA 9:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>	<b>SC 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>	<b>SA 4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the parishioners</b>



**Please pray for the sick of our parishes** – Fr. Andrew Pion, Megan Van Diemen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Briggs, Carol Michanuk, Robert Murray, Fr. Bob Dielissen, Stan Rach, 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—November: Elizabeth Braat, June Tymensen.



**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

Here are the dates for the upcoming **Advent Penitential Services** in our area:

- Wed. Dec. 6: St. Augustine's, Taber at 7 pm
- Wed. Dec. 20: St. Joseph's, Vauxhall at 7 pm
- Thurs. Dec. 7: St. Ambrose at 7 pm**
- Thurs. Dec. 21: St. Catherine's, Picture Butte at 7 pm**
- Wed. Dec. 13: St. Peter's, Milk River at 7 pm
- Thurs. Dec. 14: St. Martha's, Lethbridge at 7 pm
- Sat. Dec. 16: All Saints (Assumption), Lethbridge at 10 am—noon

# OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

## Support For Our Parishes

### Weekly Donations to Our Parishes from Nov. 19 , 2023

**St. Ambrose**—\$1314 Hall: \$2500  
Online donations: \$1,934.39  
PADs (Oct. & Nov.): \$1,195 Hall: \$315 TIA: \$305  
 Catholic Ed.: \$105

**St. Catherine's**—\$1612.80 TIA \$950 O&M \$122  
 Catholic Ed. \$2  
Online donations: \$290.89  
PADS (Oct. & Nov.): \$855 TIA: \$180 O&M: 200  
 Catholic Ed.: \$80



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but in truth and action.

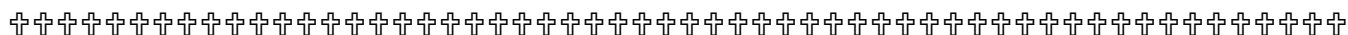
Our 2023 TIA goals:	Donated to 19.11.2023:	Bal. owed:
<b>St. Ambrose - \$10,531</b>	<b>\$10,140.15</b>	<b>\$390.85</b>
<b>St. Catherine's - \$10,703</b>	<b>\$10,339.00</b>	<b>\$364.00</b>

**2023 TIA Campaign ends soon.** Congratulations, St. Ambrose & St. Catherine's on both being so close to meeting your goals!! Just a little bit more to go!



**ANNUAL PARISHES FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN** (formerly the Fall Collection) will be starting the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3 This fund-raising campaign is primarily to help our parishes with the day-to-day costs of running the parish. Did you know, for instance, that the cost of the paper that is used for the bulletin has risen by 64% in the past 3 years, as well as substantial increases in our insurances, energy costs—much like your own homes. Your generosity during this campaign will help our parishes for the next year. This money also goes toward helping the parishes in case of emergency repairs, etc.

This year, in an effort to help cut some costs, the Annual Fund-raising letters will be placed in the lobbies of the churches and listed alphabetically. Please look for your family's letter starting on the First Sunday of Advent and please contribute what you can to your parish. Your generosity is much appreciated!



## OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK



The gospel of Matthew is the only place where Jesus is heard to associate the title of king to himself. But this king does not stand alone. His reign is in relationship to his father to whom the kingdom is to be turned over. When all is subjected to the Son he will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him. Matthew portrays the Last Judgment with Christ as a prince who has freely become a pauper, disguising himself in the person of the least among us...the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the prisoner and the sick. This image of Kingship is a subverted image of a King.

**God desires a deeper relationship with us. Are our lives changed as a result of becoming more aware of God's relationship to us?**  
**Of what value is the local parish in helping us to become better followers of Christ?**  
**Who is hungry, thirsty, in prison, in my relationships?**

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

**Today, Nov. 26, is the Feast of Christ, the King of the Universe.** It is the last Sunday in our Liturgical year. We now move into Year B in our cycle of Sunday readings and Year II in our cycle of weekday readings. Make sure you pick up a new Missal.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 3,** begins the 4-week period leading up to Christmas known as Advent, or 'coming'. This time in the church is set aside to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord on Christmas Day. It is a time of prayer, repentance and preparation. While not as intense as the time of Lent, it is still a chance to ask ourselves if we are ready for Jesus to come into our lives in a deeper way, to open our hearts to Him and allow Him to show us how to 'make ready the way.'

## OUR EVENTS



**Advent Mission at St. Ambrose Dec. 10, 11, and 12. All are welcome!** 3 members of the Seeds of the Word community will join us to speak on our Diocesan Renewal theme “You are Called. You Matter. You Belong”

**Sunday, Dec. 10,** 7—8 pm: presentation by Seeds of the Word.

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Mass at 7 pm then presentation by Seeds of the Word. Coffee to follow.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Mass at 7 pm then presentation by Seeds of the Word. Coffee to follow.

There is no cost for the Mission—a ‘love offering’ will be taken each night.

**\*\*Volunteers will be needed** during the time of the Mission to help with meals for the visitors, Hospitality for the 3 evenings of the Mission, people to provide coffee and snacks after the talks, etc. If you can help, please call Ellen Wagner at 403-345-2610 or Dianne Clarke at 403-345-4249. Your prayers are also requested during the Mission.



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**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November 2023: For the Pope**—We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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

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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHAPLAINCY**—Fostering Faith, Formation and Fellowship for Young Adults in Lethbridge and the Area.

### November Events:

Nov. 23: Women’s Night    Nov, 24: Board Games Night at 6:30 pm at Assumption Church Hall

Dec. 1: “Saints and Scoundrels” at 7 pm at St. Martha’s Parish, Lethbridge

For more information, please call Fr. Santiago at Assumption Church 403-327-8931.

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**ENLARGE THE TENT**—“Removing our sandals before the Sacred Ground of the Other”. Join Fr. Time Boyle for this series of talks on The Art Accompaniment, picking up the theme from the Synod preparation document [Enlarge the Tent](#). The first talk in the series is Mon. Nov. 20 at 10:15 am at St. Martha’s Parish in Lethbridge. For more information, visit St. Martha’s website at:

<https://www.stmarthasparish.ca/the-art-of-accompaniment---part-ii.html> or see the poster in the lobby.

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**Advent Twilight Retreat at the Martha Retreat Center**—Monday, Dec. 4 from 4:45—9:00 pm, with Dr. Mark Nixon and Ellen Wagner. Be Still and Know That I Am God—Psalm 46:10 is the theme for the evening. Cost is \$67.00 and includes supper. Register at [martharetreatcenter.ca](http://martharetreatcenter.ca) or call 403-328-3422 to register or for more details.

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**Renewal Gatherings: A New Beginning**—Recently, there were 4 Renewal Gatherings that were held in Lethbridge, Calgary, High River and Medicine Hat, with Bishop McGrattan present to Celebrate Mass and then speak to those who could attend. These gatherings filled quickly and so registrations were closed early, leaving many unable to attend. The Diocese has, on its website, put up a page of photos and comments from these gatherings. If you would like to see and read about what the evenings were about, go to:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/renewal-gathering-a-new-beginning>



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**Christmas Pot Luck** with the Assumption Charismatic Prayer Group and the People of Praise on Wed. Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm. Location not stated. Bring your favorite Christmas dish, your family and friends. Praise & worship to follow.

## OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

**Rehoboth Christian Ministries and The Sunshine Auxiliary** will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale & Poinsettia Sale at the Rehoboth Greenhouse in Coaldale on Saturday, November 25th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; shopping will be until noon! Cost for Breakfast: Donation. For more information please call 403-345-5199. (Address: 1222 – 20 Street Coaldale. Look for the big green roof!)



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

**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!

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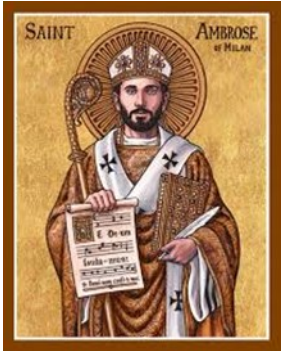
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# OUR PARISHES

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



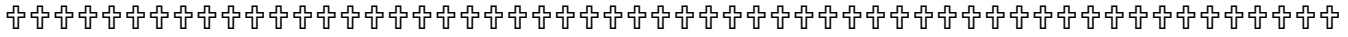
## St. Ambrose Parish

- 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.

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wed. each month at 7 pm (except July/Aug.)

St. Ambrose CWL meets the 2nd Wed. each month at 7 pm (except July/Aug.).



### This week in our parish Nov. 26—Dec 2

- Sunday, Nov. 26**—Hall Building Turkey Dinner, St. Joseph’s School 3—6 pm
- Mon. Nov. 20**—CWL Rosary at 10 am
- Tues. Nov. 28**—Hall Building Comm. Meeting 7:30 pm



**Pastoral Care Ministry:** Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Dec. 2 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Dec. 3, and please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

**Dec. 3 Team:** Bonnie 403-345-4596 and Diann 403-345-4945

**St. Ambrose CWL News:** **Thank you** to all who donated baking for the CWL bake sale last weekend, and thank you to all the parishioners who purchased goodies. Your support of our CWL-supported charities is deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless you all.

**Future Hall—the Fund Raising Committee** is looking for Volunteers and support for the new hall. Contact Blaise MacNeil at 587-320-9958 or blaisemn@hotmail.com

### BUILD A HALL FUNDRAISER 1st Annual Turkey Dinner!

Sunday, Nov. 26 from 3—6 pm at St. Joseph School gym. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family. Eat in or Take Out! Tickets will be sold at the door. Mark your calendar!



**The next Hall Building Committee meeting** is Tuesday Nov. 28 after Mass.



**Blessing of Advent Wreaths** will be during the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3. Bring your wreath from home if you would like to have it blessed.

If you are in need of an Advent wreath or candles for your Advent wreath, these will available in the church lobby. Wreaths and paraffin wax candles are \$10 each, and beeswax candle sets by Liza’s Gifts are \$20. You can also order Liza’s candles by texting Shelley at 403-331-7618.

**Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz** is a powerful way to learn about our faith. Using You Tube and the Hallow app, we will meet each Wed. morning at 10 am, starting Jan. 3, 2024. You will need an up-to-date copy of the Catechism and access to You Tube or Hallow. Please contact Shelley with any questions, or to confirm Attendance, by phoning or texting 403-331-7618.



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

**OUR PARISHES**

**St. Catherine's Parish**

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 am**

**Weekday Mass:**

Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

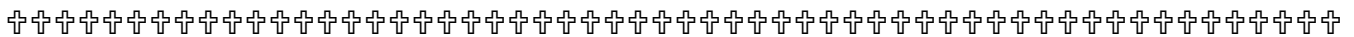
Thursday/Jueves 6:00—7:30 pm

**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 Comunción y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.

**Ministries Schedule**

DATE	EMHC	COMMENTATOR/LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY FAMILY	COFFEE MINISTRY
Dec. 3	Lew	Lynda		Not yet.	?
Dec. 10	Elaine	Jackie			?



**St. Catherine's CWL** meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 7 pm (except July & Aug.)



- ◆ **First Reconciliation will be celebrated at the parish Reconciliation Service on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm.**
- ◆ **Please remember to bring Baptism certificates and book fees if you have not done that.**

La Primera Reconciliación se celebrará en el Servicio de Reconciliación parroquial el jueves 21 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm.

- ◆ **Recuerde traer certificados de bautismo y tarifas de libros si no lo ha hecho.**



**SOUP SUNDAY** will be held on Dec. 3 after Mass. Come and join us for soup and conversation! Your donations are welcome and appreciated!

**EL DOMINGO DE SOPA** se llevará a cabo el 3 de diciembre después de la Misa. ¡Ven y únete a nosotros para tomar sopa y conversar! ¡Sus donaciones son bienvenidas y apreciadas!

**The Tree of Hope** is set up in the church for Advent. Please take a star or two and bring the gift noted back to put under the tree before Dec. 13. The gifts will go into the Food Bank hampers being made up on Dec. 15 & 16. Can you help make Christmas brighter for someone who is struggling?



**El Árbol de la Esperanza** se coloca en la iglesia para el Adviento. Por favor tome una estrella o dos y traiga el regalo anotado para colocarlo debajo del árbol antes del 13 de diciembre. Los regalos irán a las cestas del Banco de Alimentos que se prepararán el 15 y 16 de diciembre. ¿Puede ayudar a que la Navidad sea más brillante para alguien que ¿está luchando?

**Can you help make Food Bank hampers?** North Country Food Bank is in need of volunteers to help make and deliver hampers starting at 9 am on Sat. Dec. 16 at St. Catherine's Hall. All donations of time or money are welcome and appreciated! Contact Arnie Bergen Henengouwen at 403-308-9140 for more information.



**¿Puedes ayudar a hacer cestas para el Banco de Alimentos?** North Country Food Bank necesita voluntarios para ayudar a hacer y entregar cestas a partir de las 9 am del sábado. 16 de diciembre en St. Catherine's Hall. Todas las donaciones de tiempo o dinero son ¡Bienvenido y apreciado!

Comuníquese con Arnie Bergen Henengouwen al 403-308-9140 para obtener más información.