

Welcome to

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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MINISTRIES:

Parish Council	James Hunter
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Parishioners Society	Theresa Jessie
Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)	Marionette Phelps Antoinette Thomas
Sacristans	Joyce Franklin, Mary Johnson
Ushers	Moses Mambia, Mario Steward

A more comprehensive & detailed list is available on the
information table in the back of the church.

The Catholic Church in Kenwood

Mission Statement: Build a
community of faith, healing and
love (trust), so that others
recognize the presence of God
in us, and want to be a part of
what we are.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 10:30 am
1:00 pm Ghanaian Mass
1st Monthly Sunday French Mass
@ 6:00 pm
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Monday—Friday: 8:00 am
Confessions: Sat. 3:45 pm
Sun. 10:15 am

Parish Goals:

To fulfill this mission, we the
Catholic Faithful of St. Ambrose
Parish will strive to effect the
following goals:

1. To nurture the spiritual growth of
the Parish through a dynamic
celebration of the Eucharist.
2. To be a welcoming community
3. To fulfill the sacramental,
spiritual and physical needs
of the people of God
through our various ministries.

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Long ago—it seems as if in another world—I took part in a televised debate over military expenditures and nuclear bombs. The woman I faced was such a good debater that the producer of the program called me three times beforehand to make sure I knew what I was getting into. He seemed amazed that I was still willing to go through with it.

She drew blood. Her most wounding thrust was scripture-based. “Jesus himself,” she said, “told us, ‘If a king is about to march on another king to do battle, will he not sit down first and consider whether, with ten thousand men, he can withstand an enemy coming at him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, he will send a delegation while the enemy is at a distance, asking for terms of peace.’”

I remembered the story from Luke’s Gospel, but before I could think of the context, my opponent came at me with the coup de grâce. “It’s easy for you to lay down arms and to be a pacifist. You don’t have a wife and children to take care of. If you did, you’d thank God for the bomb.”

What a sweet paradox it all was. The military analogy from Luke is actually about the vigilance we need for discipleship, especially in letting go of the earthly things that we cling to as our property.

No one can save us but Christ.

That is why Jesus concludes the story with, “in the same way, none of you can be my disciple if you do not renounce all your possessions.” It has nothing to do with the evangelical approval of armies. It has everything to do with the dangers in clinging to things and people as our possessions. Jesus’ recommendation of vigilance against possessiveness comes in one of the harshest passages found in the New Testament, a saying about family life. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” We must, rather, take up our cross and follow him in discipleship.

Clearly he is speaking here of renouncing our loved ones as possessions or as barriers to the redeeming cross. We can never possess another. (This is why Paul, in his Letter to Philemon, undercuts slavery by insisting that Onesimus is not a slave, but a loved brother.) What is more, we can never be another’s god. Nor can another human serve as ours. No one can save us but Christ. I cannot speak from direct experience of having spouse or children, but I suspect that there is a great and paradoxical truth in what Jesus says. If we treat our children as if they are either our possessions or our gods, it will not only be impossible to follow Christ; it will be impossible to love them. We will strangle them by clinging to them as if they were our property or crush them with the impossible burden of saving us and making us happy.

“For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. ... Scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp, we find with difficulty.”

I may have lost the debate. But I found something else.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Sundays @ 10:00 am in the small chapel. All are encouraged to participate!!

RCIA classes: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm in the rectory. See Marionette Phelps.



POPE TWEET : "I invite you, each within your own heart, to pray for our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives or who are suffering because of the hurricane in the Bahamas."



Theresa Jessie Sept 12
Ramsey Carey Sept 13

STEWARDSHIP

Sun. 09/01/2019 Collection:	\$ 2,245.25
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(19 gifts)	
Give Central (08/29-09/04)	
Sunday Offering	\$ 10.00
Extra Gifts to Others	
Haiti	\$ 77.00
Seminarians	\$ 5.00
Sharing	\$ 10.00
(approx. 57 gifts)	THANKS!!
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES = \$4,110.00	

All visitors please remember to sign the guest book on the information table. We want to stay in contact with you.

Please remember in your prayers: Carolyn Baynham, Ms. Bitoy, Patricia Brown, Quinton & Alfreda Bowles, Dean Brazier, James Brazier, Esperanza Carr, Russell Carter, Willie B. Clay, Michael Anthony Clark, Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Peggy Duke, Wanda Finney, Ruben Gaines, Frederick Gibson, Bettie Green, Kelly Robin Hill, Willa Mae Holliman, Doris Humphries, Nolan Humphries, Leslie Jackson, Majorbelle James, Theresa Jessie, Jan Johnson, Pamela Jones, Denise Lawson, Penelope Lewis, Anastacia Mebane, Susan McKeever Larry, Maria Jossey Owen, Minnette Penman, Marionette Phelps, Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., Emma Stewart, Alonzo Studstill, Renee Trotter, Euphrasia Ann Mutinda, Joanne Wallace, Tandra Waston, Arlene G. Williams, Gloria Leonard, Craig Wright, Tyna Rule and all who have asked us to pray for them.

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Observances for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day

Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Patriot Day

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

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SEPTEMBER 8

Happy Grandparents Day



Join Us at Our Town Hall Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPT 29TH AFTER 10:30 MASS
(ONLY ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY.)

COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal year- July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

Date	Last week	Year to date	Operating Budget
09/01/19	\$2,255.25	\$24,217.79	\$ -213,333.00

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BULLETIN BLOOPER: The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Cardinal Cupich is celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the decree of Pope Francis advancing Fr. Augustus Tolton to the title "Venerable" along the path of his canonization. It will be Mon., Oct. 14th, 7:30 pm @ St. Philip Neri (72nd & Jeffrey). All are welcome!!

SEPTEMBER SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Sept 1 is: Virgin Mary Day, Int'l Literacy Day, Nat'l Actors Day, Nat'l Date Nut Bread Day, Nat'l Pardon Day & Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day

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