

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 13, 2023 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday | 7 a.m., 9 a.m.  
Saturday | 9 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)  
Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 a.m., 3 - 4 p.m.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 a.m. Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

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*Welcome!*

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

#### PARISH OFFICE

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#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your information to Donna Vasilakos.  
Bulletin deadline is **12 days before publication**.



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee,  
for Christ's sake, Amen.

*Prayer of St. Ambrose*

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is a process through which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please contact Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound, for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

**Parish Membership:** Parish Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, the Church vestibule, and on the parish website.

#### FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct.  
Enroll today at [membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or  
click on the Donate link on [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

#### ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are posted at [arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)

# Faith Formation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10



**REGISTER AT [STAMBROSEVA.ORG/RE](https://stambroseva.org/RE)  
2023-24 Religious Education**

Visit each program's webpage for details at [stambroseva.org](https://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](https://stambroseva.org/RCIA)

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation
- Accepting candidates for Fall 2023. Meets weekly September - May.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](https://stambroseva.org/RE)

- Classes for public or other non-Catholic school students are offered September through May. Grade K- 8 instruction includes required Sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

**2023-24 RE Classes | September 10, 2023 - May 19, 2024**

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](https://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

- Learn more about the faith and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults are welcome! Meets September - May on Sunday mornings.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](https://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

- Facilitators offer two distinct Bible study courses over a series of weeks on Wednesday mornings and evenings in the Fall and Spring.

## BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](https://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group)

- Read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading. All adults are welcome! Meets weekly on Friday mornings.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/WSA](https://stambroseva.org/WSA)

- Take time for God! Meets weekly on Sunday evenings.

**Faith Formation Contact**

**Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education**

[tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) | 703-280-1122



## Please Note

All regular Youth Ministry programs are on hold for the summer.

God Squad - Grades 9 -12 - resumes in the Fall.

## YOUTH MINISTRY needs YOU!

Adult volunteers are needed for the next school year.

If you are interested in ministering to the youth of the parish, please contact Julia Crean, [jcrean@stambroseva.org](mailto:jcrean@stambroseva.org)

## Summer 2023 Events

## ST. AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

[stambroseva.org/YoungAdults](https://stambroseva.org/YoungAdults)

**August 19 after 9am Mass.** Carpool to Front Royal  
Outdoors for tubing on the Shenandoah River.



## Family Holy Hour First Fridays | 5-6 pm

Join us to pray and adore  
our Eucharistic Lord and  
teach our children about  
this beautiful devotion.



## Beloved of God: Overcoming Stigma and Finding Community *A Day of Prayer for Mental Health*

**August 26, 2023**

**9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**All Saints Catholic Church  
Manassas, VA**

Hosted by the Diocese of Arlington,  
Divine Mercy University, and the Saint Labre Community.  
St. Benedict Joseph Labre, pray for us!





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

Margaret Dominguez †  
Max Vincent  
Mary Stasik †

### Tuesday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Vance Family  
Margaret Dominguez †  
Peter Vasilakos †

### Wednesday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**August 16: Weekday**

Evan Sweeney †  
Mark Weiser †

### Thursday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**August 17: Weekday**

Margaret Dominguez †  
Rev. Edwin T. Tewes †

### Friday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**August 18: Weekday**

Jimmy Foley  
Margaret Dominguez †

### Saturday

9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**August 19: Wkdy; St. John Eudes, Priest; BVM**

Peter †  
Jerry Delaney †

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
5:00 p.m.

**August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People of the Parish  
Val Krzeminski  
Mary Hellen Maldonado Cassidy †  
Linda Bolognesi †

### First Friday Adoration | September 1

9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

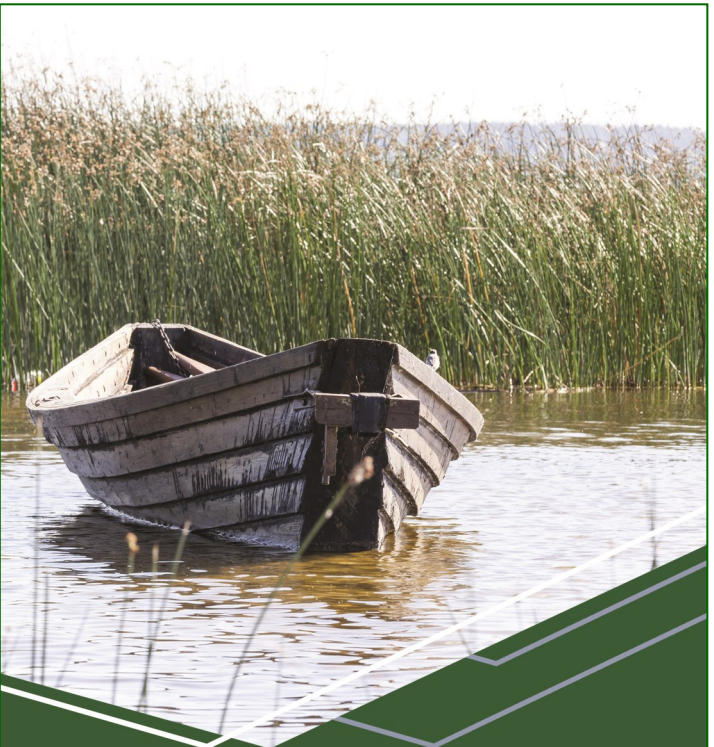
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Therese Hile, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Aug Rev. Daniel N. Gee  
Aug Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez  
Aug Rev. James R. Gould  
Aug Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas  
Aug Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)  
Aug Rev. Horace H. Grinnell (Ret.)  
Aug Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.



**For the repose of the soul of  
Brian Houston**

## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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## USHERS NEEDED

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)

### "Take courage, it is I! Do not be afraid."

Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact Father Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, (703) 841-2514 or email [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

**"Pray without ceasing."**  
*Thessalonians 5:17*



**INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER TREE**

[bit.ly/stambroseprayertree](http://bit.ly/stambroseprayertree)



## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Monday, August 14 (Vigil) | 7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 15 | 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm

*Alleluia, alleluia. Mary is taken up to heaven;  
a chorus of angels exults. Alleluia. Alleluia.*



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, September 17 | 1 - 4 pm**  
**Picnic Food + Picnic Fun!**

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*"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose*



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Now Enrolling for the 2023-24 School Year**

**School starts August 23, 2023**

**Pre-School** [stambrosepreschool.org](http://stambrosepreschool.org)

**Grades K-8** [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

St. Ambrose Catholic School is seeking candidates for three exciting positions available for next school year. These positions offer unique opportunities to contribute to the education and well-being of students.

**Part-Time School Counselor:** The school counselor plays a vital role in supporting students' social, emotional, and academic development. The position provides guidance and counseling services to students, helping them navigate personal challenges, manage stress, set goals, and make informed decisions. The counselor may also collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to create a supportive school environment and facilitate interventions when necessary.

**Instructional Assistant/Extended Day Director:** This position combines instructional support during regular school hours with overseeing the extended day program. The instructional assistant role provides assistance to teachers in the classroom, working with students individually or in small groups, and helping with administrative tasks. As the Extended Day Director, responsibilities include planning and implementing enriching activities for students after school, ensuring their safety and well-being, and managing the overall program effectively.

### Application Instructions

- **School Counselor or Instructional Assistant/Extended Day Director**
  - Send a cover letter, CV or resume, and three professional references to [mtejada@stambroseschool.org](mailto:mtejada@stambroseschool.org)

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

### ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL MISSION

*Fostering a faith-filled and academically strong environment, Saint Ambrose Catholic School works with families and the faith community to encourage the formation of the whole child through the examples and teachings of Jesus Christ.*



## PARISH MINISTRIES

For details & contacts,  
visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) and click on Ministries tab

Adult Choir	Altar Servers
Altar Society	Bereavement Committee
Bible Study Group	Children's Choir
Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
Garden & Grounds Club	Gabriel Project
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knitting Group
Knights of Columbus	Lectors
Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group
Ushers	Vocations Committee
Weekend WorkCamp	Women of St. Ambrose
Young Adults Group	Youth Ministry



All men are invited to the Knights of Columbus Social Meeting on Tuesday, August 22 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. We will have dinner and some social time, followed by a viewing of the movie: *Courageous*. See the trailer here:

[https://youtu.be/i9VT\\_NBIVfs](https://youtu.be/i9VT_NBIVfs)

Please RSVP to: [KofC8403Events@gmail.com](mailto:KofC8403Events@gmail.com)

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### NEXT DIAPER DRIVE SEPTEMBER 2 + 3 @ ALL MASSES

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. Items are collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month.

Most urgently needed items: all sizes of diapers; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes & diaper rash ointment.

Other critical items can be donated directly to the Center: grocery gift cards, baby shampoo, baby blankets, and summer clothes (sizes 0-3 months + 2T). The MaRiH Center is located at 3230 Duke Street B, Alexandria VA, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).



### St. Ambrose Rosary for Life Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

#### Mass & Rosary

#### in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on Saturday, August 19, 2023, 9am, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA. Holy Mass will be followed by a rosary at the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA.

#### Help + Hope + Healing

Visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

#### Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities

703-841-3830 | [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

#### Mary, Explained (Video Series) [arlingtondiocese.org/maryexplained](http://arlingtondiocese.org/maryexplained)

As part of preparing for the Diocesan Jubilee, Bishop Burbidge has invited us to look at Mary and imitate her example of receiving and bearing the Word into the world. To imitate Mary, it's helpful to understand what the Church teaches about who she is. In this 7-part video series, religious, priests, & lay faithful from our diocese explain the theology, traditions, and devotions about Our Lady so we can all grow closer to her with the ultimate goal of growing closer to Christ.



**C**elebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary this year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. To register, please contact the St. Ambrose Parish Office no later than Monday, October 2, 2023. For more information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).