

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS

Sunday

8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

Monday - Friday

7 am, 9 am

Saturday

9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days

As announced

CONFESSION

Saturday

9:30 am, 3-4 pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday

After 9 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday

9:30 am - 7 pm

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend John M. O'Donohue, Pastor

Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence

Deacon Ted Devlin

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SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org

SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | stambroseva.org/RE

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WELCOME!

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Bulletin Deadline: 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please send the request to bulletin@stambroseva.org



Whether you're an active parishioner, a visitor, looking to come home to the Catholic Church or seeking God and answers to the questions of daily life, we invite you to come and be a part of our growing parish family.

Explore and discover all our parish ministries, programs and special events. Experience the beauty of our church. We invite you to share the great gift of faith in Jesus Christ, handed down to us from the apostles through the Catholic Church. Welcome to St. Ambrose!

Parish Membership Parish registration forms are available at the Parish Office and online at stambroseva.org/registration. Please notify the office of any changes to your information (phone number, address, temporary absence, etc.) Parish membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sponsor Forms. To obtain a Sponsor Form, you must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.



Baptism: First-time expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass. stambroseva.org/baptism

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

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 Mass.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): The process for individuals to inquire, learn, and grow in the Catholic Faith and prepare for full communion in the Catholic Church. Contact the Director of Religious Education, DRE@stambroseva.org

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.

GIVING



ParishSOFT

You can automatically send your parish contributions through an online recurring ParishSOFT account. Visit bit.ly/Parishsoft



Common Questions



Create/Edit Gifts



Manage My Giving

INTENTIONS

MASSES

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Weekday / St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7 am Laura Sutherland +

9 am John Payne

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Weekday / St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7 am Margaret Dominguez +

9 am Jim Hannan +

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Weekday

7 am Cecile Tchong +

9 am Josephine Bourgeois +

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Weekday / St. Monica

7 am Gwynned Kelly +

9 am Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Sylvia Hawkins +

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Weekday / St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7 am David and Karen Payne

9 am Wiera Jacewicz +

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9 am Ray Stanekas +

5 pm Helen and Paul Woodford +

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Sara Severn

10 am Special Intentions for the Payne Family

12 pm Terry Cassell

5 pm People of the Parish

- To request Masses, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 3:30 pm.
- Devotional candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours, or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 7 | 9:30 am - 7:00 pm (Benediction)

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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FOR THE SICK

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Vivian L. Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasyr, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Kathleen Monachino, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Michelle Seoane, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

FOR OUR BISHOP & CLERGY

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

FOR THE DECEASED OF ST. AMBROSE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

LEARN & GROW



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Dr. Aránzazu Ascunce, Principal | stambroseschool.org

Announcements/News

- We're actively enrolling for **Grades 2-8**. Tours are available. Call the office to schedule or visit stambroseschool.org/open-house
- **Pray for our students & faculty** as we prepare for a joyful new school year.
- **Adopt a Student.** Gifts of **\$25-\$5,000** help provide after-school clubs, uniforms, classroom resources, and tuition assistance. Learn more: stambroseschool.org/adopt-a-student
- **Volunteers Welcome!** Share your gifts and become part of our Knight family. Call the office to inquire.



ST. AMBROSE K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/RE
August - June | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School

Announcements/News

- **REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** stambroseva.org/RE
- Class begins on August 23 at 8:45 am!



HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister | stambroseva.org/YouthGroup
August- June | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am OR 6 - 8 pm | School

Announcements/News

- **REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** stambroseva.org/RE
- Class begins on August 23 at 8:45 am!
- We are following an alternating schedule of Catechetical Instruction on Sundays from 8:45 - 9:45 am one week and Fellowship on Sundays from 6-8 pm the next.
- Join us on Signal: bit.ly/YouthGroupSignal



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/OCIA
August - June | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

Announcements/News

- **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** at stambroseva.org/OCIA
- Class begins on August 24 at 7 pm!

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS

stambroseva.org/music-choirs

ALTAR SOCIETY

stambroseva.org/altarsociety

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

stambroseva.org/bereavement

BIBLE STUDIES

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

stambroseva.org/christhouse

GARDEN & GROUNDS CLUB

stambroseva.org/GnGClub

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

stambroseva.org/youth group

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

stambroseva.org/prayertree

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

stambroseva.org/JMCoJ

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ambrosecouncil.org

KNITTING GROUP

stambroseva.org/knittinggroup

LECTORS

stambroseva.org/lectors

ROSARY MAKERS

stambroseva.org/rosary makers

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

stambroseva.org/mensgroup

ST. AMBROSE FOR LIFE

stambroseva.org/pro-life

ST. PAULA SOCIETY WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/stpaula

USHERS

stambroseva.org/ushers

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

stambroseva.org/vocations

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

stambroseva.org/WSA

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

stambroseva.org/youngadults



Please submit bulletin requests to bulletin@stambroseva.org

MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE | SEPTEMBER 5 + 6

St. Ambrose Parish supports and provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms and their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (newborn - 6), summer clothes, coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, and bibs.** To donate other items, visit stambroseva.org/pro-life or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm | Church

HELP & HEALING

Gabriel Project | helpforpregnantwomen.org
Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities | www.cdda.net
Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org



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ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm
Parish Library
ambrosecouncil.org | info@ambrosecouncil.org

WELCOME SUNDAYS Enjoy coffee, conversation and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10 am Masses. Come and meet other parishioners - new and old!

Dates / Hosts

August 23 | St. Ambrose School PTO
September 6 | Religious Education



WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall

stambroseva.org/WSA

WSA@stambroseva.org



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)
In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fall Grief Retreat: Finding the Passion of Christ in Your Story: You do not have to grieve alone. Join other mothers of loss on September 18th & 19th for a fall retreat hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Draw closer to the Lord in your grief and find comfort, healing, and hope by connecting with others who understand the extraordinary cross you are carrying. For all mothers of loss, from pregnancy through adulthood.

When: Friday, September 18 (6:30–9:00 pm) and Saturday, September 19 (9:00 am–5:30 pm)

Where: Morning Star Retreat House in Great Falls

Cost: \$40 (includes \$25 grief group journal, breakfast, and lunch)

Register: www.redbird.love/arlington-va

Questions? elizabeth@redbird.love

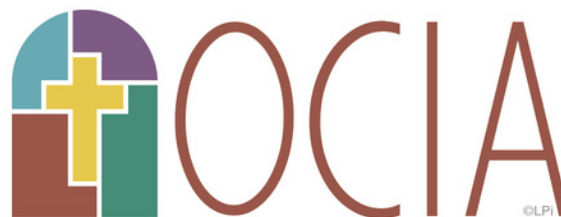
K-12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-27 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
bit.ly/RE2026-27Registration

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START DATES

K-12 | 8:45 - 9:45 am, Sunday, August 23 | School

Details at stambroseva.org/RE



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Classes Start Monday, August 24
7 pm Parish Hall
Details at stambroseva.org/OCIA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Grilling with a Priest

(while grilling a priest)

August Social Meeting — Open to All



Tuesday, August 25, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Parish Hall, St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Bring your most thoughtful — and most difficult — questions. Our priests are ready to answer them, hot off the grill! This open meeting is a relaxed, welcoming way for the men of our parish to get to know the Knights of Columbus.

Sons and prospective members are especially welcome. If you know someone who's been curious about the Knights, this is the perfect night to bring them along.



Scan to RSVP

Sign up to bring
a dish

RSVP / Sign Up to Bring a Dish

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All men of the parish, along with sons and prospective members, are welcome — no cost to attend.

Questions? Contact Jonathan Wertz, Grand Knight — gk.ambrose.council@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September 16, 2026 - March 3, 2027

10am - Noon | Parish Hall

- **Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** | 8 weeks, September - November | Dr. Edward Sri. This study reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives, leading us into a more spiritual Advent.
- **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** | 8 weeks, December - February | Jeff Cavins & Thomas Smith. Drawing on the wisdom as it relates to daily life from Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes, this course teaches us how to actively seek sound guidance and increase our sense of peace in navigating life.
- **Lenten Study: Selected Homilies (Topics TBD)** | 4 weeks, February - March | Father Mike Schmitz.

STUDY MATERIALS

Visit stambroseva.org/biblestudy to see exact dates and to order session materials.

FACILITATORS

- Ron & Mary DeSantis
- Ann Rossi

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Mary DeSantis at mary.t.desantis@verizon.net

