19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water
by François Boucher, 1766

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RETURNING TO MASS

- When St. Ambrose reopened for weekend Masses on Pentecost Sunday, we initially requested reservations to assure social distancing and to avoid exceeding the Diocesan seating capacity limit of 25% (80 persons). After six weekends of Masses, attendance "data" suggests some relaxation changes are appropriate. Attendance has typically been 30-40 persons so our parish can welcome more people to return within diocesan restrictions.
- St. Ambrose welcomes back all who are able to participate in weekend Masses. No reservations required! We are doing everything we can to insure your safety. Seating is in every second pew. Ushers will assure six foot minimum spacing between unrelated persons. Your cooperation and patience are still requested for masks, hand sanitizing and special procedures for Holy Communion and for exit.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the name for the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. Through the RCIA process, the people and pastor of St. Ambrose "hand on the teachings, practices, values and traditions of our Catholic faith."

Most people join the Catholic Church because of another person: a friend, family member or a co-worker. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, call the parish office (385-4152) or Eileen Rutten, RCIA Coordinator (323-2372) and leave your name, phone number and message.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Because of privacy rules (HIPPA), hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes do not contact your parish. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, assisted living facility or homebound, please call the rectory office. Arrangements can be made for you or them to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, be visited by a parishioner or be mailed the weekly bulletin. The Rectory number is 385-4152.

MAINTENANCE POSITION OPENING

St Ambrose is looking for an individual to take care of the maintenance and custodial areas of the parish grounds and our three buildings. A criminal background check and attendance at a live Virtus Training Session is required. This is a paid position. Please send a resume to the Parish Rectory at 1628 East G Ave; Parchment MI 49004.

ST AMBROSE CHURCH

Fr Albert Kemboi, Parochial Vicar

Hal Bohan and Al Radford, Deacons
Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hageman and Cristina Suarez-Ross, Secretaries
Sue Chicvara, Music Director
Eileen Rutten, RCIA Director
Amy Miles, Religious Education Director

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 9
1:00 P.M. SOS - ZOOM
Monday, August 10
Noon Bulletin Deadline for Upcoming Weekend
Tuesday, August 11
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting-ZOOM

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Budgeted Weekly Collection Goal. 6,440.00

8/2/2020

Sunday Collection 6,313.00
Assumption.....120.00
Sister Parish 20.00

FORWARD IN FAITH: PARISH SUPPORT FUND

The Diocese of Kalamazoo established this special fund to generate immediate funding to provide financial relief for parishes during the Coronavirus pandemic crisis. All donations go straight to your parish. Learn more at diokzoo.org/parish-fund.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Thank you for your generous donations to assist the refugees in our community. When the "Shelter in Place" guidelines are lifted we will again need donations of toilet paper and unscented laundry detergent. We will be making deliveries monthly to the refugee communities so please consider making regular donations of these greatly needed items by dropping them off in the basket under the bookcase in the vestibule.

FOOD LIFT NEEDS

Paper Towels	Jelly	Boxed Potatoes
Canned Meals	Noodles	Laundry Soap
Helper Meals	Frosting	Spaghetti Sauce
Kleenex	Peanut Butter	Toilet Paper
Canned Fruit	Crackers	Canned Chicken
Tuna	Cereals	Mac & Cheese
Pasta	Cake Mixes	Soup

Paper Bags with Handles

Items in bold are especially needed.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Rectory Number: 269-385-4152 or 269-343-0099

Prayer Line: 269-343-2306 (Leave a message)

While no one is in the rectory offices, messages are picked up during the week. If you need a more immediate assistance, you may leave a message with Marilyn Thornburg at 269-343-2306.

If you should call the rectory and the phone rings but the answering machine does not pick up - it means that the line is being used. Please call back later.

E-mail: ambroseparchment@sbcglobal.net

Let us know if you want to get e-mails by sending us an email

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Experience: The Diocesan Parish Life and Lay Leadership Secretariat has created a page of resources for your family to continue your prayer life at with home, you may find these resources at diokzoo.org/

VIRTUS COMPLIANCE

If you are required to do the on-line readings for Virtus please be sure that you are up to date. You can check your Virtus status on the readings by logging in, and on the right side of the screen is a "Training Bulletin Report" which will indicate if you have any bulletins to complete.

And, if you have not taken the Live Introduction Class, please check Virtus and on the left side of the screen there is "Live Training", click that and then click pre-register for a class in your area. Please do this so that St. Ambrose, and you, can remain compliant with the rules for the safety of all. Thank you.

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Area Events

TEEN BIBLE STUDY ... will be hosted via Zoom on Monday Evening. The Bible Study will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel readings and will be led by a local high school student. Learn more and register at diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY... Join in every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a weekly Bible study via Zoom. The study will be led by a Diocesan staff member and will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel reading. Learn more and register at diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings.

RENEW...is a program to help people recover from the stress and anxiety of the pandemic, using a holistic model to look at the consequences of the pandemic from several point of view (because people are different, and their reactions are different). The program is available free of charge - you can register and download the contents to your phone or computer from the website www.TraumaRecoveryAssociates.com RENEW is offered free of charge thanks to many generous donors.

MEN'S RETREAT: INSPIRE! AND LIGHT A FIRE...September 11-13. 2020 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Step away from the world for a weekend of peace and hope. This retreat is based around the book To Light a Fire on the Earth, by Bishop Robert Barron. Suggested donation for the weekend is $185.00 and includes all lodging, meals, and materials. Retreat begins with check in at 6:00pm on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Men of all ages are welcome. Bring a friend or family member! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available on line at www.stfrancis.ws. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside some time for Him.

ST AMBROSE SPIRITUAL LENDING LIBRARY

The Spiritual Lending Library will reopen when the "Shelter in Place" directives end.

SOS – SHARING OUR SPIRITUALITY

All are welcome to join us on ZOOM on Sundays at 1:00p.m. Contact Paul Rahn (Pdrahn@charter.net) for Zoom meeting and password information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8
5:00 p.m. † Mary Reibe
Req. by Her Family

Sunday, August 9 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
9:00 a.m. † Joseph Herdus
Req. by Mary Reiner
11:00 a.m. † Teressa Quick
Req. by Rosemary Barnum

Monday, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11 Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12 Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13 Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 14 Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
9:15 a.m. † Mary Cook
Req.by Barb Mauer
IN ST AMBROSE RECTORY CHAPEL

Saturday, August 15
5:00 p.m. † Carol Voissem
Req. by Ann Marie James

Sunday, August 16 Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
9:00 a.m. † Joseph Herdus
Req. by Mary Reiner
11:00 a.m. † Richard Marks Sr.
Req. by Chicvara and Montalvo Families

LITURGICAL TEAMS

AS SCHEDULES AND GUIDELINES ARE CHANGING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS AND GREETERS , LECTORS AND SERVERS WILL BE CONTACTED PERSONALLY AS NEEDED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS . THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

PRIEST AND DEACON SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)

DATE		TIME	PRIEST	DEACON
8/8	Confessions @ 4:00	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mike	Deacon Al
8/9	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.	Fr Albert	
		11:00 a.m.	Fr Albert	Deacon Al
8/15	Confessions @ 4:00	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Albert	Deacon Al
8/16	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Mike	
		11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mike	
8/22	Confessions @ 4:00	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mike	Deacon Al
8/23	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert	Deacon Al
		11:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert	Deacon Al

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