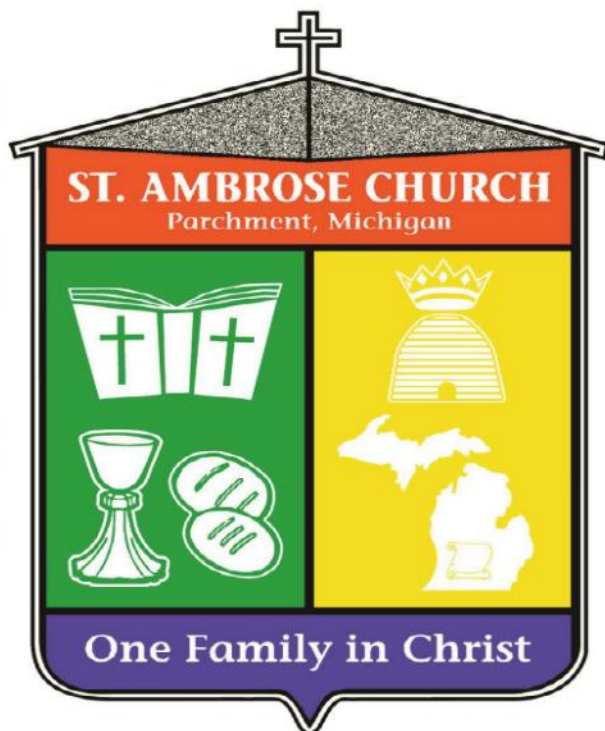


Baptism of the Lord

Mission Statement

Called by the Holy Spirit to Develop
a Family of faith in Christ,
the people of St. Ambrose Parish embrace
Christ's call to know, love, and serve God
within our hearts, in our homes, and in our world
community.



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Monday through Friday9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Parish E-Mail ambroseparchment@sbcglobal.net
Parish Web site www.stambroseparchment.com
Religious Ed. & RCIA Office (269) 343-0099
Liturgical Coordinator/Music (269) 343-0099
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Rectory (269) 385-4152

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Kathy Hageman & Cristina Suarez-Ross,
Secretaries
Amy Miles, Director of Religious Education

Schedule of Masses

Friday 9:15 a.m.
Saturday Evening ... 5:00 p.m. (Live Streamed)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Live Streamed)
..... 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays Check Bulletin

Returning to Mass

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Anytime: By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Parish Office for arrangements

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are to make arrangements at least six months prior to marriage

PARISH COUNCIL, Chairperson

David Rutten (269) 323-2372

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Know, Love and Serve Him

Message from Msgr Mike

Dear Friends,
2020 was a doozy of a year. I pray that we may not have back-to-back doozies. So I wish you all a Happier New Year !

The Baptism of the Lord stands as the interface between Christmas time and Ordinary time. Our own Baptism, too, was an occasion of affirmation by God: I choose you to be my beloved daughter, my beloved son. And since then, our lives, like Jesus' life, have been a walk of faith. As we walk through Mark's gospel this year, let us remember that we are not alone on the journey. Jesus is our sure companion on the way.

Here are some more counsels for us all to heed:
If I get dementia . . .

+ Don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24/7. It's not your fault; you've done your best. Find someone to help you or choose a great new place for me to live.

+ Know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.

+ Remember: I am still the person you know and love .

Fr. Mike

Refugee Assistance

Thank you for your generous donations to all who have assisted the refugees in our community. We 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 or at the Rectory during the week.

Staying in Touch

Over the past few months, St Ambrose has expanded and enhanced it's means of communication and helping our parishioners return to our celebration of the Mass. The 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass can now be viewed "live" on the internet. You can access the live streaming through Facebook or the Diocesan Web-site (diokzoo.org). You can see our Fr Albert and Msgr Mike celebrate Mass, hear their great homilies and even participate by responding to the prayers by typing in "comments". Join us.

Please Let Us Know

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. While we can not visit assisted living or hospitals at the current time we would like to stay in touch.

In Remembrance..

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the members of our Parish Family: **Patricia Ann Kelly** (12/8/20); **Owen Dueweke** (12/15/20); **Patricia Hiatt** (12/30/20); **David Shirey** (1/1/21), husband of Jackie Shirey, father of Jock and Brian; and **Jeffrey Bohan** (1/4/21), brother of Deacon Hal Bohan. May their families and friends be comforted in the knowledge that their loved ones now dwell in the House of the Lord.



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Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Saturday, January 9

5:00 p.m. † Sue Isaacs
Req. by Wood and Cindy Isaacs

Sunday, January 10

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

9:00 a.m. † Don Banner
Req. by St Ambrose Parish Family
11:00 a.m. † Pat Kelly
Req. by Ann Marie James

Monday, January 11

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
9:15a.m. Healing for Dolores Sheffied
Req. by Kathy Hageman

Saturday, January 16

5:00 p.m. † Dick Anson
Req. by Rosemary Barnum

Sunday, January 17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a); 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

9:00 a.m. † Burrel Stultz
Req. by John and Kathy Keagle
11:00 a.m. † John Salvato (Anniversary)
Req. by The Salvato Family

PRIEST AND DEACON SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

DATE		TIME	PRIEST	
1/9		5:00 p.m.	Msgr Mike	
1/10	Baptism of the Lord	9:00 a.m.	Msgr Mike	
		11:00 a.m.		
1/16		5:00 p.m.	Msgr Mike	
1/17	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.	Msgr Mike	
		11:00 a.m.		
1/23		5:00 p.m.	Msgr Mike	
1/24	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.	Msgr Mike	
		11:00 a.m.		

Mass Intentions

It is a faithful Catholic tradition to request Masses of thanksgiving, for birthdays, anniversaries, special intentions, etc. as well as for the deceased. Please call the rectory office to schedule a Mass intention. A customary stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. The Rectory Office number is 385-4152.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE NOT MEETING IN PERSON

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/sundayexperience

THE WAY - is a free-easy to use online faith-formation program designed to provide an innovative solution for any family to learn, pray and live the faith together. Lessons are available for 1st through 8th grade students with additional resources for those who want to learn more about a certain subject. Access this diocesan created program and learn more at diokzoo.org/theway.

Diocesan Heating Assistance Program

The Diocesan Heating Assistance Program (DHAP) will be available for assistance starting on Wednesday, January 8, and will end in March.

The DHAP provides emergency heating assistance up to \$300.00 per household to anyone in need residing within the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St Joseph, and Van Buren counties). The program helps households defray heating expenses and obtain heating resources (fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, firewood, etc).

Call the Rectory Office at 269-385-4152 to begin the process. You will need send a copy of your Heating Bill by fax(269-385-2527), e-mail (ambroseparchment@sbcglobal.net) or in person to the Rectory Office. We will make a copy of the bill to have the vendor's correct address and your account number. We will go over with you via phone conversations a list of agencies where you may seek additional help . If approved, funds will be sent directly to the Vendor.

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. To 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. To register at diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES... are invited to a virtual gathering from 1:00 – 2:00p.m. on Sunday Jan. 24th. The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org by Jan. 20th. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.


PRAYER FOR LIFE CELEBRATION AND RALLY... Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 4:00p.m. on the grounds of Kalamazoo Christian High School, Kalamazoo. Join Bishop Bradley and Christians from around Kalamazoo for a 30 minute focused and interactive prayer time that will highlight that "All Life is Sacred" to God and to us. Donations of diapers and wipes will be collected for Caring Network and Alternatives. This is an outdoor event so please dress for the weather. For more information contact Lisa Irwin at lirwin@diokzoo.org or 269-903-0177.

National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 6:00p.m. on January 22, 2021 in observance of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children at St. Augustine Cathedral. If you cannot attend, the Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website www.diokzoo.org/live and also simulcast to the diocesan Facebook.

Financial Stewardship

12/25-27/2020



Budgeted Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$6,440.00
Sunday Collection	\$9,203.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$5,163.00
Utilities Collection	\$50.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$330.00
First Offering	\$174.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Diocesan Heating Assistance Program	\$20.00
Sister Parish	\$240.00
Sister Parish Tuition	\$200.00

The week of January 24, Annual End of the Year Statements will be sent out to all parishioners. Bishop's Annual Appeal Statements will be sent from the Diocesan Office.

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. End of year statements will be sent by the Diocese.

Stewardship Notes:

January 10th - Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. Bishops Pastoral on Stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

Please Keep Us Informed!

Have you moved? Have you discontinued your land line in favor of a cell phone? If you have made these or other changes in your status please call the office (385-4152 or 343-2306)

The office is also asking for your e-mail address. This will allow the Parish to distribute messages and changes quickly. Just send us an email to ambroseparchment@sbcglobal.net.

Food Lift Needs

- Paper Towels • Jelly • Boxed Potatoes • Noodles
- Canned Meals • Laundry Soap • Helper Meals • Crackers
- Spaghetti Sauce • Kleenex • Toilet Paper • Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit • Peanut Butter • Canned Chicken
- Tuna • Cereals • Mac & Cheese • Pasta • Soup
- Paper Bags with Handles

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.

Parish Activities

Sunday, January 10

1:00 p.m. SOS - Zoom

Monday, January 11

Noon Bulletin Items due for January 17

Sunday, January 17

1:00 p.m. SOS - Zoom

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