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One Family in Christ

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 Friday ..... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Schedule of Masses
Friday.....9:15 AM
Saturday Evening.....5:00 PM
(Live Streamed)
Sunday.....9:00 AM
(Live Streamed)
.....11:15 AM

Please Join Us Again

The "General Dispensation" from obligation of attending Mass each week was lifted on May 23, 2021.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday ..... 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Anytime: By Appointment, call 269-385-4152.
Sacrament of Baptism
Call Parish Office at 269-385-4152 for arrangements.
Sacrament of Marriage
Couples are to make arrangements at least six months prior to marriage. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Our Doors are Open!

We encourage everyone to return to Mass in person if able, but if you are not able, St. Ambrose will continue to enhance its means of communication to help 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 be viewed "live" on the internet. Access the live streaming through Facebook (St. Ambrose Parish - Parchment - Home | Facebook), Parish Website St. Ambrose Parish - Parchment, MI (stambroseparchment.com), or the Diocesan Web-site (diokzoo.org).

Know, Love and Serve Him May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter, Year C, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend which was Good Shepherd Sunday/ Vocations Sunday/Mothers' Day, we entered into the phase of making our commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2022. We are off to a great start with many of us actualizing their commitment to this worthwhile exercise. (As of Monday evening, May 9, $21,638.00 had been pledged, over a third of our goal!)
A special thank you to those who have already made a pledge to this campaign. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please prayerfully consider a cheerful gift, to assist in the work and ministry of the Church throughout southwest Michigan. With your generous and cheerful support, it is our desire to wrap up the appeal by the end of this month of May, 2022.

The Easter season is passing quickly. Already it is more than half over as we progress toward the great feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. We want the season to slow down so that we may savor the joy and consolation of these readings from Acts and John that dominate the Easter cycle, but *tempus fugit.*

The readings for this fifth Sunday of Easter describe the growth of the kingdom of God, which is manifested on earth as the Church. The first two readings and the psalm are tied together with the kingdom images, and the Gospel reminds us that this kingdom is characterized by God's love. *On his visit to a Parish, a bishop decided to test the children's knowledge of catechism. The kids answered all his questions. Finally, he asked: "By what sign will people know you are Christians?" Everyone was silent. He was about to point to his pectoral cross, when a little girl said, "Love! That's what Jesus says." Jesus summarizes all the Old Testament's laws and commands into one "new commandment": "Love one another, just as I have loved you."*

May we all embrace this "sign" of the Christian in the world, the irrefutable, immediately verifiable, proof of Christian identity.

May God bless you all!

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

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MASS SCHEDULE AND DAILY READINGS

Sat. 5/14	**Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**
5:00 PM	†Larry Loofboro
	Req. by Kathy Hageman
Sun. 5/15	**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
9:00 AM	†William Madden
	Req. by His Loving Family
11:15 AM	†Tom Koszut
	Req. By St. Ambrose Staff
Mon. 5/16	Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tues. 5/17	Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14: 27-31a
Wed. 5/18	**Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr**
	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thurs. 5/19	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri. 5/20	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17
9:15 AM	†Joan Anne "Joann" Johnson
	Req. By Janet Ouellette-Westra
Sat. 5/21	**Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
5:00 PM	†Joan Ann "Joann" Johnson
	Req. By Ann Marie James
Sun. 5/22	**Sixth Sunday of Easter**
	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
9:00 AM	†Larry and Joan Ann "Joann" Johnson
	Req. By Rosemary Barnum
11:15 AM	†Joan Ann "Joann" Johnson
	Req. by Anne Marie James

Masses are available to request special intentions such as birthdays, anniversaries and remembrance of deceased loved ones. Please call the office to schedule Masses at 269-385-4152. A $10.00 Mass stipend is customary which can be dropped in the collection basket. Thank you.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal 2022—5/9/2022
53 families in our parish have contributed $21,638 which is 37.4% of our $57,876 Goal.
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Thank you for helping to educate the twelve seminarians who will serve our parishes for many, many years, and for supporting all the diocesan spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable programs and services offered by the Diocese of Kalamazoo and from which we all benefit. We are grateful for your support!

Welcome New Parishioners!
Please welcome the Lucchetti Family—Nicholas, Mallory, Maggie and Milo to our St. Ambrose Family!

UPCOMING:

You are invited to attend the **Kalamazoo Right to Life Annual FOCUS ON LIFE BENEFIT DINNER**! Your attendance is crucial to learn about the Michigan Productive Freedom for All (RFFA) petition, which proposes changes that would endanger the lives of unborn as well as newly born children! Speakers will provide key information. Please come! **May 19th** at Kalamazoo First Assembly of God (5550 Oakland Drive, Portage, Michigan); Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner served at 6:30 PM. Tickets: $10 students/disabilities, $20 individuals. Visit https://kazoortl.org/events for information.

A **Diocesan Memorial Day Mass** will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kalamazoo on Monday, **May 30th, 2022**. The English Mass with military dedication will be held at 10:00 AM. A Latin Mass will be held at 8:00 AM. Bring your own chair. For questions, contact Ellen Nightingale at ellen.night@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Open to women and men, the retreat is respectful and honors the grief and trauma of post-abortion. For more information or to register for the retreat, call 616.340.1824 or email mwalsh@ccwestmi.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial assistance is available.

This week, we take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Diocese of Kalamazoo Caregivers Connection - Now meeting at 2 p.m.! Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on the first Sunday of the month (when date falls on a holiday weekend we move to the second Sunday) from 2 to 3 p.m. on Zoom. To learn more or to register go to https://diokzoo.org/caregivers or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register. 2022 dates: June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

Save the Date! Saturday, August 13, 2022 Msgr. Michael Hazard Golden Jubilee Celebration St. Joseph Church, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI. Mass at 10:00 AM then followed by Reception in the Gym and Parking Lot. To volunteer to help with this event, please contact: Diane Delach @ 269.569.0864 or Email: loves2pun@yahoo.com.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome the Lucchetti Family—Nicholas, Mallory, Maggie and Milo to our St. Ambrose Family!

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."
- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

05/01/2022 Parish Stewardship—Thank you!

Budgeted Weekly Goal.....$6,562.00
Actual Sunday Collection..... $ 7,615.00

Catholic Relief Services.....$ 60.00
Mass Stipends.....$ 10.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....$ 80.00
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Frosting	Spaghetti Sauce
Helper Meals	Toilet Paper
Jelly	Tuna

Food Lift Delivery Dates—2022

May 15	**June 19**	
July 17	**August 21**	**September 18**
October 16	**November 20**	**December 18**

If you know of anyone within the Parchment area who may need food assistance, please call the office.

St. Ambrose 1st Annual Golf Classic Tournament is coming this summer!

When: Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Where: Eastern Hills Golf Course
Format: 18 Hole 4 person team scramble. 9:00 AM shotgun start.

The Tournament fee of $65.00 will include 18 holes, cart and a lunch burger buffet. Event registration forms are available in the vestibule. Registration ends 6/24/2022. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or sponsor a hole, please call the office at 269.385.4152.

Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit *Come Join Us!*
Cenacle Prayer Group
Wednesdays 4:30 pm—5:30 pm in the Parish Chapel

Stewardship—May 15th Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples—and us– a new commandment: "Love on another". Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.—Suzanne

The Sisters of St. Joseph

are currently inviting lay individuals to live with them in their residential complex at 2929 Nazareth Road in Kalamazoo.

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