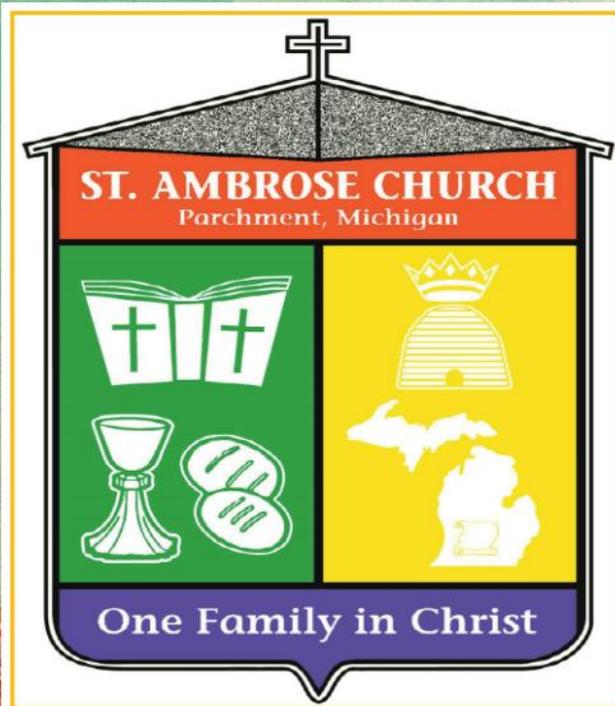


# Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Luke 17:18-19



## 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.**

**1628 East G Avenue  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
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Eileen Rutten, RCIA  
Phuong Nguyen, Religious Education Coordinator

### Schedule of Masses

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

### 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, 269-385-4152, to schedule.

## Home, Business, Car Blessing

Do you need a blessing? Whether you just bought a new home, just moved, or you want to have your home, apartment, business, car, etc., blessed, a member of our clergy will come out to your home and bless it.

For more information please see this article by Aleteia: <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2020/09/18/why-its-important-to-bless-your-new-home/>

Email: [stambroseparchment@gmail.com](mailto:stambroseparchment@gmail.com) or call 269.385.4152 to schedule your blessing!



## 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](#)).



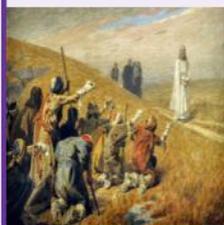
# Know, Love and Serve Him October 9, 2022

## 28th Sunday Year C 2022

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

Fr. Albert is away this week on retreat with other priests who are preparing themselves to be “spiritual directors,” spiritual guides, you might say, or even just trusted companions on the journey of the Christian life. So I (Fr. Mike) am writing for both of us this week. Usually when I compose this little article, I submit it to Fr. Albert for his okay. This week I’m on my own.

The Gospel of Jesus is frequently mysterious. We may prefer that it be direct, “logical,” easy. And if we think Jesus’ words are logical, either we fail to get the point or we really do get the point and we’ve begun to think like Jesus.



About today’s Gospel: in the story from Luke, ten lepers call out to Jesus from a distance for “mercy.” The mercy Jesus shows them is the cure of the leprosy that makes them outcasts from their communities. As they follow Jesus’ direction and head for the official recognition of healing that will change their status in the commu-

nity, all are cured. One of the ten returns to Jesus praising God for the grace shown to him. Jesus declares this one “saved.” Why? Ten end up cured; one, saved. What’s the difference?

The “**saving power of God**” (see today’s psalm) is not for this world only. The nine who are cured can return to their families and resume their natural life. The one so moved by gratitude to return to Jesus draws close to him, and pours out his thanks and praise to God in this Man. This “foreigner” has lost what bound him to that group of unfortunates (and separated them from the rest of people—their families included!). And this one has found what will bind him to Jesus forever and ever—even to us in our time. This is the goal of God’s power for healing, God’s sole intention for us: to bring us to Jesus and transform us into his likeness.

What is this likeness? At root, it is Jesus’ complete trust in the Father, and his willingness to follow the Father’s loving will for our salvation. Can we see what Jesus has done (is doing) for us and can we allow ourselves to see beyond the limits of space and time to the eternity of generous love? Could this be what brings us to get close to Jesus?

Happy week! Happy life! Eternity of gratitude to you!

Msgr. Mike and (I’m pretty sure) Fr. Albert

## MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND REQUESTS

<b>Fri. 10/7</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Gal 3:7-14; PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26 Deacon Al Radford Req. by the St. Ambrose Parish Family
9:15 AM	
<b>Sat. 10/8</b>	†Ruth Watling Love, The Music Family
5:00 PM	
<b>Sun. 10/9</b>	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19 †Jim Mackay Req. by Shirley Creamer †Tom Deem Req. by Victor and Barbara Ceru Dick and Judy Joslin (Anniversary) Req. by Judy Joslin
9:00 AM	
11:15 AM	
<b>Mon. 10/10</b>	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Ps 95:8; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tues. 10/11</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John XXIII, Pope</b> Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41 Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Wed. 10/12</b>	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Thurs. 10/13</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</b> Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Fri. 10/14</b>	†John B. Wayne Req. by Roger and Charlotte Wayne
9:15 AM	
<b>Sat. 10/15</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> †Jan and †Lucy Van Schaik Req. by Jan Van Schaik
5:00 PM	
<b>Sun. 10/16</b>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2; Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8 †Geoffrey Mattens Req. by The Meninga Family †Julius “Ceaser” Millers Req. by Judy Millers
9:00 AM	

Masses are available to request special intentions such as birthdays, anniversaries and remembrance of deceased loved ones. To accommodate more timely requests, we have increased the number of intentions per Mass to two. 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 or mailed to the office. Thank you.



## Prayer for Religious Liberty

“O God our creator...though the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.” **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

**Susan Chicvara**  
**Retirement Reception**  
on Sunday, October 30  
at 10:00 AM

Susan Chicvara is retiring on October 30 after 29 years! Help us celebrate her gifts by signing a card, her photo and stopping by the Parish Activity Hall at 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 30 for coffee and refreshments. We wish her a very happy life and many years of God’s blessings!





## Religious Education News— October 2022

**Sunday, October 9:** Children’s Mass at 11:15 AM. The children in 3rd grade to Confirmation will participate in most of the services during the Mass. Please have the children with assigned services arrive at the church 10 minutes early so we can get ready for the Mass.

**Saturday, October 15:** Congratulations to our 14 candidates for completing their Confirmation program! The Confirmation Mass will be at St. Augustine Cathedral at 10:00 AM. Candidates please arrive at 9:00 AM. Please **pray** for our candidates so that they will always grow strong in their spiritual journey.

## Stewardship—October 9, 2022



Jesus healed ten lepers in today’s Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is a gift from Him! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him? - Suzanne

## UPCOMING:

All widowed men and women are invited to the **6th Annual Widowed Friends Mass with Bishop Bradley on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM** at St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Contact: Socorro Truchan at 269.349.8714 ext. 1112 or email: struchan@diokzoo.org.

To help the **victims of Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian**, **Bishop Paul J. Bradley**, along with the USCCB, has requested a second collection for USCCB’s Emergency Disaster Fund the weekends of October 8/9 and October 15/16. Checks should be made out to the parish with **“United States Bishops’ Emergency Disaster Fund”** written in the reference line. Funds collected will be distributed through the United States Bishops’ Emergency Disaster Fund to assist Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate **emergency needs** for such necessities as shelter, water, food, medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts in the wake of the hurricane devastation, and other natural disasters. Funds also will be used by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the affected areas.

## Opposing Proposal 3

**For the past two weeks**, we’ve been discussing Proposal 3 (the “Reproductive Freedom for All” proposal), and how it will amend Michigan’s Constitution to create a startling broad right to abortion. In Week 1, we learned that the proposal’s broad language (giving the right to “every individual”) **authorizes a minor to obtain an abortion without parental consent or notice**. In Week 2, we learned that the **same would be true if a minor sought a sterilization procedure**, and that the proposal would also **authorize partial-birth abortion**.

Proposal 3’s supporters say that the State will still be able to regulate abortion “after fetal viability.” But that is **grossly misleading**. The proposal **specifically allows abortion through all nine months of pregnancy**—notwithstanding any contrary Michigan law—if an abortionist decides, in his professional judgment, that an abortion is necessary to protect the “physical or mental health” of the mother. As a legal matter, such a **“mental health” exception is widely acknowledged to be so broad as to justify abortion on demand until birth**. An abortionist need merely document that the prospect of having a child is causing extreme anxiety and stress for the mother. And while Proposal 3 supporters say a judge won’t have to allow such a broad exception, the proposal’s language specifically requires courts to defer to the abortionist’s “professional judgment.”

No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Michigan’s Constitution should **not be amended** to allow abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Please tell everyone you know: vote **“NO” on Proposal 3 on November 8th**.

**John Bursch** is a constitutional lawyer and former Michigan Solicitor General. Through Alliance Defending Freedom, he represents the Michigan Catholic Conference and Right to Life of Michigan in court to uphold Michigan’s pro-life laws.

## 09/25/2022 Parish Stewardship—Thank you!



Weekly Goal.....\$ 6,562.00  
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## Food Lift Delivery Dates—2022

**October 16      November 20      December 18**  
**If you know of anyone within the Parchment area who may need food assistance, please call the office at 269.385.4152.**

## Walking With Moms in Need



As part of *Walking with Moms in Need*, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is providing educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources to help parishes go to the peripheries and bring hope and help to mothers in need.

Through the combined efforts of parishes nationwide, we hope to move closer to the day when every pregnant mother in need knows where to turn for help, and abortion is unthinkable. Visit [WalkingWithMoms.com](http://WalkingWithMoms.com) to learn more and to pledge to prayerfully walk with mothers in need. Locally, **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign** runs Sept. 28 – Nov 6. Here is the link for more information: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo). The diocesan contact for “Walking with Moms in Need” is Lisa Irwin. She can be reached at (269) 381-9800, ext. or [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org)

## Sunday-By-Sunday

Tuesdays, at 1:00 PM, in the rectory chapel.  
 Please call Gail Russell at 269.349.6120 for more information.



## Welcome Visitors and Guests!

We are *happy* that you have come to share in this celebration with us. If you come as a stranger, we hope that you will leave as a friend. Come back often and know that you are *always welcome!* If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the office at 269.385.4152 and we will send you a registration packet.

**The Sisters of St. Joseph** are currently inviting lay individuals to live with them in their residential complex at 2929 Nazareth Road in Kalamazoo.

Assisted living apartments are currently available.

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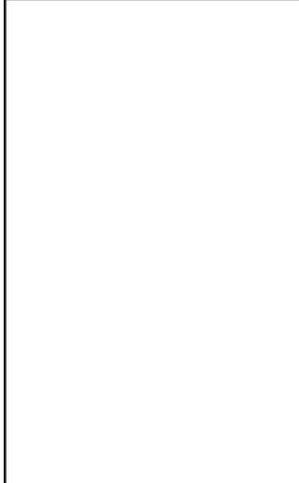
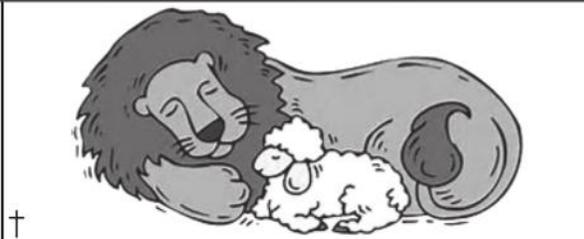
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