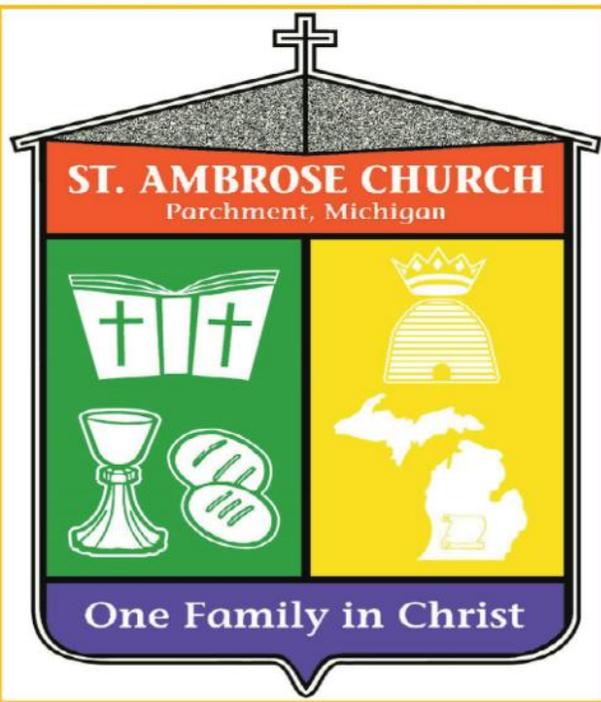


When the Son of Man comes, will he find
FAITH ON EARTH?



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 Thursday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Eileen Rutten, RCIA
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Schedule of Masses

Friday9:15 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.

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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 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 16, 2022

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Lots of us think ahead of ourselves. We plan, we worry, we revise the plan, we worry some more. In the end, it turns out to be ... what it is.

To the Bride who wants the perfect wedding, as to the parish priest who wants a church full of committed Christians three times a week-end, Jesus says: "Do not fret/worry." (Matthew 6:25 ff.) The wedding turns out to be just fine. The church will never be full enough.

And just so we don't imagine God doesn't care about what we need or desire, Jesus gives a parable (Luke 18:1-8) about the need "to pray always without becoming weary." A dishonest judge, irreligious and arrogant, gets worn down by the incessant pestering of an otherwise helpless woman to give a just decision in her case. Her insistence gains what she wants and needs.

Then, Jesus contrasts the grudging compliance of the corrupt judge and the loving attention of God whom we believe and proclaim to be "good—all the time." If even the judge who doesn't care in any way about what is right gives a just decision to get this woman out of his face, will God be slow to help *those* he has chosen to be his children, and who "call out to him day and night"? He will bring them the justice/righteousness they need "speedily."



Jesus' final question is sort of a shocker: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Father Mike think that means: *Will he find people with the kind of faith that enables them to keep on praying, even when the answer to the prayer seems slow to come?*

Can we trust God enough to keep daily and weekly lifting up our hearts in the confident hope that God *will work everything out for the good of those who love God?* (See Romans 8:28) Jesus hopes so.

This weekend fourteen of our wonderful young people were confirmed at St. Augustine Cathedral. Please keep them, their parents and teachers in your prayers.

Peace to you all.

Msgr. Mike and Fr. Albert

Sue Chicvara Retirement Reception

on Sunday, October 30
at 10:00 AM



Sue 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!

MASS SCHEDULE READINGS AND REQUESTS

Fri. 10/14	Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7 †John B. Wayne Req. by Roger and Charlotte Wayne †Matthew J. Mauer Req. by Rob & Linda Duchene
9:15 AM	
Sat. 10/15	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church †Jan and †Lucy Van Schaik Req. by Jan Van Schaik
5:00 PM	
Sun. 10/16	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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	
Mon. 10/17	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tues. 10/18	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17 b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wed. 10/19	Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs. 10/20	Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Fri. 10/21	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59 †Matthew Mauer Req. by Ann Marie James
9:15 AM	
Sat. 10/22	Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope †John B. Wayne Req. by Roger and Charlotte Wayne St. Ambrose Parish Family Love, Sue Chicvara
5:00 PM	
Sun. 10/23	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14 †Carol and †Roy Healy Req. by Shirley Creamer †Ed Harkenrider Req. by Dave and Eileen Rutten St. Ambrose Parish Family Love, Sue Chicvara
9:00 AM	
	Deceased members of the †Gurgall and †Kosch Families Req. by The Kosch Family St. Ambrose Parish Family Love, Sue Chicvara Father James O'Leary (birthday) Love & Gratitude, Sue Chicvara
11:15 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.**



Religious Education News— October 2022

Congratulations to our fourteen young people who were confirmed this weekend: Brady Anthony Caswell, Abigail DelRose Hosler, Tyler Ethan Gary,

Anessa Grace Jaeger, Shay Olivia Janssen, Brennen Andrew Koernke, Henry Wade Ludmer, Gavin Joel Markucki, Justin Bao-Quan Nguyen, Kady Grace Reisterer, Matthew Ray Romyak, Gwendolyn Sue Schmitz, Kyle James Swinehart and Louis Miguel Wozniak. May the Lord keep and protect them.

Our Rosary intention for this week is for the gift of PEACE. Please remind your child/children to pray their Rosary daily. Thank you.



Our students did a great job at serving at Mass last Sunday. Many thanks to the teachers and parents for your support. Our next Children's Mass is on November 13 at 11:15 AM. Students, please see your teachers to sign up to serve at the Mass.

If you are looking for a safe, warm place to take your children trick-or-treating, our students have been invited to come trick-or-treat at the Nazareth Assisted Living Center on October 28th from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Activity Center. Please RSVP so that the Nazareth Center will know how many to expect and prepare the treats for the children. Wear your costume!

Opposing Proposal 3

Over the last three weeks, we've been covering some of the more startling provisions contained in Proposal 3 (the "Reproductive Freedom for All" proposal). In addition to creating a State constitutional right to take the life of an innocent, unborn baby, the proposal's text **authorizes minors to obtain abortions without parental consent or notification** ("every individual" has the right), allows **minors to obtain sterilization procedures without parental consent or notification (defines "reproductive freedom" to include "sterilization")**, and permits mothers to take **their child's life through nine months** of pregnancy, provided that an abortionist says the abortion was necessary to protect the mother's "mental health," a truck-sized loophole.

In addition, Proposal 3 **limits the State's power to pass pro-life laws** unless the law supports a "compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means." In the legal world, this standard is known as "strict scrutiny," and the government can almost never satisfy it. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected strict scrutiny as the appropriate standard for analyzing pro-life laws in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. But Proposal 3 goes farther, defining a "compelling" state interest only as one "for the limited purpose of protecting the health of an individual seeking care." Incredibly, that means **the State would be prohibited from passing a law to stop abortions based on the baby's sex, race, or disability, or even for the purpose of protecting the unborn baby's life!** And any such laws cannot interfere with the mother's "autonomous decision-making," **replacing the familiar "informed consent" standard that applies to every medical procedure with a watered-down "voluntary consent" standard.**

No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Michigan's Constitution should **not** be amended to prohibit the State from passing laws that protect innocent, unborn life or to pass safety regulations for abortion procedures that ensure mothers are fully informed before they choose to take their baby's life. **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.

10/2/2022 Parish Stewardship—Thank you!



Weekly Goal.....\$ 6,562.00
Weekly Actual Collection.....\$ 8,948.00
(total includes the following)

Campaign for Human Development.....\$200.00
Sister Parish General.....\$455.00
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World Mission Sunday.....\$125.00



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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.

Food Lift Needs:

Boxed Potatoes	Kleenex
Cake Mixes	Laundry Soap
Canned Chicken	Mac & Cheese
Canned Corn	Noodles
Canned Fruit	Paper Bags without Handles
Canned Pasta Meals	Paper Towels
Canned Green Beans	Pasta
Cereal	Peanut Butter
Crackers	Soup
Frosting	Spaghetti Sauce
Helper Meals	Toilet Paper
Jelly	Tuna



"Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

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.



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UPCOMING:

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 weekend **October 15/16**. Checks should be made out to the parish with **"United States Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund" written in the memo 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 will also be used by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the affected areas.

The **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services** will be on the weekend of **November 6, 2022**.



All couples celebrating **50 years of marriage** any time in 2022 are invited to participate in the annual **50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration**. This year it will be held on **Sunday, October 30 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. To attend, contact your parish, fill out an online form at diokzoo.org/50th anniversary, or email struchan@diokzoo.org.

Diocese of Kalamazoo **Caregivers Connection**—Now meeting at **2:00 PM!** 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 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Zoom. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. 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 ext. 227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org. A Zoom link will be sent to those who register. Next 2022 dates: **November 6 and December 4**.



Aquinas Colleges and The Diocese of Kalamazoo offer three opportunities for post traditional learners to access **50% tuition reduction** in any course of study. Learn more at diokzoo.org/bulletin-announcements.

Discernment of Spirits Training to be held **Saturday, November 5, 2022**. Elizabeth Gengle will be presenting Discernment of Spirits. The training will be held at **St. Martin of Tours Parish, 5855 East W Avenue, Vicksburg, MI 49097 from 9 AM until 5 PM**. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please contact Joan Jaconette at 269-349-8714 ext. 1113 with questions.

You are invited to a **Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Kairos Dwelling Hospice Home** on **Thursday, November 17, 2022, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**, at the Lutheran Church of the Savior, 3616 East G Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, children under 10 \$5.00. Tickets are available in advance from Jane/Tom Norton 269.808.7334, Kay/Jim Landfair 269.330.2276, or Donna/Kerry Thurn 269.370.1317 or at the door. Take-out Only. Kairos provides cost free comfort for dying patients and their families.



You are invited to **St. Joe's Traditional Holiday Bazaar** on **November 5, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and November 6, 2022 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM** at St. Joseph Church, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI. There will be basket raffles, crafts, breads, white elephant, homemade food items, special finds, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

St. Joseph Rosary Makers next meeting is on **November 10, 2022 at 3:00 PM** at St. Joseph, 936 Lake Street, call Mary Mero with questions, 269.381.0836.

Diocese of Kalamazoo Job Postings: Foundation Director, Housekeeper, Executive Coordinator. Full job descriptions available at diokzoo.org/employment.

Sunday-By-Sunday

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



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 Walking-WithMoms.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. 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.

The Way

The Way is a free and easy to use online faith-formation program designed to provide an innovation 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/the.way.



St. Ambrose Bible Study

Monday nights in the Rectory Chapel at 7:00 PM. Come join us!

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Men's Retreat
October 28-30

The talks on this retreat will be based on Fr. John Riccardo's book "Rescued". This is a timely message about the battle Christ came to win for our souls.

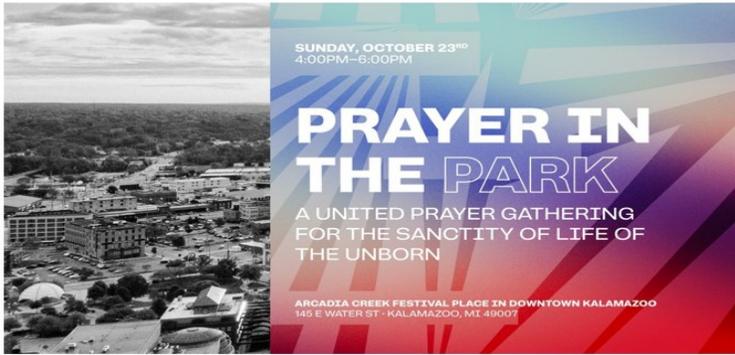
Special Features of this weekend:

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- Tailgate food during the game
- Bourbon tasting with Certified Bourbon Steward, Deacon Bob Bauer
- Friendly rivalry... Wear your team colors!

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Find more information and registration at www.stfrancis.ws/gameon

Bishop Bradley invites all Kalamazoo area Catholic Parishes to join him at



Prayer in the Park
Sunday, October 23
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SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS

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CONTEMPLATIVE WOMEN'S RETREAT
 NOVEMBER 18-20, 2022

Prepare for Advent with a quiet retreat based on this beautiful & practical guide to living a life of joy. Author Ann Voskamp asks:

- How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties?
- What does a life of gratitude look like when your days are gritty, long, and sometimes dark?
- What is God providing here and now?

More information and registration at www.stfrancis.ws/contemplative

Stewardship—October 16, 2022

Today's theme is perseverance — Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called. - Suzanne



Are you looking for **peace in your heart**? In your family? In the new documentary, **PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON**, you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton's deep friendship with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his tireless zeal, inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts. Join us inside **Father Bart Hall at St. Mary Church in Kalamazoo** as we watch **PRAY** together. Donations benefit St. Mary Church Organ Repair. **October 22 5:30 PM & October 23 9 AM, 11:30 AM 1:30 PM.**



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