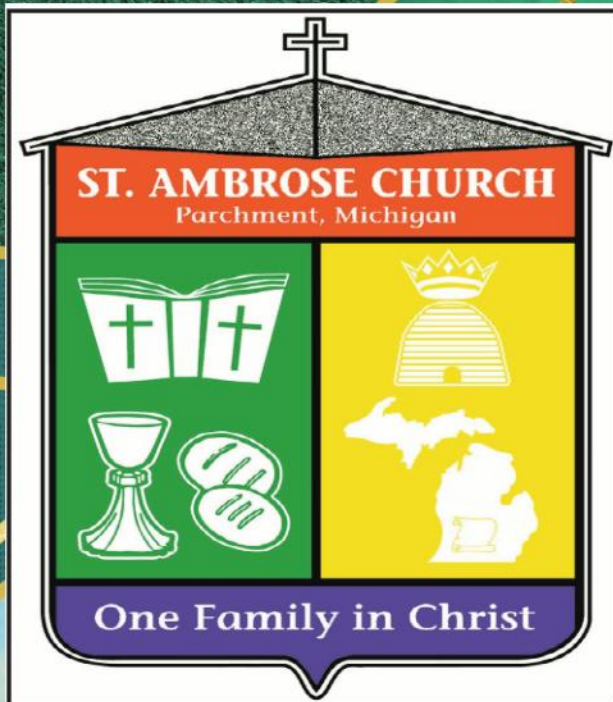


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
Parchment, Michigan 49004**

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday.....10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Contacts

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Parish E-Mailstambroseparchment@gmail.com
Parish Web Site www.stambroseparchment.com
Religious Education..... religiouused@stambrosepmi.com
Music Director..... musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
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Fax.....(269) 385-2527
Prayer Line.....Rectory (269) 385-4152
Prayer Line—Marilyn Thornburg.....(269) 501-9226

***Our bulletin, with the weekly insert, can be found on our website
at: stambroseparchment.com***



Welcome!

**Whether you are
here for a day, a week, a
season, or a lifetime, we
are glad you are here!**

May God Bless You!

**Very Rev. Albert Kemboi, V.F.
Pastor**

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fatheralbertstambrose@gmail.com

**Monsignor Michael Hazard,
Senior Priest in Residence**
msgr.hazard@gmail.com

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Safe Environment Coordinator
Beth McElhone, Director of Music Ministry
Eileen Rutten, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Sarah Orr, Religious Education Coordinator
Paulette Turbide, Facilities Janitorial
Sofia Rice, Part-time Office Help

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 the 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at **269.385.4152** if you wish
to arrange to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick**.

Are you unable to attend Mass and long to receive the
Lord's true presence in the Eucharist? Homebound Com-
munion visits are a cherished practice that brings the **Holy
Eucharist** to those who are unable to attend Mass for a
variety of reasons, both short term and long term.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being brought
Holy Communion please reach out to us at **269.385.4152**.

Know, Love and Serve Him JULY 20, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Fri. 7/18

9:15 AM

†**Bert Renauld**

Req. by Bob Renauld

Sat. 7/19

5:00 PM

†**Mary Gilligan Caddel**

Req. by Mary Nash

Nicole Middaugh & Family

Req. by Mary Nash

Sun. 7/20

9:00 a.m.

†**Elias Miado**

Req. by Dr Lauretta C Chung, MD

11:15 a.m.

†**Bert Renauld**

Req. by Bob Renauld

Judy Joslin (Birthday)

Req. by Dick Joslin

Fri. 7/25

9:15 AM

†**Michael Conrod**

Req. by The Conrod Family

Sat. 7/26

5:00 PM

† **Matthew Carrier**

Req. by Donald and Donna Carrier

†**Tim Dent**

Req. by Pat Dent

Sun. 7/27

9:00 AM

†**Lilian Martin**

Req. by The Martin Family

11:15 AM

†**Patti Butler**

Req. by Bob and Phyllis Himschoot

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. 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, Attn: Marilyn. **Thank you.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt

12:38-42

Tuesday

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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Mass followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Benediction

Every Friday at 9:15 AM

in the Church.

We invite you to start your weekend off by
spending some time with our Lord.

St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

The St Ambrose Choir is now on their Summer Practice Schedule. They will be meeting in the church every other Thursday for practice. The next practice will be on **July 31** at 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join.

**16th Sunday of Ordinary
Time Year C**

7/20/2025

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, we read the now-familiar story of a woman, Martha, who welcomes Jesus into her home. Martha's sister, Mary, sits near Jesus listening to him speak. Meanwhile, Martha is getting sort of steamed because she seems to be doing all the hospitality work. When she's had enough, she says to Jesus: *Don't you care that Mary has left me to do all the work? Tell her to help me.* To which Jesus replies: *Dear, dear Martha, you're upset over the great variety of "to-dos" you chose to be busy about. Mary has made paying attention to my words the one thing she chose to do. I can't fault her for that.*



Is this the story of a "thing" that's been a source of argument for a long time between the sister who doesn't notice the work to be done and the other who *must* do what she sees to be done?

Is Martha jealous of the attention that Jesus is showing Mary—who has plunked herself down on the floor next to Jesus to keep herself out of Martha's way?

No, **this is an episode in the life of Jesus to illustrate that the one thing really necessary when the Word of God is present is paying attention to Him. The conventions, the customs of courtesy, that dictate getting the meal on the table for the guests in good order cannot be the first priority when the Guest has come to feed you.**

Jesus does not condemn Martha for emphasizing getting the job done, nor for doing the work of hospitality. It's just that what Jesus brings to the table in this household is of a higher value than the bread which satisfies for a little while and will have to be replaced again tomorrow.

Today is the Lord's Day, right here in our town, in our homes. Jesus wants to visit us with the Bread of God's Word and Sacrament. How can we welcome him?

Happy summer day!
Msgr. Mike and Fr. Albert

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,025.00

Weekly Actual
Sunday, July 6, 2025

- Sunday Collection..... \$6,825.00
- Peter's Pence..... \$135.00
- Sister Parish.....\$345.00
- Sister Parish Tuition.....\$530.00
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Parchment, Michigan 49004**

To order more than one brick, use additional forms that are in the vestibule of the church.

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE

And something good for your soul!

Chesterton Academy Knights of Our Lady, a joyfully Catholic, classical 9-12 program, seeks talented and dynamic teachers to join our team starting in the 2025-26 academic year. Full-time and Part-time options are available. See our website for more information about us at www.chestertonknightskzoo.org. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three to five references to info@chestertonknightskzoo.org. Come and be a part of the Lord's work in forming students to be the leaders and saints of the next generation!

JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE 2025 DATES The **Joy-Filled Marriage Retreat** for engaged couples is hosted by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family. This weekend provides time for couples to dialogue and enter into a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. The schedule for each weekend is typically as follows: Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Next Date: September 13-14**. For information and registration form, visit www.diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation.

CAREGIVERS CONNECTIONS Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? We invite you to join us for our virtual gathering to build relationships, share experiences, and create a supportive community. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and share a brief reflection on the Sunday scriptures. We gather via ZOOM on the first Sunday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Register online: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities or contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, ext 1240. Email: vrodriguez@diokzoo.org NEXT ZOOM MEETING: August 5, 2025

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCES COMING UP! Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **Oct. 3-5** at Augustine Center in Petoskey, and **Nov. 21-23** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

DIACONAL FORMATION
Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Additional information including the timelines, standards, requirements and applications can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation. Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery during August, with applications due by September 15.

Hearing Assistance Now Available!

If you would like to use a digital hearing assistance device for the Mass, please see an **Usher** for assistance or call the office for more information at **269.385.4152**.



FOOD LIFT DELIVERY DATES

JULY 20	August 17
September 21	October 19
November 16	December 14

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 20

- 9:00 AM **Mass**—Church
- 11:15 AM **Mass**—Church
- 1:00PM **Graduation Party**—SAPAC

Monday, July 21

- **NOON** **Bulletin Deadline** for coming week
- 7:00 PM **Scripture Study**

Tuesday, July 22

- 5–6:30 PM **St Ambrose Vacation Bible School**
SAPAC
- 7:00 PM **Narcotics Anonymous**—SAPAC

Wednesday, July 23

- 5–6:30 PM **St Ambrose Vacation Bible School**
SAPAC

Thursday, July 24

- 5–6:30 PM **St Ambrose Vacation Bible School**
SAPAC

Friday, July 25

- 9:15 AM **Mass**--Church

Saturday, July 26

- 11:00 AM– 4:00PM **Graduation Party**—SAPAC
- 4:00 PM—4:45 PM **Reconciliation**—Church
- 5:00 PM **Mass**—Church

WELCOME to Your Parish!

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office: 1628 East G Avenue, Parchment, MI 49004

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

- ◇ I would like to enroll as an active member.
- ◇ Please change my address to the one shown above.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about parish activities.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited:

- ◇ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.



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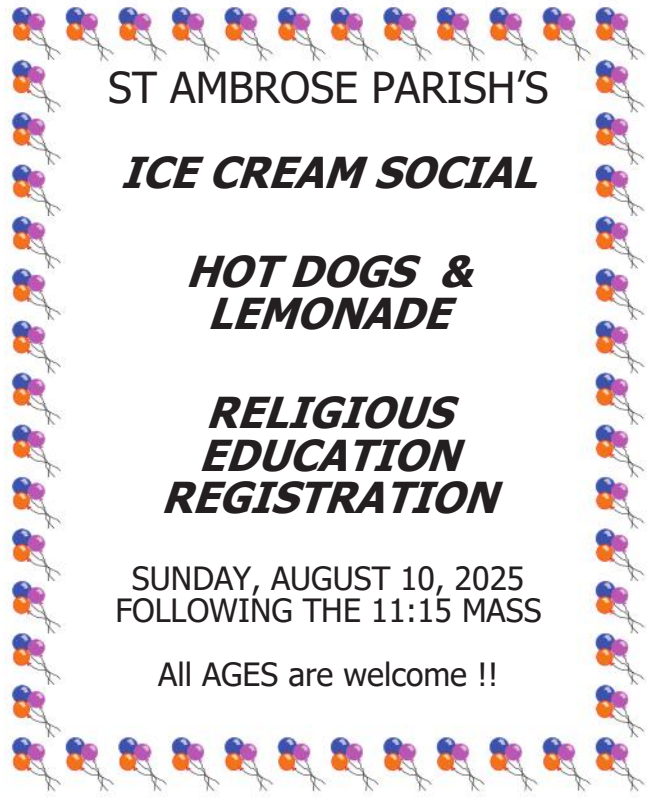
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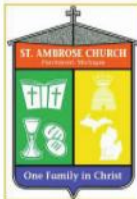
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
FOLLOWING THE 11:15 MASS

All AGES are welcome !!



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2025 St Ambrose Annual Golf Tournament at Eastern Hills Golf Club
6075 East G Avenue
Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 9:00 AM
Registration/Volunteer/Donor Sign-up
Entry Fee \$300 4-Person Team Scramble/\$75 Individual

Includes: Green fees for 18 holes with cart and lunch.
\$10.00 for lunch only with Reservation by July 14, 2025.

Sign up your foursome as a team. If you are a single player, we will add you to a team.

All skill levels are welcome!

Prizes: Team Low Gross Score—Open and Mixed. Event prizes and raffle 50/50.

Sponsors: Golf Holes can be sponsored and prizes donated.

Call the St. Ambrose Church Office at 269.385.4152 for details.

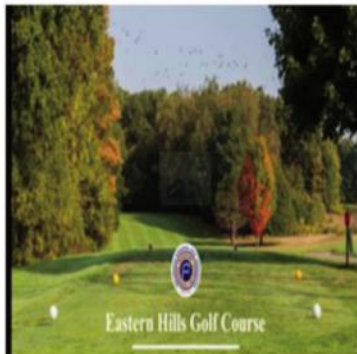
Golfers	Name	Email Address	Cell
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Golfer 2			
Golfer 3			
Golfer 4			

(Payment is due at the time of registration. Please make checks out to St. Ambrose Church. Please register by July 15, 2025.)

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