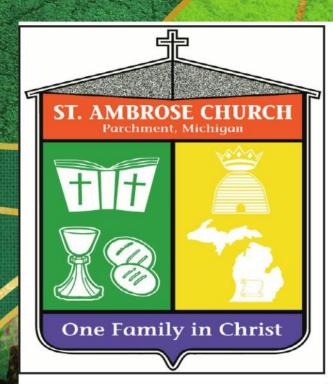
# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **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

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Monday through Thursday	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Parish Contacts	
Rectory & Parish Office	(269) 385-4152
Parish E-Mail	stambroseparchment@gmail.com
Parish Web Site	www.stambroseparchment.com
Religious Education	. religioused@stambrosepmi.com
Music Director m	nusicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
Religious Education Message Line	(269) 343-0099
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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Monsignor Michael Hazard, Senior Priest in Residence msgr.hazard@gmail.com Chaplain for Ascension Borgess Hospital

### Pastoral Staff

Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, 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

Friday	9:15 AM
Saturday Evening	
(Live Streamed)	
Sunday	9:00 AM
(Live Streamed)	

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Communion 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 27, 2025

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

9:15 AM †Michael Conrod

Req. by The Conrod Family

Sat. 7/26

Fri. 7/25

5:00 PM † Matthew Carrier

Req. by Donald and Donna Carrier

†Tim Dent Req. by Pat Dent †Elias Miado

Req. by Carmelie Miado

Sun. 7/27

9:00 AM **†Lilian Martin** 

Req. by The Martin Family

†Elias Miado

Req. by Carmelie Miado

11:15 AM †Patti Butler

Req. by Bob and Phyllis Himschoot

†Adriana Forero †Christina Carrasquillo

Reg. by Robert and Toni Gillespie

Fri. 8/1

9:15 AM **†Bert Renauld** 

Req. by Bob Renauld

Sat. 8/2

5:00 PM † Michael Conrod

Req. by The Conrod Family

**Sun. 8/3** 9:00 a.m.

† Ben Tanis

Req. by Chris Tanis

11:15 a.m. †Marie Louise Dorett

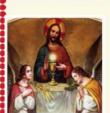
Req. by David and Christina (Dorett) Caouette

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.

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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.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday 17TH 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

**Monday** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,

23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY

AND LAZARUS

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF

LOYOLA, PRIEST

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and

8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS

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**CHURCH** 

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-

4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday** Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-

12

Sunday 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



### St. Ambrose

### **Scripture Study**

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

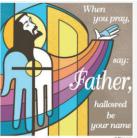
Room 5 7:00 p.m.

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### **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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Theme: Prayer is Not "One 'n' Done"

### Dear Beloved Parishioners,

What kind of father would give his asking child something harmful? What kind of mother would respond to a pleading middle-schooler by handing over everything the child claims to "need"? These questions lie at the heart of this Sunday's Gospel, where Jesus reflects on his own prayerful relationship with the Father.

The disciples, eager to learn how prayer "works"—if such a thing can be said—ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. In response, he offers them Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer. But he doesn't stop there. He continues by sharing a simple parable to illustrate a deeper truth: prayer isn't a one-time request followed by instant gratification. It's about persistence and presence.

Imagine the neighbor who comes at midnight, pounding on the door for bread. Unless the sleeping household is completely deaf, the persistent knocking will eventually earn a response—if only to quiet the noise.

God, of course, is not deaf. But Jesus reminds us that our cries to God are guaranteed to be heard—even if the answer isn't what we expect or arrives on a timeline different from our own. What Jesus demonstrates throughout his life is the posture of someone who knows his need for the Father's care. His prayers aren't filled with detailed demands like, "Father, please change Judas's mind," but rather take on a humble, trusting form:

Bring us into your reign. Let your name shine through us. Teach us to forgive. And keep us safe from all that leads us astray.

This is not just a prayer for a moment, it's a prayer for life. A prayer we return to **daily**, even **hourly**, because it binds us to the One we need most. The One who can guide, protect, and renew us—but only if we're paying attention.

So no, prayer is not "one 'n' done." It is a constant conversation. A practice of presence. A relationship rooted in trust.

May God bless our parish family and bless each of you abundantly in your journey of faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

### Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal .....\$ 7,025.00

Weekly Actual

Sunday, July 13, 2025 Sunday Collection...... \$7026.25

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# 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 .

<u>CAREGIVERS CONNECTIONS</u> 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/personswithdiabilities 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 <a href="www.encorg">www.encorg</a> 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 <a href="https://www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation">www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation</a>. Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery during August, with applications due by September 15.

### HELEN JOYCE BLATCHFORD

6/1/1934—7/21/2025



Let us remember the family and friends of Joyce Blatchford a long time member of our St Ambrose Family who died this past week.

Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

### **WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES**

### Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Mass—Church

• 11:15 AM <u>Mass</u>— Church

### Monday, July 28

• NOON Bulletin Deadline for coming week

• 7:00 PM Scripture Study

### Tuesday, July 29

• 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous — SAPAC

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

### Friday, August 1 FIRST FRIDAY

• 9:15 AM <u>Mass</u>-- Church

### Saturday, August 2

• 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
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- 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.



### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

2025 Goal: \$65,990.00

Pledged: \$87,623.04

133.3% of Goal!!

Paid: \$61,635.42

As of June 30, 2025

Pledge Cards Received: 177

Participation: 46%



### Thank you so much!

There is still time to participate. Remember no gift is too small.

### ST AMBROSE PARISH

# T-SHIRT

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They come in sizes ranging from youth small to Adult 3X. Deadline to order is September 7, 2025 for delivery before The St Ambrose Annual Parish Picnic. The price per t-shirt is \$18.00.

Pick-up an order form in the vestibule of the church and return through the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office.

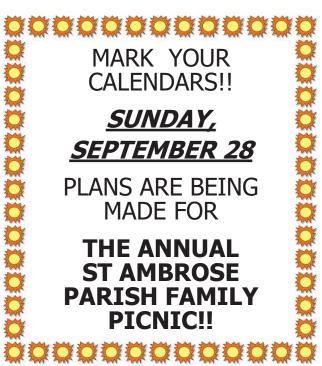
### **STEWARDSHIP**

Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks is admitted," But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

FOOD LIFT DELIVERY DATES				
August 17				
September 21	October 19			
November 16	December 14			
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Cake Mixes and Frosting	Laundry Soap			
Canned Chicken, Tuna	Mac & Cheese			
Canned Corn, Peas, Carrots	Noodles, Spaghetti, Elbow			
Canned Fruit	Paper Bags without Handles			
Canned Pasta Meals	Paper Towels, Dish Soap			
Peanut Butter	Pasta—Rice A Roni			
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