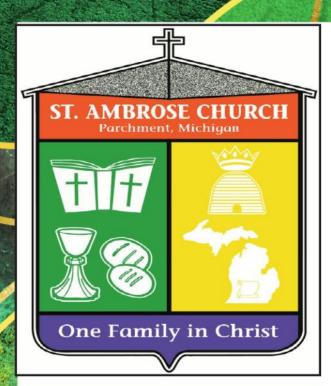
# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### **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 Friday......9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Parish Contacts

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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

#### Schedule of Masses

Sofia Rice, Part-time Office Help

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

(Live Streamed)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### 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 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 AUGUST 10, 2025

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 8/9

† Phyllis Bogren

Req. by Ann Marie James

Sun 8/10

9:00 AM † Richard Cordeiro

Req. by the Martin Family

11:15 AM †Bert Renauld

Req. by Bob Renauld

† Donald J Ouellette Req. by Janet Ouellette

Fri. 8/15 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:15 AM Deceased Members of St Ambrose Church

**6:00 PM** The Members of the St Ambrose Family

Sat. 8/16

Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

Sun. 8/17

9:00 AM **† Fred Seeger** 

Req. by The Seeger Family

11:15 AM **† Barbara Dumm** 

Req. by Zion and Patrick Doran

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 August 10, 2025

Sunday 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk

12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20;

Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday** Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt

18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday** Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17,

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE,

PRIEST AND MARTYR

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4,

5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11,

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb

12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



# 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 **August 14** at 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join.

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# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (2025)

Theme: "Faithful and Ready"

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel (Luke 12:32–48) offers both comfort and challenge. Jesus reassures us: "Do not be afraid, little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Yet immediately, He calls us to be vigilant—like servants awaiting their master's return. The Christian life is not passive; it is a daily journey of faith, trust, and purposeful living.

St. Paul reminds us that faith is not merely about seeing—it's about trusting. Just as Abraham stepped forward into an unknown future, confident in God's promises, we too are invited to live each day as a sacred gift. Our readiness should not stem from fear, but from hope rooted in love.

○ Where is your treasure? Where is your heart? Let our answer be reflected in how we live: generously, prayerfully, and always prepared for the Lord's coming. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant upon his arrival."

Dear friends, let us not grow weary or complacent. Let us be people of faith like Abraham—servants who are ready with love when the Master knocks. And when He comes—whether today or in the distant future—may He find us alert, joyful, and generous, with lamps lit and hearts full. **Amen.** 

#### Fr. Albert's Upcoming Trip to Kenya

Many of you are aware of my father's ongoing health challenges. His battle with throat cancer remains difficult, and I feel called to be with him and my mother during this time. I will be traveling to Kenya from **Monday**, **August 11** for **three and a half weeks** to spend precious time with them. I humbly ask for your prayers—for my family, for healing, and for strength. In my absence, **Msgr. Mike** will graciously continue serving our beloved parish with dedication and care. Please know that I will be praying for each of you as well. God bless us all with faith and wisdom.

Fr. Albert & Msgr. Mike

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Sunday Collection.......\$5,246.13 Feast of the Assumption.. \$125.00

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be posting the Tracking Reports monthly. They will appear in this space when they are received.



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#### **ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE** And something good for your soul!

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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/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 wwme.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.

#### **OCIA**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the name for the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. Through the OCIA process, the people and parish priests of St. Ambrose "hand on the teachings, practices, values and traditions of our Catholic faith."



Most people join the Catholic Church because of another person: a friend, family member or a co-worker. If you or someone you know who is not Catholic and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, call Eileen Rutten (323-2372) or the parish office (385-4152) and leave your name, phoné number and message. Classes will begin in Fall when we will discuss the inquiry process and future meetings.

#### **WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES**

#### Sunday, August 10

9:00 AM Mass—Church 11:15 AM Mass- Church

12:15 PM **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & HOT DOGS** 

#### Monday, August 11

NOON **Bulletin Deadline for coming week** 

7:00 PM **Scripture Study** 

#### Tuesday, August 12

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous — SAPAC

Wednesday, August 13

Thursday, August 14

#### Friday, August 15 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

9:15 AM Mass-- Church

6:00 PM Mass - Church

#### Saturday, August 16

4:00 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
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△ I would like to enroll as an active member

- Please change my address to the one shown above.
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- 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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# **T-SHIRT**

Don't be left out!! The St Ambrose Parish T-Shirt sports the Parish Crest on the Front with the parish motto: "Love Grows Where People Serve" on the back. The T-Shirt features white printing on a Royal Blue background.

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.

#### WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY?

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the dogma that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into Heaven. This teaching affirms:

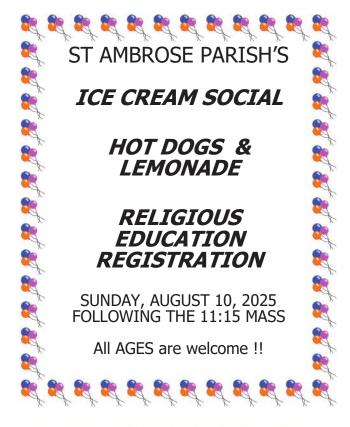
- Mary's unique participation in Christ's victory over sin and death.
- Her being preserved from bodily decay, as the Mother of the Redeemer.
- Her glorification as Queen of Heaven, where she intercedes for us.

Though Scripture does not explicitly describe Mary's Assumption, it is a doctrine rooted in Sacred Tradition and officially defined as dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. As Catholics, we celebrate this solemnity to honor Mary's role in salvation history and to look forward to our own resurrection in Christ.

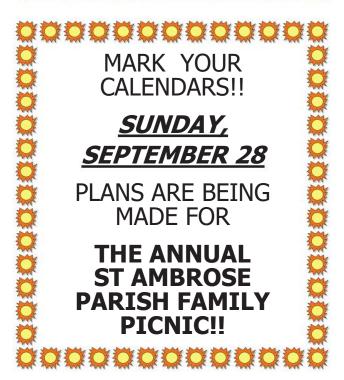
#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do is I plan to share my time and talents for "later?" Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared – "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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