

The one who humbles himself  
**WILL BE EXHALTED**




**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!*

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**Pastor**

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**Marilyn Thornburg,** Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, Safe Environment Coordinator

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**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..... 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.

**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**

Rectory & Parish Office.....(269) 385-4152

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PrayerLine.....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](http://stambroseparchment.com)*

**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 31, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Fri 8/29**

9:15 AM

† **Fr John Steffey**

Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

**Sat. 8/30**

5:00 PM

† **Larry and Beverly Janssen**

Req. by The Janssen Family

**Sun. 8/31**

9:00 AM

† **Leslie Sheffield**

Req. by Kathy Sheffield

11:15 AM

**For all Students, Teachers, Staff,  
Administrators, Support Personnel and Parents**

**Fri 9/5**

9:15 AM

**For Nunno**

Req. by Constanancio

**Sat 9/6**

5:00 PM

† **Louis Klein**

Req. by Theresa Klein

**Sun 9/7**

9:00 AM

† **Michael Conrod**

Req. by The Conrod Family

11:15 AM

† **Denise Clark**

Req. by Fran Clark

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 August 31, 2025

**Sunday**

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday**

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday**

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday**

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday**

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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## STEWARDSHIP

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed.



**St. Ambrose**

**NO Scripture Study**

**On Labor Day**

**Parish Activity Center**



**MASS**

**Every Friday at 9:15 AM  
in the Church.**

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and  
Benediction will resume on September 19, 2025



## ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE

*And something good for your soul !*

**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](http://diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities) or contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, ext 1240. Email: [vrodriguez@diokzoo.org](mailto:vrodriguez@diokzoo.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation). Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery during August, with applications due by September 15.

### ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



The success of St Ambrose Vacation Bible School has inspired the religious education team to carry the "Diving Deep" theme throughout the upcoming school year, allowing students to continue their spiritual journey and further explore what it means to be loved unconditionally by God.

This extended approach will provide ongoing opportunities for the children to grow in their faith and understanding, building upon the strong foundation established during their transformative time at Vacation Bible School. Religious Education Program starts September 14. [Register online today.](#)

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CRISIS IN GAZA

In light of the catastrophic conditions and humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Bishop Edward M. Lohse, and with The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has requested a second collection during the weekend of August 30/31<sup>st</sup> to assist with emergency humanitarian relief aid for the Gaza region.

Monies collected will be divided equally to support the on-the-ground efforts of The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Checks should be made out to ST AMBROSE PARISH with "GAZA RELIEF FUND" written in the memo line.

You may also give directly to Catholic Relief Services at [crs.org](http://crs.org). The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. To expedite this process, all funds from the collection are due to the Diocese of Kalamazoo September 12, so we can get funds quickly to Gaza relief and save lives.

### WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday, August 31

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

#### Monday, September 1 LABOR DAY

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

- **NOON** **Bulletin Deadline for coming week**
- 7:00 PM **NO Scripture Study THIS WEEK**

#### Tuesday, September 2

- 7:00 PM **Narcotics Anonymous**— SAPAC

#### Wednesday, September 3

- 4:30 PM **Corvette Club**

#### Thursday, September 4

- 6:00 PM **Choir Practice**—Church

#### Friday, September 5

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

#### Saturday, September 6

- 4:00 PM **Reconciliation**—Church
- 5:00 PM **Mass**— Church
- 6:00 PM **Parish Activity Center in Use**

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

# ST AMBROSE PARISH

## 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.



### ARIMATHEAN MINISTRY

The name Arimatheans comes from St. Joseph of Arimathea, who tended to our Lord after his death

Arimatheans are caring parishioners who attend Funerals and Memorial Masses as representatives of the faith community. Arimatheans do their part in offering comfort to a grieving family, greet guests, and answer any questions they might have.

Some people have already expressed interest in being part of this ministry and I would like to extend an invitation to all who might have some interest.

**WE WILL MEET IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH FOLLOWING THE 11:15 AM MASS.**  
—Beth McElhone

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**THE ANNUAL ST AMBROSE PARISH FAMILY PICNIC!!**

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**We can all be grateful** for the people who serve as Assistant Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters, Gift Bearers and from week to week. A proven way to be more engaged in worship is to serve in one of these roles. **Please join us in this service.**

Liturgical Ministry Sign up for October – December Masses is underway. Sign-up sheets are available in the Vestibule of the Church. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Shirey at 269-501-2870 or the Parish Office at 269-385-4152.

### OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Do you know someone who is not Catholic and might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? Do they need the invitation to come and see?

Are you lacking the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist?

If either of these apply to you or someone you know, join us as we begin the OCIA sessions this Fall. Call Eileen Rutten (323-2372) or the parish office for more information.

#### FOOD LIFT DELIVERY DATES

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 14

#### FOOD LIFT NEEDS

Boxed Potatoes	Kleenex
Cake Mixes and Frosting	Laundry Soap
Canned Chicken, Tuna	Mac & Cheese
Canned Corn, Peas, Carrots	<b>Noodles, Spaghetti, Elbow</b>
Canned Fruit	Paper Bags without Handles
Canned Pasta Meals	Paper Towels, Dish Soap
Peanut Butter	Pasta—Rice A Roni
<b>Cereal</b>	<b>Jelly</b>
Crackers	<b>Soup</b>
Instant Coffee	Spaghetti Sauce
Helper Meals	Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Soap

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