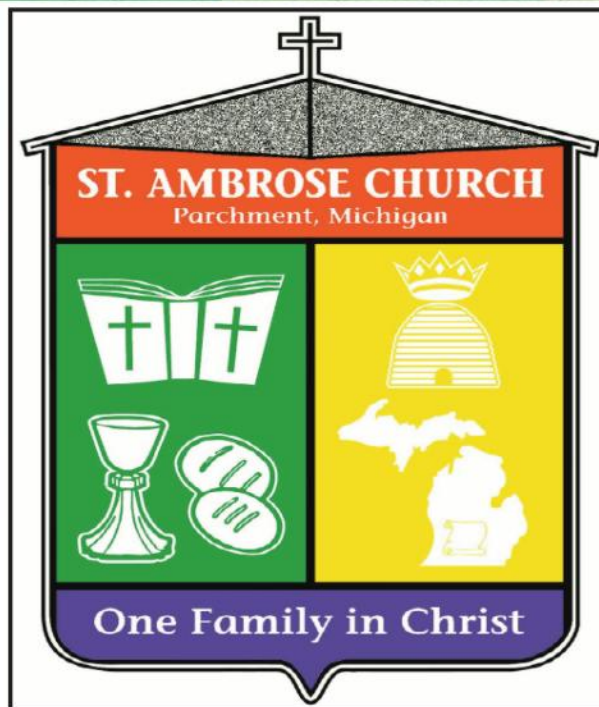


Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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

Saturday4:00 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 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**.

Whoever does
not carry his
own cross and
come after me
cannot be my
disciple.

Luke 14:27



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
Parish E-Mail.....stambroseparchment@gmail.com
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Music Director.....Musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
Religious Education Message Line(269) 343-0099
Fax.....(269) 385-2527
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**

Know, Love and Serve Him SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Fri 9/12

9:15 AM

† **Bert Renauld**

Req. by Bob Renauld

† **Rosella Walsh**

Req. by Devon Swiat

Sat. 9/13

5:00 PM

David and Jennifer Thornburg

(25th Wedding Anniversary)

Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

Sun. 9/14

9:00 a.m.

† **Vincent and Marjorie Medonis**

Req. by Bill and Madeine Medonis

11:15 a.m.

† **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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday

Twenty-Third 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

Monday

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.



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 !

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WITH MARRIED SAINTS: A marriage enrichment retreat day presented by Craig and Amy Dyke, will be hosted at the Crowley Center at St Augustine Cathedral on November 1, 2025, cost is \$25 and includes lunch. You may register by emailing Socorro Truchan. Please contact Socorro Truchan struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-348-8714 ext. 1112 for more information.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Sunday, October 5, 2025 couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th LOCATION: St. Augustine Cathedral (Mass) and Fr. Crowley Center (Reception) TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM. RSVP: via form online here or contact Socorro: struchan@diokzoo.org Please feel free to reach out for any questions or any needs you have.

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: vrodri-guez@diokzoo.org NEXT ZOOM MEETING: September 7, 2025

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - September 24th from 6:00 -7:30 pm at the Stanley Center of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1150 W. Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49024 If you would like more information about the ongoing activities for Persons with Disabilities, contact Veronica Rodriguez vrodri-guez@diokzoo.org or 269-348-8714 ext. 1240

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 with applications due by 9/15/25.

WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Men and women who have lost their spouses gather monthly to share stories, grow in their faith, and support each other by providing practical assistance in daily living, which helps them better understand the bereavement process.

THE BLUE MASS: September 28, 2025 in St Augustine Cathedral at 11:30 a.m.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 7

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

Monday, September 8

- NOON Bulletin Deadline for coming week
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study SAPAC Room 5

Tuesday, September 9

- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous— SAPAC

Wednesday, September 10

Thursday, September 11

- 6:00 PM Choir Practice—Church

Friday, September 12

- 9:15 AM Mass-- Church
- Reunion - SAPAC

Saturday, September 13

- 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 _____

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.

_____ I would like information about the Diaconal Formation Program.

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

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.

The St Ambrose Religious Education Program starts September 14. Register online today.



ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC

September 28 2025

2pm-5pm

Join us for a delightful afternoon filled with food, fun, games, and great company! We'll be grilling up some delicious meats and providing buns, chips, and drinks. To make the feast complete, we welcome volunteers to bring along desserts, fruits, sides, and salads. You can sign up in the church vestibule.

Stop by our volunteer table to discover opportunities to share your unique talents with our ministries. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 269.385.4152.

We hope to see you there!



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

FOOD LIFT DELIVERY DATES

September 21	October 19
November 16	December 14
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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
Cereal	Jelly
Crackers	Soup
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- ⇒ you were baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith or,
- ⇒ you have been raised Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation,

we invite you to enter into a process of inquiry and exploration into the Catholic Church.

Classes will begin this Fall. At this time we will discuss the inquiry process and future meetings. Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested.

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