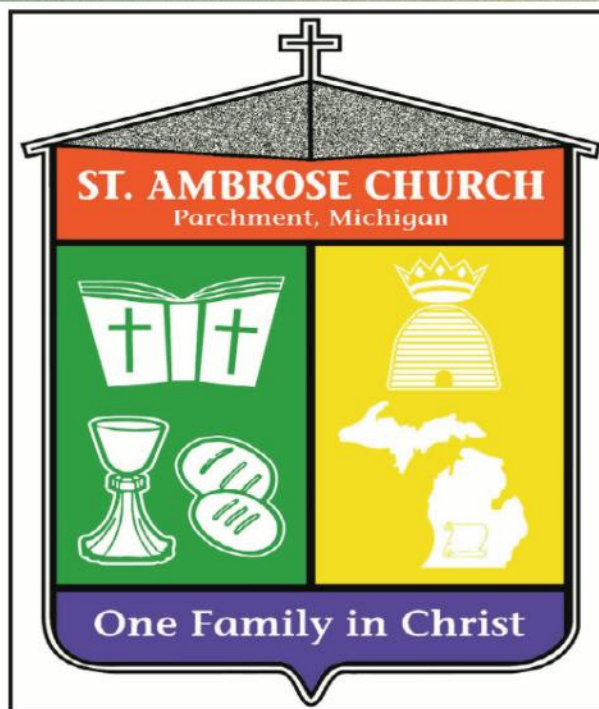


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### Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit  
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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.**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

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

#### **Parish Contacts**

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Parish Web Site.....www.stambroseparchment.com  
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Music Director.....Musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com  
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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.

### **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**.*

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*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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

† **Janine Romana Kolodzieczyk**

Req. by Her Parents David and Angelita

† **Barbara Dumm**

Req. by Zion and Patrick Doran

**Fri. 9/19**

9:15 AM

† **Ed Harkenrider**

Req. by David and Eileen Rutten

**Sat. 9/20**

5:00 p.m.

**Lois Latus** (96th Birthday)

Req. by Marilyn Latus Thornburg

**Sun. 9/21**

9:00 a.m.

† **Tom Deem**

Req. by Nancy Engemann

† **Fr James O'Leary**

Req. by S. Thomas and M. Sebastian

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 14, 2025

**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

**Monday**

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYRS**

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday**

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday**

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday**

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW KIM TAEON, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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## STEWARDSHIP

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?



**St. Ambrose**

**Scripture Study**

**On Mondays**

**Parish Activity Center**

**Room 5 7:00 p.m.**



## MASS

**Every Friday at 9:15 AM**

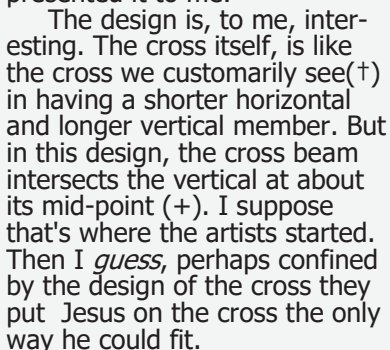
**in the Church.**

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



I was moved by its simplicity, its directness, with the great care with which it was executed (there are no erasures, no cross-outs or do-overs) and the sweet and unself-conscious way in which they presented it to me.



The torso of the corpus is a slender oblong to which are attached the arms and legs and the head. The head is not round, but more "head-shaped".

**Picture by Zachary & Sara Mason** It may be that the square that seems to surround the head is the crown of thorns; but my suspicion is that it represents the sign that told of Jesus' crime: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". One of the hands of the Crucified is carefully affixed to the cross-member where it needs to be, and the other, not attached to the cross, is nevertheless in about the proper place for symmetry. The simple suggestion of his feet carefully rests at the vertical member of the cross.

I am probably *way* overanalyzing this little piece of devotional art. And I don't mean to say I think these children intended in any reflective way what I see. But I'd like to share with you what I *do* see from where I stand.

I see Jesus *at rest*, not (or not only) in death. I hear his words, "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." I interpret the hand that is nailed to the cross as a witness to the obedience of the Servant; and the other hand, though free of the cross, still in its place, as a witness to the freedom of the children of God. "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own free will. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again." (John 10:18) And the placement of the corpus high on the cross as it is, suggests to me Jesus *rising* even as he is dying on the cross. So this little drawing seems to me an especially good image of the "Mystery" of Jesus' death and resurrection, in which the dying is not tragic, but gracious, and the rising, has real meaning for today.

*Christ suffered for you, and gave you an example, to have you follow in his footsteps.*

*He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult.*

*When he was offended, he did not counter with treats; instead he delivered himself up to the one who judges justly.*

*In his own body, he bore our sins to the cross, that we might live in accord with God's will.*

*By his wounds, you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:20b-24*

**Weekly Goal .....\$ 7,854.14**

Sunday, September 7, 2025

**Sunday Collection..... \$6,026.10**

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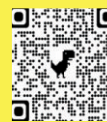
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**Gaza Relief Fund.....\$220.00**

**Mass Stipends.....\$160.00**



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**Enclosed is my contribution for the Mary Garden paver at St. Ambrose Parish.**

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE AND AREA

### 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](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org) or call 269-348-8714 ext.1112 for more information.

**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 [vrodriguez@dokzoo.org](mailto:vrodriguez@dokzoo.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 **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.

**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).

**WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 4-5 p.m. for 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. Diocesan Pastoral Center (Westnedge Ave.)

+++The Widowed Friends Support Group will meet one week earlier than usual this month, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 4-5 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Please direct any questions or RSVP to Socorro Truchan [via email](mailto:via_email) or phone (313-421-0877 / 269-349-8714 ext. 1112).

**JUBILEE MASS FOR CHARITABLE WORKERS:** Friday, September 26, 2025 at 6 p.m. at St Augustine Cathedral. With special recognition for Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo's 50th Anniversary.

**THE BLUE MASS:** The Most Rev. Edward M. Lohse cordially invites people of all faiths to celebrate a Mass honoring all Police, Fire, EMT, First Responders and Military Personnel on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 11:30 am St. Augustine Cathedral.

### 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](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org) Please feel free to reach out for any questions or any needs you have.

**TREASURE SALE:** Pictures, toys, furniture, etc St Joseph Church - Lake Street, Friday 9/26 9a-4p and Saturday, 9/27 from 9a- 2p. Snacks, Pop, water, & popcorn will be for sale both days.

**SHALOM! OPEN HOUSE FARM DAYS!:** Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28; 2- 5 p.m. Shalom Woolery demonstrations and sales. Animals, Free Food, Music, Free admission Free Activities. Enriching the lives of adults living with developmental disabilities through the love and wholeness of Jesus Christ! At 3191 Van Buren - Just north of G Ave on River-view.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, September 14

- 9:00 AM **Mass**—Church
- 10:00 AM Religious Education Classes Meet
- Coffee and Rolls - SAPAC
- 11:15 AM **Mass**— Church

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY POPE LEO!!**

### Monday, September 15

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

### Tuesday, September 16

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

### Wednesday, September 17

### Thursday, September 18

- 6:00 PM **Choir Practice**—Church

### Friday, September 19

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

### Saturday, September 20

- 9:15 AM Church in Use
- 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

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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.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like information about the Diaconal Formation Program.

### 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!



### LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING!!

Sign up sheets are now in the vestibule of the church or call the rectory office at 269-385-4152.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR A VARIETY OF TIME SLOTS ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. BE SURE TO CHECK THE BOX WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!**



### 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.

—Beth McElhone

### FOOD LIFT DELIVERY DATES

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| September 21 | October 19  |
| November 16  | December 14 |

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Boxed Potatoes             | Kleenex                         |
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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                            |
| Instant Coffee             | Spaghetti Sauce                 |
| Helper Meals               | Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Soap |

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

### How Do I Become Catholic?



If you have come to Mass for a while but are not Catholic, or if you know someone who is not Catholic and seems interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we are offering the opportunity to "Come and see" thru the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) process.

Classes will be held this Fall. To learn more, call Eileen Rutten (323-2372) and leave your name, phone number and message or call the parish office (385-4152).

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR KAIROS DWELLING

The Lutheran Church of the Savior is hosting a Spaghetti supper on October 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as a fundraiser for Kairos Dwelling (a Hospice facility). Kairos Dwelling provides housing, food, compassionate care and emotional support for terminally ill patients and their families. Kairos does not receive funding or reimbursement from government agencies, hospice organization, hospitals, or insurance companies. Food will be available on a take-out basis only. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and children under 10 are \$5.00. For questions please call 269-370-1317.



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