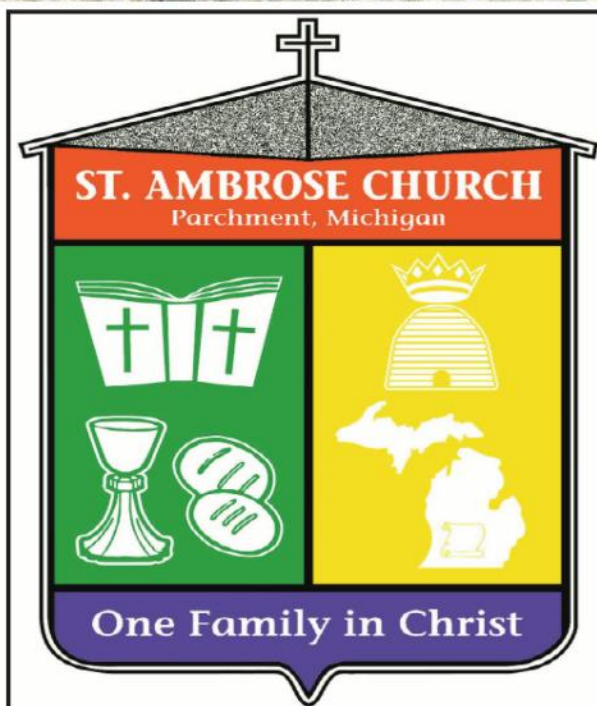


Pursue Righteousness

1 Timothy 6:11



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.**

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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
Parish Web Site.....www.stambroseparchment.com
Religious Education.....religioused@stambrosepmi.com
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*

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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fatheralbertstambrose@gmail.com

**Monsignor Michael Hazard,
Senior Priest in Residence**
msgr.hazard@gmail.com

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Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper,
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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

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
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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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Fri 9/26

9:15 AM

Don and Ann Davis
55th Wedding Anniversary

Sat. 9/27

5:00 PM

† Kathy Hageman
Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

Sun. 9/28

9:00 a.m.

† Mark David Kolodzieczyk
Req. by Shirley Creamer

† William Martin
Req. by The Martin Family

11:15 a.m.

† Michael Conrod
Req. by The Conrod Family

† Larry Loofboro
Req. by Judy Loofboro

Fri. 10/3

9:15 AM

† Bert Renauld
Req. by Bob Renauld

Sat. 10/4

5:00 p.m.

† Ed Harkenrider
Req. by Eileen and David Rutten

Sun. 10/5

9:00 a.m.

† Maria Rhoda
Req. by The Martin Family

11:15 a.m.

† Tom Deem
Req. by Nancy Engemann

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 28, 2025

Sunday

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:5-56

Wednesday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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MASS

**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.

CONFIRMATION

Many Blessings to:

*Jack Mechenbier
Masyn Hopkins
Samantha Hui-Wee*

*Heidi Schmitz
Austin Hui-Wee
Tyler Bornhorst*

Who received the Sacrament of Confirmation
At St Augustine Cathedral
On September 27, 2025

The Very Reverend Edward M Lohse
Bishop of Kalamazoo



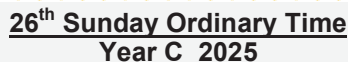
St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus—a parable that cuts to the heart of justice, compassion, and responsibility.

This parable challenges us to open our eyes to the suffering around us. It is not enough to avoid doing harm; we are called to actively do good. The sin of the rich man was not what he did, but what he failed to do—ignoring the need right at his doorstep.

Who is the “Lazarus” in your life today? Are you attentive to the needs of others, or are you too comfortable to notice? As disciples, we are invited to bridge the gap between comfort and compassion, between abundance and need. Let us pray for the Grace to see, to care, and to act.

2025 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN (MCP)

The Missionary Cooperative Plan (MCP) in the United States is a nationwide initiative coordinated by Catholic dioceses to foster global missionary awareness and support. The MCP invites missionaries—priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay missionaries—from around the world to speak at Catholic parishes across the U.S. during the summer months. These visits aim to:

- Share stories of evangelization and service in underserved regions
- Raise awareness of global Catholic missions
- Encourage prayer and financial support from parishioners

This year, Bishop Lohse asked that all the Parishes in our diocese participate in this initiative. You may remember that last year we hosted a Franciscan Priest who did mission appeals for his congregation. This year (On the 27th Sunday Ordinary Time: October 4/5), Msgr. Mike and I, in the spirit of attentiveness to the needs of others, invite you to support the mission at our Sister Diocese of Lodwar-Kenya. Fr. Albert will be sharing with us opportunities of the Sister Diocese efforts as we extend our generosity to our Sisters and Brothers in that diocese.

May God bless us all.

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

STEWARDSHIP

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Sunday Collection..... \$5,427.00

Catholic Campaign for Human

Development..... \$1,815.00

Mass Stipends.....\$40.00



(as of 8/31/2025)

Goal: \$65,990.00

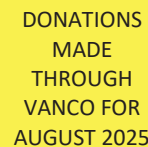
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND AREA

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 or call 269-348-8714 ext.1112 for more information.

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 wwwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433.

DIACONAL FORMATION: Additional information about the Deacon Formation Program, including the timelines, standards, requirements and applications can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation.

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 or contact Socorro: struchan@diokzoo.org Please feel free to reach out for any questions or any needs you have.

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.

AUTUMN GALA - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo, will be hosting an Autumn Gala at Fr. Bart Hall, 939 Charlotte Avenue, Kalamazoo, on **Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 5-10 pm**. This night will feature dinner & drinks, raffles, live auctions, dancing, and a comedy set from Anne Fackler. The Autumn Gala is a semi-formal event for **ages 18+**. All proceeds will support the needs of St. Mary Parish. The cost for this event is \$55/person or \$400 for a table of 8. Go to their website to reserve your place.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - October 11, 2025. St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage will be showing the film "King of Kings" for their Family Movie Night on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**. Doors to the Stanley Centre Gym will open at 6pm, with the **movie starting at 6:30pm**. Bring your own chairs/blankets and enjoy beverages, popcorn, and other snacks available for purchase. **Reminder:** The Knights of Columbus Mac & Cheese Event will start at Marian Hall before the family movie night at 5pm. Tickets are available for purchase in the Narthex after weekend Masses on September 27th & 28th and October 4th & 5th. Tickets cost \$12/person with kids under 12 eating for free. All proceeds benefit local charities.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 28

- 9:00 AM **Mass**—Church
- 10:00 AM **PARISH PICNIC SET-UP**
- NO COFFEE & ROLLS;
- NO RELIGIOUS E CLASSES
- 11:15 AM **Mass**— Church
- 2:00 PM **PARISH PICNIC ACTIVITIES**

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:30 PM **Corvette Club Mtg** -SAPAC Hall

Thursday, October 2

- 6:00 PM **Choir Practice**—Church

Friday, October 3

- 9:15 AM **Mass, Benediction, Rosary** -Church

Saturday, October 4

- 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 _____

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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.

Classes will not meet this Sunday but lesson plans will be available.

WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!!

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!



LAST MINUTE DETAILS

- ◆ HELP IS NEEDED FOLLOWING THE 5 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY TO SET UP THE TABLES AND CHAIRS IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER.
- ◆ FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY MASSES, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SET UP THE CANOPY TENTS, OUTDOOR TABLES AND CHAIRS, AND GAME AREAS.
- ◆ BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD IN A DISPOSABLE CONTAINER (TO CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF DISHWASHING)

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC !!



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

****SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 5,
2025 FOLLOWING THE 11:15 MASS IN
THE CHOIR AREA****

OCIA

In our journey of life, God directs our spirits up and down many roads. If you are not Catholic and feel that you are called to look and explore the road titled "Catholic Faith" the OCIA process is a place for you to start. Or if you have been baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist, OCIA is a place for you.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process of prayer, discernment, learning and community. Through the OCIA process, the people and parish priests of St. Ambrose "hand on the teachings, practices, values and traditions of our Catholic faith."

If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, call Eileen Rutten (323-2372) or the parish office (385-4152) and leave your name, phone number and message.

STEWARDSHIP/VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Be sure to stop by the Volunteer/Stewardship table when you are at the Parish Family Picnic. This is a great opportunity to re-commit to your favorite volunteer activity at St. Ambrose or to sign-up for something new. Volunteers will be available at the table to assist you with the sign-up sheets.

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