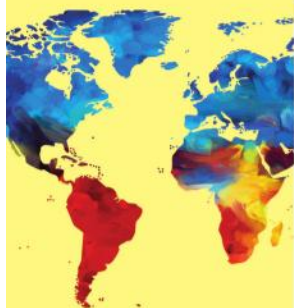


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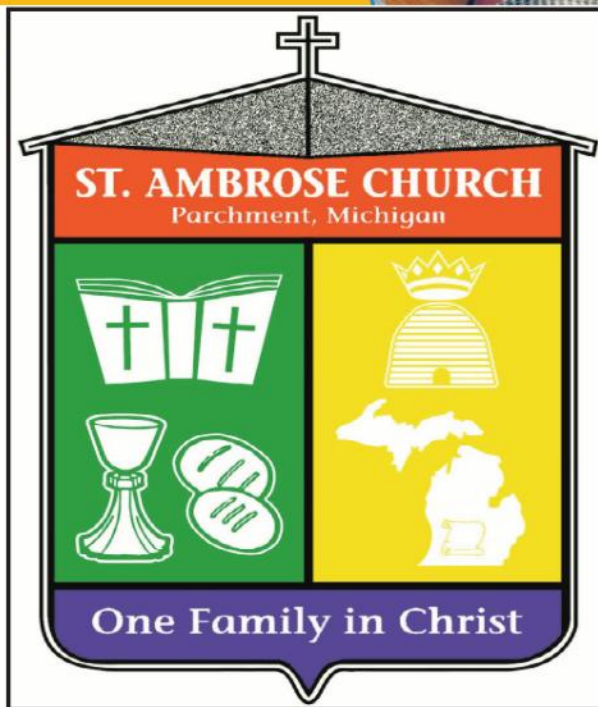
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The celebration of World Mission Day is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.
~Pope Francis



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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

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

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

Chaplain for Beacon Kalamazoo 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
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**.

Know, Love and Serve Him **OCTOBER 19, 2025**

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday 10/17

9:15 AM

† **Michael Conrod**

Req. by The Conrod Family

† **Rosella Walsh**

Req. by Devon Swiat

Saturday 10/18

5:00 p.m.

† **Joseph Moran**

Req. by Dan and Chris Willson

Sunday 10/19

9:00 a.m.

† **Carol and † Roy Healy**

Req. by Shirley Creamer

† **Matthew Carrier**

Req. by Donna and Donald Carrier

11:15 a.m.

† **Barbara Dumm**

Req. by Zion and Patrick Doran

Friday 10/24

9:15 AM

† **Amy Davis LaRue**

Req by Don and Ann Davis

Saturday 10/25

5:00 PM

† **Louis Klein**

Req. by Theresa Klein

Sunday 10/26

9:00 a.m.

† **William Martin**

Req. by The Martin Family

11:15 a.m.

† **Jane Horn**

Req. by Janet O Westra

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 OCTOBER 19, 2025

Sunday

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-

75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps

40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;

Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk

12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77,

93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk

13:1-9

Sunday

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18,

19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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.**

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG ALL PEOPLES WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025



This weekend, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ



St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.

10/19/2025

What a way to introduce a parable!

Usually, the parables lead us on a sort of scavenger hunt in search of the meaning Jesus intended.

Example: In the parable of the guest who comes to the wedding carelessly dressed: is he thrown into the outer darkness because he didn't have a tuxedo on? What is the garment he should have worn? Was it, perhaps, not the garment itself (something he could have procured if he had cared to), or was it, maybe, the lack of care he displayed, care about the invitation, about the other guests, or about the One who invites him to the Wedding Banquet? Is the answer in there somewhere?

Does that take all the fun out of the story? Hardly! After the parable—about the necessity of persistence and perseverance in prayer—"the Lord" says "But the son of Man, when he comes, will he find [this persistent, persevering] faith on earth?"

If Jesus came this very day, would he find among us a community of his disciples who lift up their prayer constantly with the sound assurance that God is hearing—even though it may seem to us that God is taking his own sweet time in answering our prayer, or (Heaven forbid!) that God doesn't care? Will we be the ones who believe in God's unending love enough to keep lifting up our hearts to God?

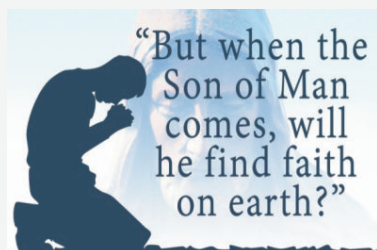
Praying for peace on earth. Praying for my son/daughter who has hit a patch of ice in the road of life. Praying for the help we need to keep our family whole. Praying, praying, praying.

Today, let us pray for one another. And every day until Jesus comes and our prayer will be all “Thank you, Lord!”

Peace upon us all.

Msgr. Mike and Fr. Albert

Lucien Deiss C.S.Sp., *God's Word is Our Joy*, World Library Publications, Schiller Park, IL 60176



All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sunday Collection..... \$4,937.74

Diocese of Lodwar, Kenya/

Mission Cooperative Plan **.\$305.00**

Mass Stipends.....10.00



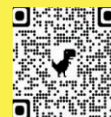
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Families Participating: 187 = 48.4%

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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! Up-coming 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.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

As we approach the month of November, we are invited to celebrate The Feast of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2).

Since these feast days this year occur on a weekend: The obligation to attend Mass on All Saints' Day is lifted within the United States.

All Saturday evening Masses (after 4:00 pm) on November 1 must be Anticipation of All Souls' Day (as the precept for All Saints day is abrogated).

St. Ambrose will praying a Novena for **All Souls**. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered, please pick up a sheet in the vestibule for the names of your loved ones. Place the sheets in the box. These sheets with the names of your loved ones, will be placed at the altar. These sheets will be burned with incense after the **11:15 AM Mass on Sunday, November 9th**.

VERA MARIA RUSSELL



Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Vera Maria Russell, who died this past week. May they be comforted in the knowledge that there loved one dwells in the house of the Lord.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 19

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 10:00 AM **COFFEE & ROLLS**
- **RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**
- **FOODLIFT PICKUP**
- 10:00 AM **OCIA - SAPAC ROOM 2**
- 11:15 AM **MASS**—Church

Monday, October 20

- Noon **Bulletin Deadline for coming week**
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Rm 5

Tuesday, October 21

- 7:00 PM **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** -Hall

Wednesday, October 22

Thursday, October 23

- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**—Church

Friday, October 24

- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY** -

Saturday, October 25

- 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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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.

ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Class Schedule:

October 19 Classes Meet
October 26 Classes Meet
November 2 Classes Meet
November 9 Classes Meet



THE ARIMATHEANS

The Arimatheans, a new ministry in our parish, met last Sunday and we went over specifics of the ministry. They are now ready to help out at Parish funerals.

We currently have 5 ministers and would welcome anyone else who wishes to join up.

Our current members are: Peg Lauer, Ann Davis, Mary Early, Colleen Heathcock and Carol Matthews. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our parish and our parishioners in this way!
Beth A. McElhone

St. Ambrose Youth Group 7th-12th Graders

What:

Fall Fun! Pizza, Snacks, & Cider Provided

When:

Sunday October 26th 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where:

St. Ambrose Parish Activity Center

It will be a Hauntingly Good Time
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OCIA

How Do I Become Catholic?



We invite you to learn more about the Catholic faith through the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. Do you know of someone who might be interested or do you have questions about the process? Please call Eileen Rutten (323-2372) or the parish office (385-4152) for more information.

Beginning Sunday, October 5th after 9 a.m. Mass, we will be meeting every Sunday in the Parish Activity Center Room 2.

LOVE GROWS WHERE PEOPLE SERVE

Fall is a great opportunity to **re-commit** to your favorite volunteer activity or ministry at St. Ambrose or to try something new. We know that life changes, that what we could do last year may not be do-able this year. Or we may want add more to our participation in the parish.

If you have questions about an activity, contact the Rectory Office during the week to be put in touch with a current volunteer who will happy to fill you in. Clip boards with forms are available in the vestibule of the church. *Thank you for serving.*

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

It's that time of year!! On October 30, 2025, at 7:00 we will begin Christmas Choir rehearsals for the Adult Choir. If you're looking for a short term commitment then this is the group for you. You need not know how to read music and if you learn better by ear make sure to bring your phone or tape recorder to record your parts for the songs. Most rehearsals will only last one hour!

If you have any questions, please see Beth. This choir will sing at the 7:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:00 Mass on Christmas morning. Hope to see you there!!!

Beth A. McElhone



ST AMBROSE T-SHIRT ORDERS

There are several t-shirt orders waiting to be picked up in the Parish Rectory office. Please call ahead to let us know that you are coming.

We have extra shirts available for sale. Contact the Rectory Office for details.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & BOOKKEEPER

St. Ambrose Parish is seeking a motivated & positive individual to serve as the welcoming face of the parish to callers and visitors. This full-time, hourly position (35 hours a week) requires the ability to perform both secretarial and bookkeeping tasks in a cooperative and confidential manner. For more information go to the St Ambrose website, The Diocesan website or apply on line via Indeed.

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