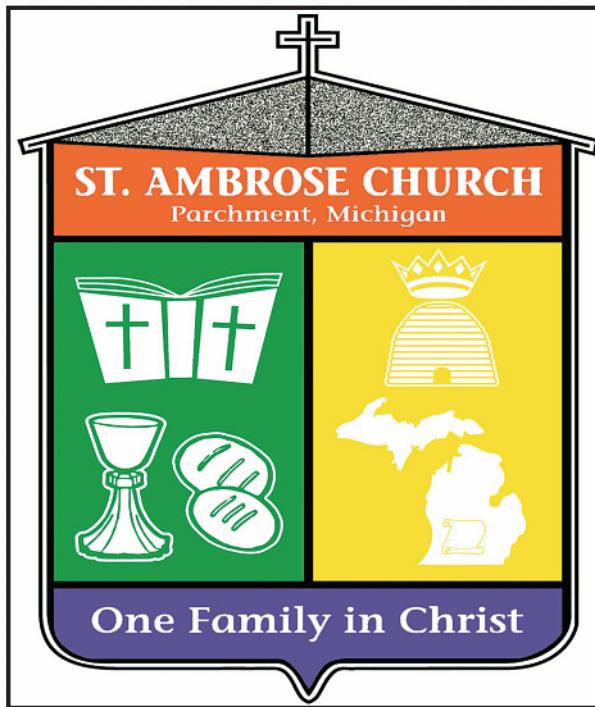


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Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit
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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

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Music Director.....Musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
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a season, or a lifetime,
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May God Bless You!

**Very Rev. Albert Kemboi, V.F.
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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 26, 2025**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Friday 10/31

9:15 AM

† **Rosella Walsh**

Req. by Devon Swiat

Saturday 11/1

5:00 p.m.

† **Deceased Members of St Ambrose Church**

Sunday 11/2

9:00 a.m.

† **Jim and † Maxine Diamond**

Req. by Kathy Diamond

11:15 a.m.

Martin and Janet Westra - Anniversary

Cody Westra - Birthday

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.**

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 obligation for All Saints day is lifted).

St. Ambrose will be 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 sheet(s) in the box near the Altar. These sheets will be burned with incense after the **11:15 AM Mass on Sunday, November 9th**.

October 26th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both the first reading and today's psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts - of time or money or abilities - to be the means by which God answers their need?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Sunday

THIRTIETH 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

Monday

Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17

Tuesday

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

(Mass during the day)

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

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.



St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

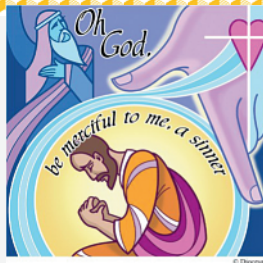
On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Theme: “The Power of Humble Prayer”



Dear beloved Parishioners,

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus gives us a powerful contrast: A Pharisee who prays by praising himself, and a tax collector who simply says, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Jesus tells us: It’s the tax collector—the humble one—who goes home justified.

It’s a striking reminder: God isn’t impressed by pride or performance. He listens to the honest, humble heart.

The first reading from Sirach echoes this truth: “*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.*”

God hears the cries of those who come before Him sincerely, with no masks, no boasting—just trust.

St. Paul, in the second reading, gives us a beautiful testimony. As he nears the end of his life, he looks back and says, “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*” Paul wasn’t perfect—but he was faithful. And in his trials, he learned humility. He says, “Everyone deserted me... but the Lord stood by me.”

That’s the heart of this Sunday’s message:

- ◇ God doesn’t need perfect people.
- ◇ He wants real hearts, open to grace.
- ◇ He honors the quiet, persistent faith of those who keep turning back to Him—again and again.

So, whether you feel like the Pharisee today—or the tax collector—know this: **God already sees you. He already loves you.** Come to Him with honesty, and He will lift you up.

This coming week, may we pray less like the self-assured Pharisee and more like the humble tax collector, saying simply: “**God, be merciful to me... a sinner who still believes.**”

God bless us all,

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

*All are invited to join Bishop Lohse at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, for the Celebration of the Holy Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 4 p.m.** with a light reception to follow.*

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,457.35

Mass Stipends.....20.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$2,348.26

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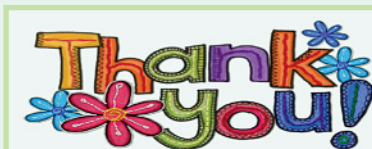
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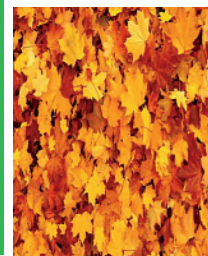
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Solidarity Fund of Lodwar.....75.00



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND AREA

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.

INFORMATION NIGHT on November 20, 2025. Chesterton Academy Knights of Our Lady is a Classical Education program in the Catholic tradition enrolling students in grades 9-12. We are located as an independent program on the campus of St. Philip Catholic Central High School in Battle Creek. We are eager to share what we have to offer with families of the Kalamazoo Diocese. To learn more, please visit our website at [Chesterton Academy Knights of Our Lady](#).

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 513 Eleanor St. is excited to announce its Christmas Open House on November 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be fully stocked with Christmas decor and apparel, all for purchase at bargain prices. Light refreshments will be served and children will receive a free toy! We hope that you will join us in contributing to our mission to help our Friends in Need. Please do not be dismayed by the construction in this area.

CAREGIVERS CONNECTION 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 November 2 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. REGISTER ONLINE: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities Or contact Veronica Rodriguez 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 Email: vrodriquez@diokzoo.org

ST. JOSEPH (KALAMAZOO) PARISH'S 78TH ANNUAL BAZAAR will take place on **Saturday, November 15 & Sunday, November 16** this year. The Bazaar will include an assortment of delicious baked items, traditionally hand-crafted items, high-end White Elephant gift ideas, donated raffle prizes, homemade donuts & beverages to enjoy while shopping, and more. Raffle tickets may be pre-purchased before and after all Masses on November 1-2 & 8-9.

CHICKEN AND GAME DINNER - November 2, 2025 Join St. Mary's Visitation Parish, Byron Center at their Community Center for their annual **Chicken and Wild Game Dinner** on **Sunday, November 2nd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Bingo begins at 10:30 am, and there will be three cash prizes. Bring the whole family and enjoy a variety of homemade food: including chicken and wild game, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, homemade pie and more. Cost is \$15.00 for Adults, \$5 for Children (5-12), 4 and under are free. **This is a cash/check only event.**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY RAFFLE The Parchment Community Library will be selling raffle tickets from November 1 to December 3. Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prize drawing on Wednesday, December 3 at the Holiday Chocolate. You don't need to be present to win.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 26

- 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
- 5:00 PM **YOUTH GROUP GATHERING**

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

Thursday, October 30

- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**—Church

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1

- 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



Class Schedule:

October 26	Classes Meet	10:00 am
November 2	Classes Meet	10:00 am
November 9	Classes Meet	10:00 am
	4pm Christmas Eve Choir	12:30 pm
November 16	Classes Meet	10:00 am
	4 pm Christmas Eve Choir	12:30 pm

St. Ambrose Youth Group 7th-12th Graders

What:

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When:

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

Where:

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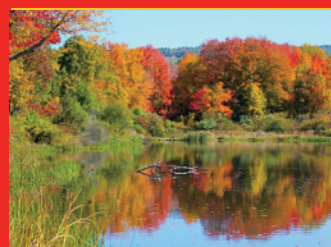
Fall is a great opportunity to **re-commit** to your favorite volunteer activity or ministry at St. Ambrose or to try something new. We know that life changes, that what we could do last year may not be do-able this year. Or we may want add more to our participation in the parish.

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.

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FALL BACK!! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

**2:00 A.M.
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

REHEARSAL FOR THE CHOIR FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE, 4:00 PM MASS

Dear students and parents,
Christmas is coming fast! I would like to suggest the following rehearsal schedule for both students, parents and catechists who are willing to lead the music for the Mass and the Christmas pageant:

After the 11:15 Mass for (12:30-1:00) on the following Sundays:

November 9, November 16, November 23
NO Rehearsal on November 30 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
NO Rehearsal on December 7

(Feast of St Ambrose and
Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration)

Rehearsals on December 14th, December 21st.

Thanks for your consideration hope to see many of you at our rehearsals. Thanks,

Beth, Music Director

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.



NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

It's that time of year!! We have begun Christmas Choir rehearsals for the Adult Choir on Thursdays at 7 p.m. 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



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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