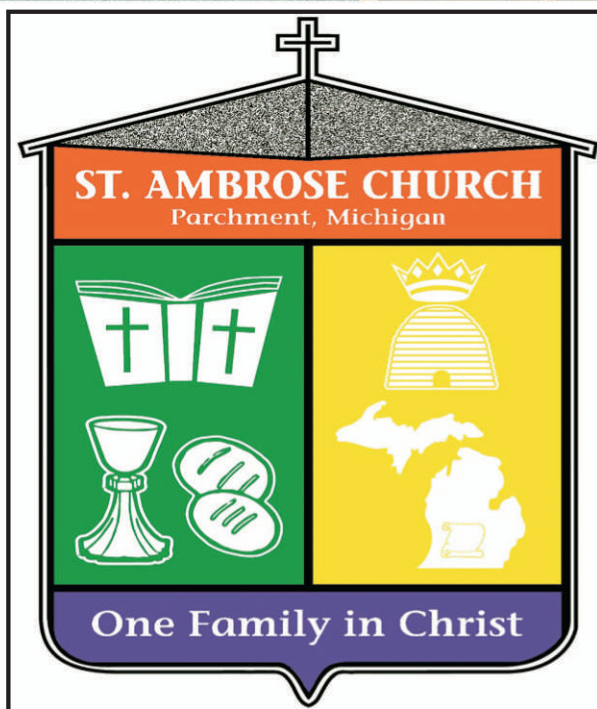


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit
to develop a family of faith in Christ,
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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

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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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msgr.hazard@gmail.com

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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 NOVEMBER 16, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/15

5:00 p.m.

† **Michael Conrod**

Req. by The Conrod Family

Sunday 11/16

9:00 a.m.

† **Mary Oneill**

Req. by Kathy Keagle

11:15 a.m.

† **Barbara Dumm**

Req. by Zion and Patrick Doran

Friday 11/21

9:15 AM

† **Julie Klein Whitmore**

Req by Theresa Klein

Saturday 11/22

5:00 PM

† **George Thornburg**

Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

Sunday 11/23

9:00 a.m.

† **Geoffrey Mattens**

Req. by Roger and Carol Mattens

11:15 a.m.

† **Bert Renauld**

Req. by Bob Renauld

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. 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Sunday

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2

Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Monday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



**CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST AMBROSE
AND THE
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
ST AMBROSE PARISH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
MASS AT 11:15 a.m.**

**WITH BISHOP EDWARD M LOHSE
VERY REV FABIO GARZON, VG
VERY REV ALBERT KEMBOI TUTOEK, VF
MSGR MICHAEL HAZARD**

**A Dinner Of Ham and Vegetable Lasagna
following in the St Ambrose Parish Activity Center**

Please use the sign-the sheets in the vestibule or call the Rectory Office to let us know how many are coming, what dish you are bringing, and how you would like to help.

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 at 7:00 p.m.
Parish Activity Center**



33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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11/16/2025

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

[Msgr. Mike writes:]

It seems to me we're almost ready for another "discovery." You know: the new interpretation of a scripture passage, the "final" and definitive decoding of an ancient calendar (Mexican or Persian or who-cares-what?) that will allow a small group of people to get an inordinate amount of ink or air-time or tweets because the end of the world is surely known now to the few who propose the foolishness.

I say foolishness because none of these discoveries or theories or "revelations" has ever proven correct. *Did the world come to an end—and did you and I miss it?*

Maybe it *is* foolishness in the way it is proposed: "the end of the world." But in another way, the more personal and individual way, what Jesus reports in today's Gospel, (and the caution he gives in the next breath), *is* meant as a caution to us who seem to believe that this present world will just keep on keeping-on forever.

A few years ago, I was meeting with Bishop Bradley and a few other priests, when Bishop asked each of us if we had submitted the plan for our own funeral to his office—so that should I die unexpectedly the Bishop would know what to do, where to have the Mass, etc. When he came round to me with this yes-or-no question, I responded "No,". "What keeps you from doing it?" he asked. And the reply flew out of my mouth faster than I could think: "I'm not going to die."

But since then, I have begun to lose the surefootedness I have long had, and the ease and independence of driving my car. And I don't see as well as I used to at night. Which is to say, I've begun to *accept* that I *will* die. And it won't be in a place I choose, or on a day I pick. Perhaps I *should* be concerned about the "end of the world", but I'm not because I *think* Jesus will be coming for *me* before that. *That* is the unknown day and hour I think I (we) should be preparing for.

How shall we all do *that*?

God bless you.

God bless us all.

Msgr. Mike

with Fr. Albert



"BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE YOU
WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES."

NOVEMBER 16TH 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sunday Collection..... \$ 9,251.00

Mass Stipends.....\$ 40.00

Utilities.....\$250.00

Archdiocese of the

Military, USA.....\$2,312.00

Food Lift Donation.....\$320.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$100.00

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Catholic Campaign for

Human Development.....\$5.00

Mass Stipends.....\$10.00

Solidarity Fund of Lodwar.....\$8.00

Utilities\$855.00

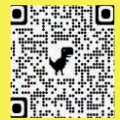
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World Mission Sunday..... \$50.00



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To order more than one brick, use additional forms that are in the vestibule of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND AREA

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.

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESE JAIL MINISTRY is asking for your help in providing stamped Christmas cards for inmates in area jails. St. Ambrose parishioners participate by providing stamped Christmas cards that are then given to inmates at the jail to send to family and friends. Please have a stamp on the envelope but do not seal the envelope. This brings joy to the inmates and those to whom they send the cards. We ask that you have the cards returned to the basket in the vestibule by Nov. 30.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS GATHERING – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
A gathering open to anyone with disabilities who enjoys making new friends, engaging in fun games & activities, and opening their heart and mind to the teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to come study the Bible and break bread from 6-7:30pm in the Stanley Center Fellowship Room at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage. The final two dates for 2025 are November 19, 2025 & December 17, 2025.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Kalamazoo Catholic Charities Heating Assistance Program: This second collection takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving (November 22nd and 23rd). The donations from the collection assists families who find it hard to heat their homes during the winter. Families may begin applying for assistance in January of 2026.

Building Fund Envelope?? This envelope was included in the envelope packet in error. A "The Utility Fund" envelope should have been in the monthly mailed packet of envelopes. If you choose to use this envelope ("Building Fund"), donations will be used to offset the higher utility bills that the parish experiences during the colder months. There will not be a second collection.

BRIGID DEAN STERSIC
AND
PATRICIA BARRETT



May their families and friends be comforted in the knowledge that their loved ones dwell in the house of the Lord.

A Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. for Brigid Stersic.

Services for Patricia Barrett will be announced at a later date.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 16

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 10:00 AM **COFFEE & ROLLS**
- **RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**
- 10:00 AM **OCIA - SAPAC ROOM 2**
- 11:15 AM **MASS**—Church
- 12:30 PM **4 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

Thursday, November 20

- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**—Church
- 7:00PM **CHRISTMAS CHOIRS**

Friday, November 21

- **THE GIVING TREE**
- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY**

Saturday, November 22

- 4:00 PM **RECONCILIATION**—Church
- 5:00 PM **MASS**—Church

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:

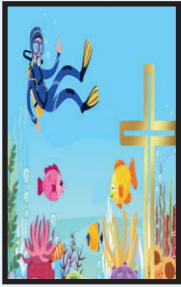
November 23
NO Rehearsal November 30 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
NO Rehearsal on December 7
(Feast of St Ambrose and
Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration)
Rehearsals on December 14th, December 21st.

Thanks for your consideration; hope to see many of you at our rehearsals. Thanks,
Beth, Music Director

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 19 Deadline for 11/30 Bulletin
NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING DAY
MASS AT 9:15 AM
Rectory Office Closed
NOVEMBER 28 MASS, BENEDICTION AND
ROSARY AT 9:15
Change Missalettes
Rectory Office Closed

ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Class Schedule:

November 16	Classes Meet	10:00 am
4 pm	Christmas Eve Choir	12:30 pm
November 23	Classes Meet	10:00 am
4 pm	Christmas Eve Choir	12:30 pm
November 30	NO Classes Meet	
December 7	NO Classes Meet	

ST AMBROSE FOODLIFT NEEDS

EVERY DAY:

Boxed Potatoes
Cake Mixes & Frosting
Canned Chicken or Tuna
Canned Corn, Peas, Carrots
Noodles, Spaghetti, Pasta
Peanut Butter
Paper Bags, no handles
Cereal
Crackers - Saltine, Graham
Spaghetti Sauce
Instant Coffee
Pasta Meals - Rice-A-Roni

Kleenex
Laundry Soap
Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Canned Pasta Meals
Paper Towels
Jelly
Soup
Tooth Paste
Dish Soap
Toilet Paper
Cooking Oil



FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Turkey Dressing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans
Canned Pineapple
Canned Gravy
Baked Beans
Mushroom Soup
Cookie Mix

DELIVERY DATES: NOVEMBER 16 & DECEMBER 14

ST. AMBROSE GIVING TREE

The St. Ambrose Giving Tree for our Food Lift Program Participants and the Residents of Plainwell Pines will soon be in the vestibule of the church through December 7th.

We invite you to take an ornament (or two!) and help us spread Christmas joy during this Advent Season!

Please return your **WRAPPED GIFTS** for the Food Lift families and **UNWRAPPED** the Plainwell Pines Residents with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 7th**. Thank you!

Help is needed on December 15th at 10 am to sort and deliver the gift bags for Plainwell Pines. This will be activity will take place in the Parish Activity Center.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & BOOKKEEPER

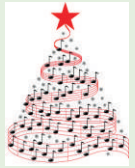
St. Ambrose Parish is seeking a motivated & positive individual to serve as the welcoming face of the parish to callers and visitors. This full-time, hourly position (35 hours a week) requires the ability to perform both secretarial and bookkeeping tasks in a cooperative and confidential manner. For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

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



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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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_____ Please change my address to the one shown above.

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_____ 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:

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