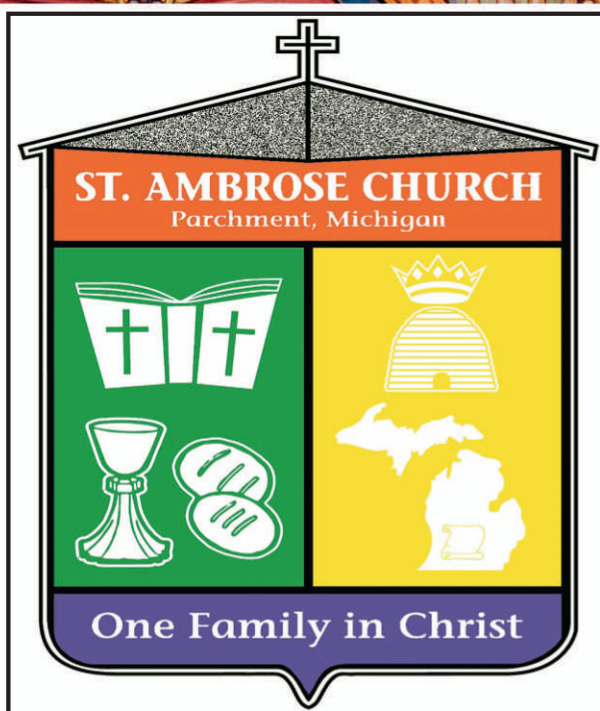


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Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit
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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.**

**1628 East G Avenue
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Monday through Friday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Music Director.....Musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
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Prayer Line—Marilyn Thornburg..... (269) 501-9226

*Our bulletin, with the weekly insert, can be found on our
website at: stambroseparchment.com*



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here for a day, a week,
a season, or a lifetime,
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here!**

May God Bless You!

**Very Rev. Albert Kemboi, V.F.
Pastor**

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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

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**.*

*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 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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 Renaud**
Req. by Bob Renaud
- Thursday 11/27 THANKSGIVING DAY**
9:15 a.m. In Thanksgiving
- Friday 11/28**
9:15 AM **Founding Members of St Ambrose Parish**
- Saturday 11/29**
† **Joyce Blatchford**
Req. by Ann Marie James
- Sunday 11/30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
9:00 a.m. † **Ed Harkenrider**
Req. by Dave and Eileen Rutten
- † **Julius "Ceasar" Millers**
Req. by Judy Millers
- 11:15 a.m. † **Barbara Dumm**
Req. by Zion and Patrick Doran
- † **Steve Banner**
Req. by Marilyn Banner

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 23, 2025

- 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
- Monday** MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 1:5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



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
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VERY REV ALBERT KEMBOI TUITOEK, VF
MSGR MICHAEL HAZARD

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

Please use the sign-up 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

A look at next Sunday's readings

On Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Parish Activity Center

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 date for 2025 is 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 are 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 off set the higher utility bills that the parish experiences during the colder months. There will not be a second collection.

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.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Office help is needed over the next few weeks. Please meet in the Parish Activity Center.

November 25	10 a.m. Fold, Stuff Mailing
December 4	1 p.m. Stuff Bulletin Inserts
December 15	10 a.m. Sort Gifts for Plainwell Pines

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 23

THE GIVING TREE

- 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 24

- Noon **Bulletin Deadline for 12/14**
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Hall

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

Thursday, November 27

- 9:15 AM **MASS** - Church

Friday, November 28

- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY**
- **CHANGE THE MISSALETES IN THE CHURCH**

Saturday, November 29

- 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:

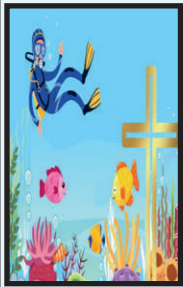
- November 23
- NO Rehearsal November 30 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- NO Rehearsal on December 7
(Feast of St Ambrose and
Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration)
- Rehearsals on December 14th, December 21st.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 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 MISSALETES
Rectory Office Closed |

ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Class Schedule:

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	
December 14	Classes Meet	10:00 am
	4pm Christmas Eve Choir	12:30pm
December 21	Classes Meet	10:00 am
	4pm Christmas Eve Choir	12:30pm

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: 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.



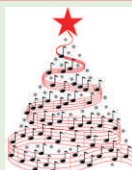
We invite you to take an ornament (or two!) and help us spread Christmas joy during this Advent Season!

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.

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. 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

MEANING AND SYMBOLS IN THE WORSHIP SPACE

Through it's history our church has used symbolism to teach us and inspire us. For the Feast of Christ the King :

MATERIALS: Raw Flax Linen is the symbol of Christ's life from birth to death, simple, man of the people. This was the cloth woven in one continuous thread. The long pure fine linen cloth: This is a symbol of a royal life but also the symbol of Christ's burial cloth. It is the white cloth covering the Altar at Mass. Maroon Velvet pillow signifies the color and fabric of royalty.

THE CROWNS: The crown of thorns: here is the King of the Jews. Crown of God with blue stones; The crown of an earthly and heavenly King.

FLOWERS: Carnations... red is for pure love. Daisy ...for innocence of the Christ Child. Ferns...humility, frankness and sincerity. Hyacinth...Christian prudence, peace of mind, desire for heaven. Holly...is for Christ's Crown of Thorns and Passion. Iris...is for Blessed Virgin. Lily...purity. Pansy...remembrance and meditation. Poinsettia ...Christ's Love. Roses... Red is for martyrdom, White is for purity. Violets...for humility and chastity.
 Information contributed by Lou Irwin, Jr.

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 _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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.



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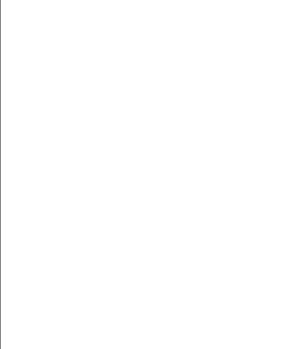
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