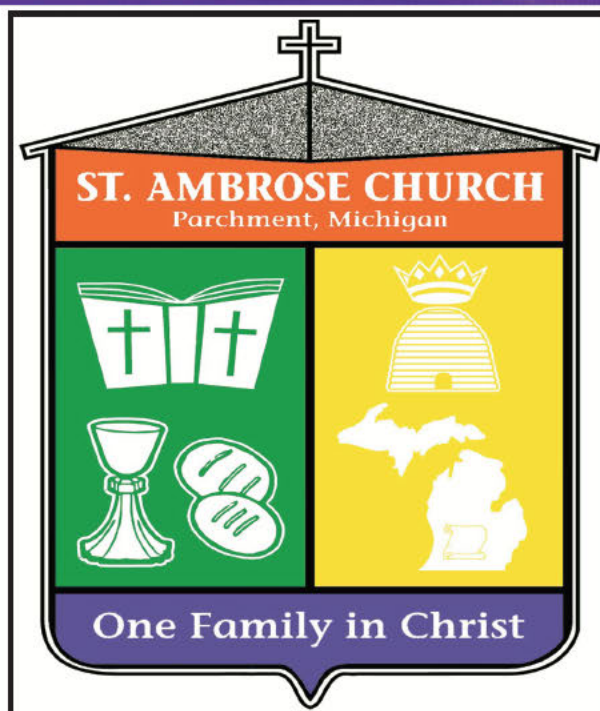


Hope Advent



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

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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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fatheralbertstambrose@gmail.com**

**Monsignor Michael Hazard,
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msgr.hazard@gmail.com**

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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 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**.*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Friday 12/5

9:15 AM

† **Elias Miado**
Req. by Carmelia Miado

Saturday 12/6

5:00 PM

† **Bert Renauld**
Req. by Robert Renauld
Happy Anniversary, Fr Albert
Req. by The St Ambrose Parishioners

Sunday 12/7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m.

† **Michael Conrod**
Req. by The Michael Conrod Family

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 30, 2025

Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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



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 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.

**1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT.**

YEAR A

11/30/2025

*"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."*

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Overheard at a small gathering of "seasoned members" of a 70-year-old parish: *We used to have parties, and dances—you know: Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve, maybe a polka party in the fall—what ever happened to those gatherings?* And immediately a response: *We know: the party planners have "aged-out," the tastes of a new generation have replaced square dancing with line dancing. And now a dance I don't really get.*

Styles change. "Our music" changes from one generation to the next with a shorter and shorter time from one generation to the next. And, frankly, in a parish like ours—in a Catholic parish that gets its pastor according to the best wisdom of the Bishop and the limited pool of priests to choose from, in a Catholic diocese that gets its bishop from the Pope—who knows what we'll see five or ten years from now?

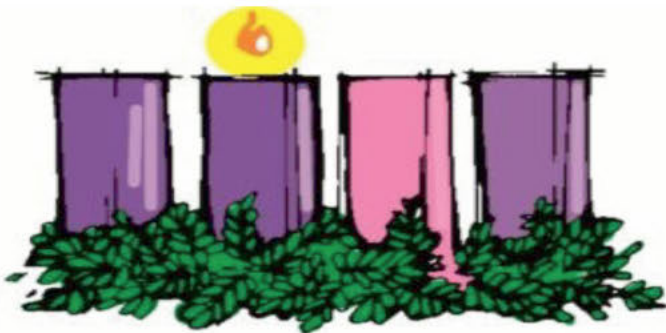
So, we should live *today* as if it were the only day (because it sort of *is*); and at the same time, we must keep a remembering eye on those who have given us what we have here, and a hopeful eye on what's ahead, even if our vision in either direction is limited, blurry.

A new Church year begins with the season of **Advent** and today is the first day of it. Advent, itself, has us looking *back* at the wonders God has done from the Creation until now (leading us up to the celebration of the coming-among-us of our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas) and *ahead* to the Day of Eternity, the Day of Life and Peace and Joy that the *Second Coming* of Jesus will inaugurate.

Why is today's Gospel focused on "the end of time"? Because, for Eternity to break out, time must be done. Time—with its unknowns and insecurities. Time—with its wars and sicknesses and sin—is passing away. The Day of the Lord will break out "at an hour [we] do not expect." So Jesus would have us know we should not be worried, but we should live like we know that all that is material is unreliable, but his teaching and promises will surely be reliable.

We hope our Advent will be good for us all.

Msgr. Mike with Fr. Albert



Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

November 23, 2025

Because of early bulletin deadlines the Parish Stewardship Report is not available. It will be in the December bulletin.

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Parchment, Michigan 49004

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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS GATHERING - DECEMBER 17, 2025

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.

ADVENT MASS AND GATHERING - DECEMBER 13, 2025

Advent is a time to reflect on Christ's message of love and commitment to building a church where anyone who may have a physical, emotional, sensory, or invisible condition feels welcome. The Diocesan Commission for Ministry to Persons with Disabilities invites you to join Bishop Lohse and Father Paul Redmond for an Advent Mass on **December 13, 2025**, at St. Thomas More Student Parish at **10:30am** followed by food and fellowship. We embrace you, your devoted families, caregivers, and our parish community as we walk beside you May this Advent Mass be a time of prayerful reflection where we all gather to support one another as Christ taught us. **RSVP to Veronica Rodriguez**, 269-349-8714, ext.1240, vrodriquez@diokzoo.org by **December 5, 2025**

CAREGIVERS CONNECTION

December 7, 2025, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Sunday, 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 the first Sunday of the month** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (** on holiday weekends we shift to the second Sunday) **REGISTER ONLINE:** diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities Or contact Veronica Rodriguez 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 Email: vrodriquez@diokzoo.org

OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OCIA will not meet on November 30, 2025, Thanksgiving weekend, but will meet on December 7.



OFFICE HELP NEEDED

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

December 4 1 p.m. Stuff Bulletin Inserts

December 15 10 a.m. Sort Gifts for Plainwell Pines

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 30

THE GIVING TREE

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 11:15 AM **MASS**—Church

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

- 6:30 PM **KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB**

Thursday, December 4

- 10:00 AM **OFFICE HELPERS** - Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**
- 7:00 PM **CHRISTMAS CHOIRS PRACTICE**

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

- 4:00 PM **RECONCILIATION**—Church
- 5:00 PM **MASS**—Church
- 6:00 PM **PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER SET-UP**

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:

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,

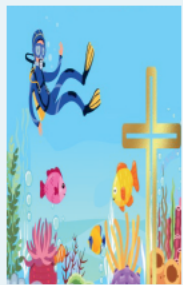
Beth, Music Director

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

At our next meeting we'll be filling bags to hand out to the homeless. Some items we need: Granola bars, juice boxes (100% juice please) and if you knit – we need knit hats too. Please drop off donated items in the vestibule.



ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Class Schedule:

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.



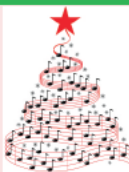
We invite you to take an ornament (or two!) and help us spread Christmas joy during this Advent Season!

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

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

(November 30 - December 24 2025)

St. Ambrose, Parchment	Tuesday Dec 16 @ 6:30PM
St. Ann Gull Lake	Wed. Dec 10 @ 6:30pm
St. Augustine Cathedral	Sunday, November 30 @ 3:00pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Wed, Dec 3 @ 6:30pm
St. Joseph, Kalamazoo	Mon, Dec 22 @ 4pm
St. Martin of Tours	Sun, Dec 21 @ 3pm
St. Monica	Wed, Dec 17, 6:30 PM
St. Thomas More	Mon. Dec 1, 6:30pm
St. John Bosco	Sunday Dec. 7 @ 4:30 PM
St. Mary Paw Paw	Sunday Dec. 14 @ 3:00pm

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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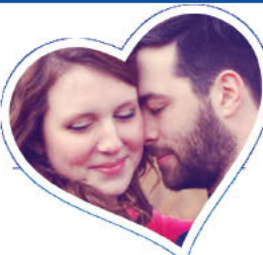
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