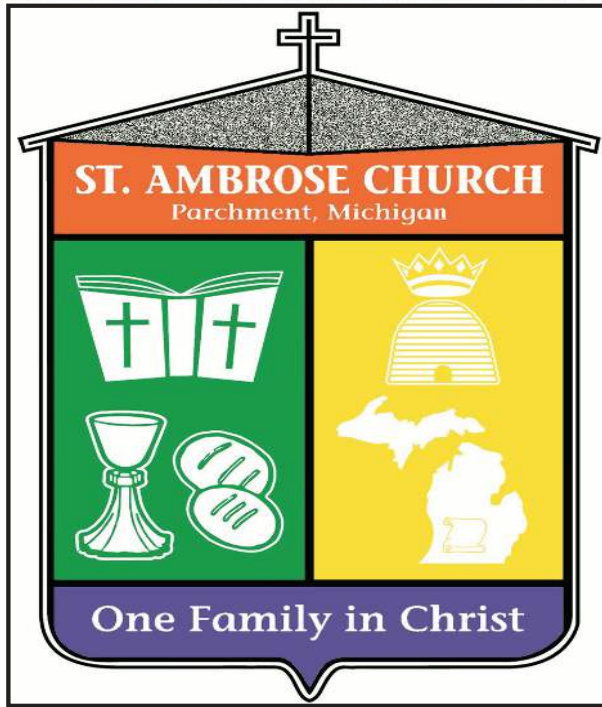


OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED *My Son.*

MATTHEW 2:15



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY





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

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 Senior Priest in Residence
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 Chaplain for Beacon Kalamazoo Hospital

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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

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.

Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit
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the people of St. Ambrose Parish
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God
within our hearts, in our homes,
and in our world community.**

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

Parish Contacts

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

**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 HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 12/28/2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/27

5:00 p.m.

† **Margaret Adair**

Req. by Kay Rafferty

Sunday 12/28

THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 a.m.

Robert Renaud (Birthday)

Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

11:15 a.m.

† **Helen Noteboom**

Req. by Don and Ann Davis

Thursday 1/1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:15 a.m.

ST AMBROSE PARISHIONERS

Friday 1/2

9:15 a.m.

† **Richard Misiasz**

Req. by William and Madeline Medonis

Saturday 1/3

5:00 p.m.

Loretta Huard

Req. by Edward Huard

Sunday 1/4

9:00 a.m.

† **Louis Klein**

Req. by Theresa Klein

11:15 a.m.

† **Barbara Dumm**

Req. by Zion & Patrick Doran

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.**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

"The protection of children and youth is a sacred trust given to us all by God, and is of utmost importance to clergy, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Kalamazoo," said Bishop Lohse. "Together, we will work for that day when children everywhere across the whole of society are safe and protected."

The revised policy provides comprehensive prevention requirements, mandatory reporting procedures, and pastoral care commitments. Among its key updates are enhanced screening processes, rules for events and activities involving children and youth and clear articulation of mandatory reporting procedures. Additionally, the policy affirms the Diocese of Kalamazoo's commitment to healing and transparency.

On Sunday, January 4th, a mandatory meeting will be held in the Parish Activity Center for Catechists and other volunteers to review the changes and up-dates in the policy. The session will begin following the 9 a.m. Mass. Coffee and rolls will be available.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday 12/29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday 12/30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday 12/31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday 1/1/2026

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday 1/2/2026

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1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-2

Saturday 1/3/2026

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday 1/4/2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-5-6 Mt 2:1-12

MASS



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction

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

Hall

Regular Schedule

Thru the Holidays

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND 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 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: vrodriguez@diokzoo.org

ST AMBROSE PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2026-2030

Please find time to read over this document during the holidays. There are extra copies in the vestibule of the church OR in the rectory office

Soon after the 1st of the year, we will have meetings for all parishioners to discuss this "road map" for the immediate future of St Ambrose.

ST AMBROSE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER POLICY

Beginning January 1, 2026, the Policy for using the Parish Activity Center is changing.

Primarily, The St Ambrose Parish Activity Center is used for Parish events, such as Lenten Soup Suppers, Funeral Luncheons, Parish Celebrations, Religious Education Classes, Parish Meetings, etc. These activities take priority over all other activities.

Secondly, the Parish Activity Center will be available for Parishioners and their immediate family members to reserve the Parish Activity Center Hall and Kitchen for a flat fee of \$500.00. This fee covers a one calendar day (24 hour) Host Liability Insurance through Michigan Catholic Conference. It also includes the cost of Utilities, the hiring of outside vendors for maintenance and up-keep. There is no longer a refundable security deposit.

Thirdly, Community and Civic Organizations (Narcotics Anonymous, Kalamazoo Corvette Club, Kindleberger Park Festival Play Rehearsals) will be allowed to use the building.

December 28th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being killed by Herod, and led to the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

SUZANN ALBRIGHT

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 28

HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 11:15 AM **MASS**— Church
- No Religious Education Classes
- No Coffee and Rolls

Monday, December 29

- Noon **Bulletin Deadline for 1/04/2026**
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Hall

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 9:15 AM **MASS**
- **RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

Friday, January 2

- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY**
- **RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

Saturday, January 3

- 4:15 PM **RECONCILIATION** - Church
- 5:00 PM **MASS**— Church

Sunday, January 4

- 9:00 AM **MASS**
- 10:00 AM **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN MEETING** - Parish Activity Center
- **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS**
- **NO COFFEE AND ROLLS**

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THANK YOU FROM THE JAIL MINISTRY

Thank-you for the stamped Christmas cards for the inmates at the Kalamazoo County jail. The cards brighten the lives of the inmates and those who receive the cards. There were enough cards that they were shared with the inmates at several other county jails.

Blessings this Holiday Season

Sr. Mary Pung CSJ

ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Class Schedule:

December 28 NO Classes Meet
 January 4
 10:00 am **NO CLASSES MEET**
 Catechists and Volunteers' Meeting
 January 11 Rel Ed Classes Resume

ST AMBROSE FOODLIFT NEEDS

EVERY DAY:

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| Boxed Potatoes | Kleenex |
| Cake Mixes & Frosting | Laundry Soap |
| Canned Chicken or Tuna | Mac & Cheese |
| Canned Corn, Peas, Carrots | Canned Fruit |
| Noodles, Spaghetti, Pasta | Canned Pasta Meals |
| Peanut Butter | Paper Towels |
| Paper Bags, no handles | Jelly |
| Cereal | Soup |
| Crackers - Saltine, Graham | Tooth Paste |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Dish Soap |
| Instant Coffee | Toilet Paper |
| Pasta Meals - Rice-A-Roni | Cooking Oil |



DELIVERY DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026

THANK YOU

To all who donated for the youth group projects. At the meeting in addition to many fun activities, the teens worked to fill small carry bags with a drink, snack, hand warmers and emergency blanket and a prayer! They will keep these bags in their family car to hand out when they see someone in need. The winter clothing will be distributed through other means and thanks to you many will not only feel physically warmer, but you've also warmed their hearts.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me;
 Matthew 25:35-36



JUST A REMINDER

The Masses are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers and Gift Bearers. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. When you come to Mass, please check to see if Liturgical Ministers are needed. Thank you for all you do!

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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PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

- _____ I would like to enroll as an active member.
- _____ 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:
- _____ 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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