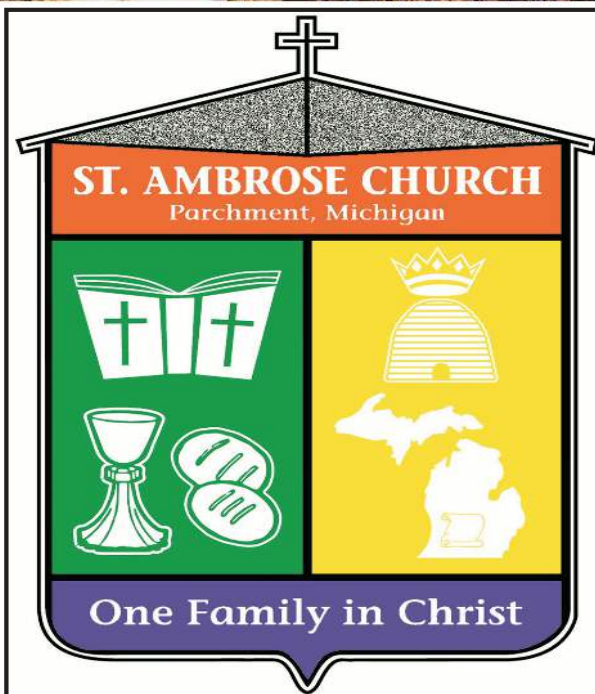




Mission Statement

**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.**

**1628 East G Avenue
Parchment, Michigan 49004**

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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Fax.....(269) 385-2527
PrayerLine.....Rectory (269) 385-4152
Prayer Line—Marilyn Thornburg.....(269) 501-9226

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

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**

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Senior Priest in Residence
msgr.hazard@gmail.com**

Chaplain for Beacon Kalamazoo Hospital

Pastoral Staff

Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper,
Safe Environment Coordinator
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.*

1st Sunday of Lent

2/22/2026

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 2/21** 5:00 p.m. † **James S. O'Leary**
Req. by Marilyn Thornburg
- Sunday 2/22** 9:00 a.m. † **Maria Vanderploeg**
Req. by Patrick McNally
- 11:15 a.m. † **Kim Noteboom**
Req. by Don and Ann Davis
- † **Norberta "Bert" Renaud**
Req. by Bob Renaud
- Friday 2/27** 9:15 a.m. † **Norberta "Bert" Renaud**
Req by Bob Renaud
- Saturday 2/28** 5:00 p.m. † **Jack Shorey**
Req. by John and Sue Shorey
- Sunday 3/1** 9:00 a.m. † **Ann Martin**
Req. by the Martin Family
- 11:15 a.m. † **Barabara 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

** A new calendar has been started with a number of openings for Mass requests. Please call the Rectory Office. **Thank you.**



St. Ambrose
Scripture Study
On Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Parish Activity Center Hall



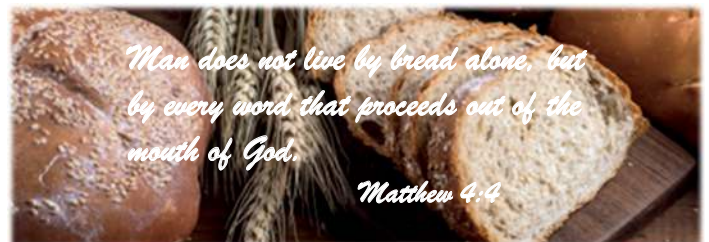
MASS
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Benediction

Friday at 9:15 AM in the Church.
We invite you to start your weekend off by
spending some time with our Lord.

Scripture Readings

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026

- Sunday** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12,
17-19; Mt 4:1-11
- Monday** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Youth Group Meeting
Join us!

Parish Activity Center

5:00-7:00pm

Sunday , February 22, 2026



ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Class Schedule:

- | | | |
|----------|----|---------------------|
| February | 22 | Rel Ed Classes Meet |
| March | 1 | Rel Ed Classes Meet |
| March | 8 | Rel Ed Classes Meet |

See you in class!

The Religious Education Program is in **need of**
adults willing to assist in the classroom as
aides and substitutes. Please contact Sara Orr for
more information.

2/22/2026

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Recently, Jerry and Trish were in southern Michigan for a few days to visit relatives and attend an event in the Detroit area. We had supper together and they showed me photos of their family now. Little Guy is about 6-feet tall! And, even making adjustment for some grandparental pride, the young man *is* a wonder: smart; even “wise,” in a way; a good athlete; and a thoughtful human being, kind and generous.

I'm really happy to hear how "Little Guy" is turning out. God-willing, he's far from finished, far from the mature adulthood we want to see him achieve, with a good deal of wisdom still to be discovered.

I hope his good grandparents will be able to show him what it means to appreciate the gifts God has given him, and to use them for the benefit of "community." I mean: not just for his own advancement, his own supposed benefit, but for the building-up of his family, his circle of friends, his various schools and eventual places of worship and work and recreation.

And I hope that each of us may give some of our Lenten prayer—some “thinking in the presence of God”—to that: **How can I better use my gifts (of whatever sort) for building-up the communities I belong to?**

Happy, wholesome Lent to us all!

Msgr. Mike with Fr. Albert



February 22nd First Sunday of Lent

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possession? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Suzann Albright

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

February 15, 2026

Sunday Collection.....\$5,367.00

Ash Wed/Shepherd Cntr.... \$385.00

Mass Stipend.....\$160.00

Priest Retirement Fund.....\$25.00

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OCIA Update

Today at the 9 a.m. Mass St. Ambrose Parish will send the catechumen and the candidate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Lohse. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and examples. They now begin their final period of preparation and purification leading to their initiation into the Catholic Church. Please pray for Rex Siskaninetz and Russell Lauer as they continue their journey of faith in preparation for the Paschal Sacraments.

Caring Network

A pro-life program for women, children, and their families

Needed Items

Boys and girls pajamas - sizes 12 mos to 5T
Girls pants - size 3T - 5T
Girls tops - size 3T - 5T
Boys pants - size 4T
Diapers - sizes 4-7
Pull Ups 2T-6T
Toddler Socks
Toddler size toothbrushes, Children's toothpaste
Children's body wash
Baby food, formula
Strollers, High Chairs, Pack 'n Plays
Front carriers, Wraps (for moms/dads to wear babies, not swaddles)
Toddler cups
Baby wipes, bottle nipples, 0-6 pacifiers
outlet covers, locks for cupboard
Adult Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash
Games for school-age children, manipulative toys for toddlers, board books, coloring books

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WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 22

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 10:00AM **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- COFFEE AND ROLLS**
- OCIA MEETING - Room 2 PAC**
- 11:15 AM **MASS**— Church
- 5:00 PM **Youth Group Mtg**—PAC Hall

Monday, February 23

- Noon **Bulletin Deadline for 3/1/2026**
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Hall

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, February 26

- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**
- 7:00 PM **Easter Choir**

Friday, February 27

- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY**
- 6:30 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 AM **MASS**
- 10:00 AM **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS**
- COFFEE AND ROLLS**
- OCIA MEETING - Room 2**
- 11:15 AM **MASS**

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS for persons with disabilities

Creative Connections gatherings for persons with disabilities take place **virtually over Zoom at 1 p.m.**

During these gatherings, we embrace one another in fellowship by spending time catching up with each other, reflecting on Sunday's scripture passage and praying together.

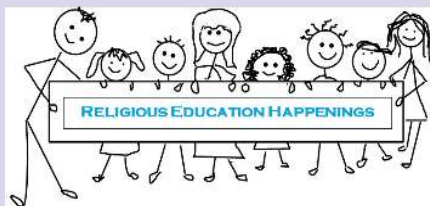
2026 Gatherings:

February 15
May 17
September 27
December 13

Zoom links will be sent out the week prior to the gathering. Please **RSVP** with the QR code below, or contact Veronica Rodriguez for more information



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Look out for a new column starting in the bulletin this week that will be highlighting what's happening in students' religious education classes.

Caregiver 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)

2026 Dates:

February 1	August 2
March 1	September 13
April 12	October 4
May 3	November 1
June 7	December 6
July 12	

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AND OTHER CAREGIVERS FOR REFLECTION AND SUPPORT

Zoom links will be sent out the week prior to the gathering. Please **RSVP** with the QR code below, or contact Veronica Rodriguez for more information



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Why should wisdom and reason matter to a Catholic? Isn't faith about feelings and one's relationship with God? Does anyone listen to reason anyway? This course titled *From Wonder to Wisdom: Why Philosophy Matters to a Catholic* from the Sacred Heart Major Seminary emphasizes that human beings are rational creatures-that we are meant to think and are unhappy if we don't. Starting with our experiences of the world, our inner lives, and current culture, the course shows how great ideas of the Catholic philosophical Tradition explain these experiences. Moreover, it argues that philosophy supports, communicates, and defends the mysteries of faith.

The **6-module course** with Dr. Elizabeth Salas will be conducted Entirely online, allowing you to freely engage with the material and complete course tasks around your own schedule between **Sunday February 15-Saturday March 28, 2026** Learn more and Register at <https://www.shms.edu/> Click Free Courses at the bottom

The Presence Youth Weekend February 27-March 1st At Camp Geneva in Holland, Michigan



Open to Highschool students

**For more information
or to register go to**

thepresencekalamazoo.com

ST AMBROSE FOODLIFT NEEDS

EVERY DAY:

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



**Next Delivery Date: March 20, 2026
This will be the Easter Delivery**

April 17	May 15	June 15
July 17	August 21	September 18
October 16	November 13	December 11

Easter Choir

We are rehearsing for Holy Week liturgies and Easter on **Thursday evenings** at 7:00 in the music area of the church. All parishioners 9th grade through adulthood are invited to join us for these very special liturgies of the church year. Rehearsals last about an hour so it's important to be there on time. If you have any questions please see Beth or any choir member after mass.



Hope you can join us!!!



What's Happening in Religious Education

Read to Feed



This Lent St. Ambrose Confirmation students will be participating in the "Read to Feed" program raising funds for the Heifer Organization. They are challenged to read all 16 chapters in the Gospel of Mark as well as the first 2 in the Acts of the Apostles. They will be earning \$1 for each chapter read for a class total of \$210. The Heifer Organization works to end poverty by empowering farmers to earn a living income.

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 _____

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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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