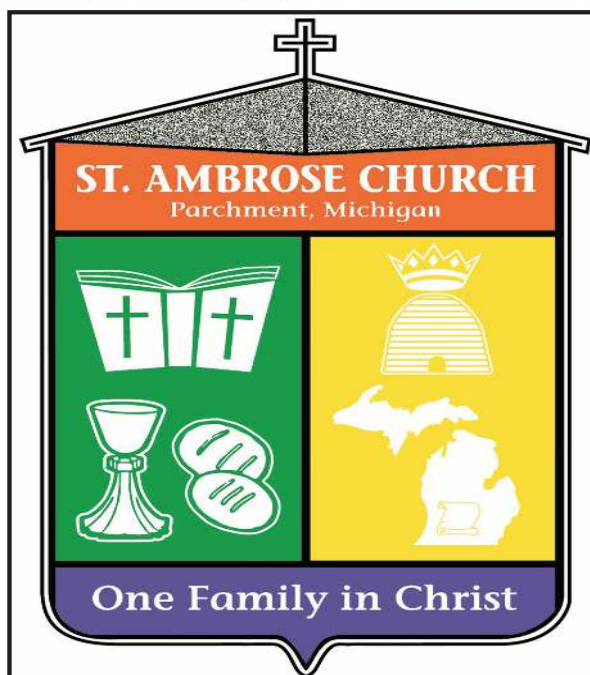


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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Monday through Friday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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*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

**Monsignor Michael Hazard,
Senior Priest in Residence**
msgr.hazard@gmail.com

Chaplain for Beacon Kalamazoo Hospital

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Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper,
Safe Environment Coordinator

Beth McElhone, Director of Music Ministry

Colleen Heacock, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults) and Bulletin Editor

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 Ascension of the Lord 5/17/2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday 5/15 † **Norberta "Bert" Renaud**
Req. By Bob Renaud

Saturday 5/16
5:00 p.m. † **Ken Oosterbann**
Req. by Marilyn Thornburg

Sunday 5/17
9:00 a.m. **The First Communicants**

11:15 a.m. † **Barbara Dumm**
Req. by Zion & Patrick Doran

Friday 5/22
9:15 a.m. **Helen Flynn**
Req. by Ann Marie James

Saturday 5/23
5:00 p.m. † **John King**
Req. by Carol King & Harper King

Sunday 5/24
9:00 a.m. **For All Who Are Graduating**

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.**

Please remember in your prayers the family of **Lee Foldenauer**, father of Scott Foldenauer, who has died recently.



Job Posting - Administrative Assistant

St. Ambrose Parish is seeking a motivated & positive individual to serve as the welcoming face of the parish to callers and visitors. This part-time, hourly position (30 hours a week) requires the ability to perform secretarial tasks in a cooperative and confidential manner. For more information go to the St. Ambrose website (www.stambroseparchment.com) or the Diocesan website (<https://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org>). Applications are due by JUNE 30, 2026 and can be directed to Fr Albert at Stambroseparchment@gmail.com

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday May 31st

5:00—7:00

Dinner Provided

Lots of fun activities in store
(be prepared to get wet!)

as well as planning for the parade float.

RSVP on Parish Website Ministries ➡ Youth



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The Ascension of the Lord – Year A

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the beautiful mystery of the Ascension of the Lord. Having completed His earthly mission of redemption, Jesus returns to the Father in glory. As we profess in the Creed, He "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty." Yet the Ascension is not only about Jesus going to the Father, it is also about the hope held out for each one of us. Where Christ has gone, we are called and invited to follow.

The Ascension is not the end of Jesus' mission, but the beginning of the Church's mission. Before ascending, Jesus entrusts His disciples with a sacred calling: "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.*" This mission belongs not only to the apostles, but to all of us. Through our words, our kindness, our faith, and our daily witness, we are called to share the love and hope of Christ with the world around us.

And we do not do this alone. Jesus assures us with these comforting words: "*I am with you always.*" His presence remains alive among us: ***in the Eucharist, in His Word, in the life of the Church, and in one another.*** Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, He continues to guide, strengthen, and walk with His people each day.



This weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, several of our children will celebrate their First Holy Communion: *Samantha Radant, Madeline Bivins, Dylan Bornhorst, Jacob Davis, Tristan Avila, and Kiernan Cousino.* Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. May this sacred day deepen their love for Christ and fill their hearts with lasting joy and faith.

As we celebrate the Ascension, may we keep our hearts fixed on heaven while faithfully carrying out the mission Christ has entrusted to us here on earth. May we always trust in His promise to remain with us, guiding us every step of the way.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.
Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

May 3

Sunday Collection	\$6,608.17
Solidarity Fund of Lodwar	\$100.00
Sister Parsh	\$75.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$275.00

May 10

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,421.25
Catholic Relief Services	\$70.00
Solidarity Fund of Lodwar	\$35.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$60.00



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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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Canned Fruit
Spaghetti, Pasta, Sauce
Canned Pasta Meals
Pasta Meals -
Rice-A-Roni
Peanut Butter
Jelly
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Cereal
Soup
Cooking Oil



Crackers - Saltine, Graham
Instant Coffee
Toilet Paper
Dish Soap Tooth Paste

Paper Bags, no handles

Next Delivery Date:

May 17
June 21
July 19
August 23
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 13

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 17 ASCENSION SUNDAY

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

Monday, May 18

- Noon Bulletin Deadline for 5/24/2026
- 4:30 PM HALL IN USE—KINDLEBERGER ARTS FESTIVAL PLAY PRACTICE
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Room 5

Tuesday, May 19

- HALL IN USE—KINDLEBERGER ARTS FESTIVAL PLAY PRACTICE
- 7:00 PM **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** —Room 5

Wednesday, May 20

- 4:30 PM HALL IN USE—KINDLEBERGER ARTS FESTIVAL PLAY PRACTICE

Thursday, May 21

- 4:30 PM HALL IN USE—KINDLEBERGER ARTS FESTIVAL PLAY PRACTICE
- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE** in Church

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Monday, May 25

MEMORIAL DAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Congratulations to all 2026 Graduates!



COMMUNITY NEWS



WANTED

The St. Ambrose Youth Group will be participating in the Kindleberger parade in July. We are looking to borrow a flatbed trailer to use as a float. If anyone has one that they are willing to let the YG use for the parade, please contact Colleen Heacock @ (248) 779-9255



Save the date!

The **2026 St Ambrose Golf Classic** is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th, beginning at 9 a.m. at Eastern Hills Golf Course. Make plans to get your foursome together for this fun event. Further information will be coming in future bulletins.



Next Youth Group Meeting
Sunday May 31st
5:00-7:00



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WELCOME to Your Parish!

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or
simply have questions about our parish, please fill out
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mail it to the Church Office: 1628 East G Avenue,
Parchment, MI 49004

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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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
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_____ I would like information about the Diaconal
Formation Program.



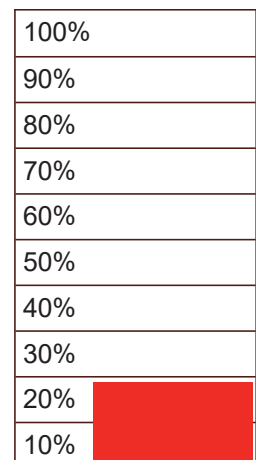
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- Make your online donation via credit card or EFT on the Diocese's website, which can be accessed easily by scanning the QR code.
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