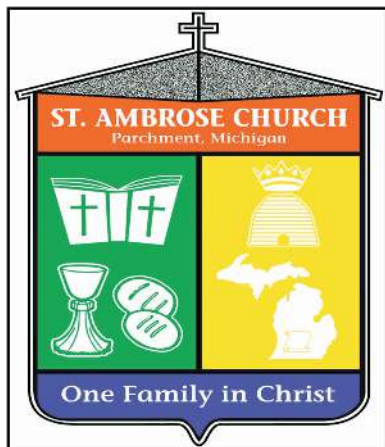


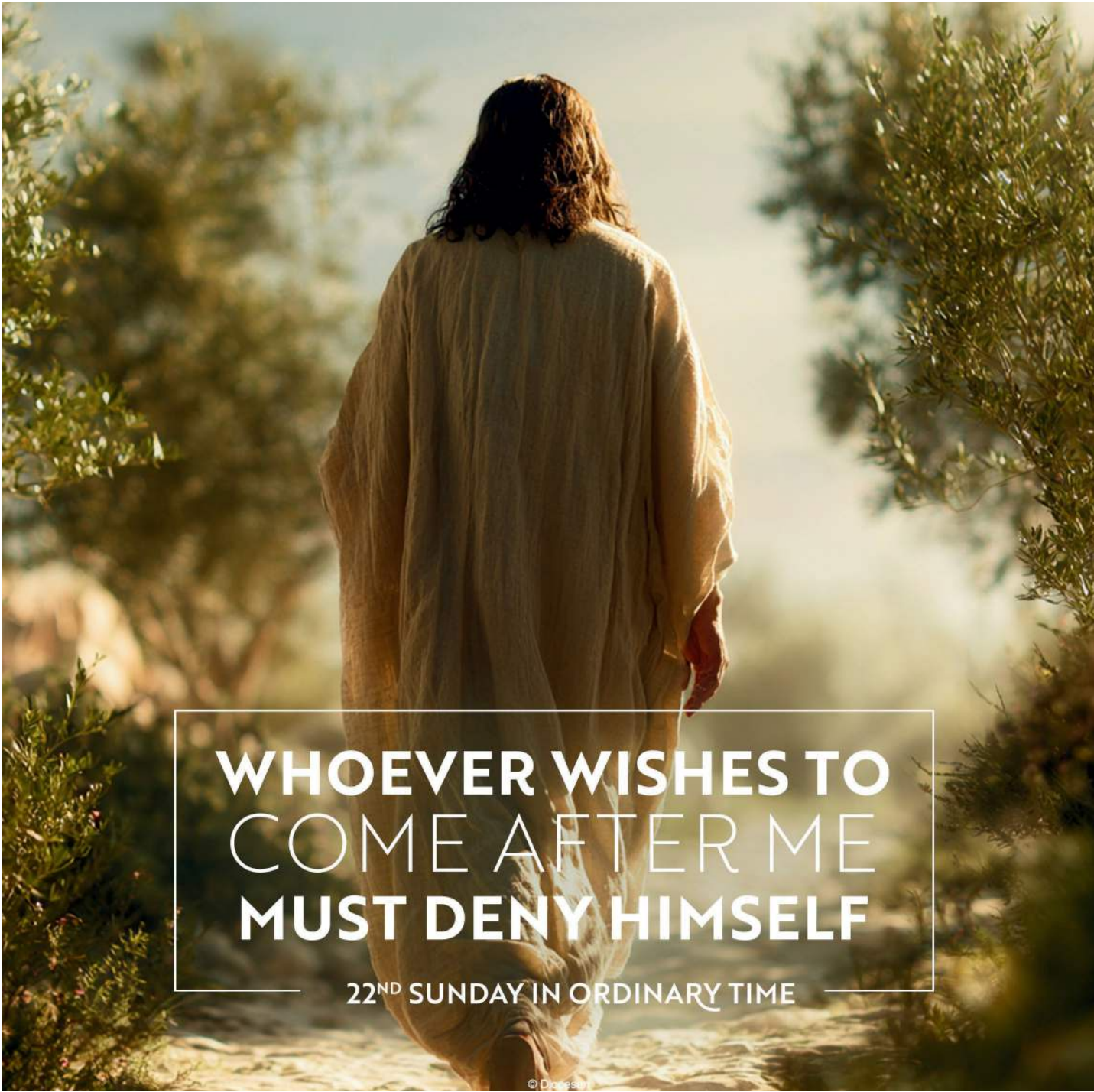


St. Ambrose Catholic Church

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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.



**WHOEVER WISHES TO
COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF**

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8/30/2026

Parish Directory

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Schedule of Masses

Friday 9:15 AM

Saturday Evening.....5:00 PM

*(Live Streamed on our website at

<https://www.stambroseparchment.com> or on Facebook)

You can also subscribe to us on YouTube

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

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to marriage.

To arrange either a Baptism or Marriage call the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Friday 8/28

9:15 a.m.

† Norberta "Bert" Renauld

Req. by Bob Renauld

Saturday 8/29

5:00 p.m.

Viola Willson

Req. by Chris and Dan Willson

Sunday 8/30

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Harkenrider

Req. by Dave and Eileen Rutten

† Larry and Beverly Janssen

Req. by Janssen Family

11:15 a.m.

† Marja Wisser

Req. by Suzanne Glenn

Friday 9/4

9:15 a.m.

† Ed Harkenrider

Req. by David and Eileen Rutten

Saturday 9/5

5:00 p.m.

† Patricia and †James Locey

Req. by Chris and Dan Willson

Sunday 9/6

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Harkenrider

Req. by David and Eileen Rutten

11:15 a.m.

†In Remembrance of Paul "Pink"
and Helen Noteboom Wedding
Anniversary

Req. by Don and Ann Davis

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: Mary Thank you.

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

-Suzann Albright

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**.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 30, 2026

Sunday Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2,
3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom
12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:
97,98, 99, 100, 101,
102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps
145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-
13ab,13cd-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps33:
12-13, 14-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:
1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-
4,5-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps
145:17-18, 19-20,21;
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2,
6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-
10;Mt 18:15-20



The Clergy Connection



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Beloved Parishioners,

There's sort of a tangle of challenging, even scary thoughts in this Sunday's Scripture readings—at least if you take the Word seriously.

When St. Paul writes to the members of the Church at Rome, "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship," Think of St. Lawrence, a deacon who died on a grill. Thank God nothing like that has ever come close to you. But Paul's words are still intended for us. Make a living sacrifice of your life. Make your life an offering to God, by "giving up" the selfish actions that make life miserable for others, by kicking out the nasty, unkind thoughts that sometimes come into your heart or into your head, by living in a God-like way.

How to do that?

Paul continues, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." We all know some of the teaching of Jesus. "Love God with all your heart and mind and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself." He said, If you're heading to the temple to offer a sacrifice and you remember that your brothers has something against you: leave your offering, go first and be reconciled to your brother and then, return and offer your sacrifice with a clean conscience. We have seen Jesus stick his neck out to save an adulterous woman from some men who were sinners, themselves. And we have heard Jesus ask forgiveness for those who were applying the tortures of his crucifixion. But the world we live in does not lean toward mercy—on the contrary in some circles people respond with a throaty "Let him have it!" when one of us Christians lets vengefulness guide us, instead of mercy. But God's way is mercy, forgiveness, patience love.

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. That's shocking—to Peter and the other apostles, and to us, if we can allow ourselves to hear it. But here's the scary part: "Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.'"

Follow me and suffer. Follow me and be killed. Follow Jesus through whatever discomfort, and through whatever pain is associated with rejecting the ways of the world that Jesus rejects. He saw that we were creating for others and for ourselves a world without truth, without decency, without compassion; and he stretched out his arms to embrace the whole human race—and was nailed to the cross.

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Follow me and be raised to a better life here and now—and to the BEST LIFE beyond the sacrifice of our own natural tendency toward selfishness.

What are we unwilling to sacrifice for the One who laid down his life for us?

May God keep us in his care.

Msgr. Mike and Fr. Albert

St. Ambrose Food LIFT Needs

Every Day	Cooking Oil
Boxed Potatoes	Toilet Paper
Cakes Mixes & Frosting	Dish Soap
Canned Chicken or Tuna	Toothpaste
Mac & Cheese	Laundry Soap
Spaghetti, Canned	Kleenex
Pasta	Paper Bags with or without handles
Pasta Sauce	
Pasta Meals, Rice-A-Roni	<u>Delivery Dates</u>
Peanut Butter	September 20
Jelly Cereal	October 18
Soup	November 15
Crackers, Saltine, Graham	December 13
Instant Coffee	

PARISH PICNIC TODAY!

Come on out after the 11:15 Mass

BRING A FRIEND,
EVERYBODY WELCOME!



Classes begin September 20th

Have you registered your child for Religious Education classes yet?

Now's the time!

Register on our parish website or pick up a form in the vestibule of the church or the parish office.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 AM Mass –Church
- 11:15 AM Mass— Church
- 12:15 PM **PARISH PICNIC!**

Monday, August 31

- Noon Bulletin Deadline for 9/6/2026
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study -SAPAC Room 5

Tuesday, September 1

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous –Room 5

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:00 PM Corvette Club

Thursday, September 3

- 6:00 PM Choir Practice in Church

Friday, September 4

- 9:15 AM MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY
- **Noon Bulletin, Early Deadline for 9/12/2026**

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

On behalf of the Office of Vocations,
young men ages 13 - 20 are invited to the
Central Deanery

ST. ANDREW DINNER

Wednesday, September 9th
6:00 to 8:00 PM

St. Monica Parish
4408 S Westnedge Ave
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Join us for dinner, a presentation by His
Excellency Bishop Lohse, and adoration.

Please RSVP using this QR code.



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MIRIAM BRUNCH

Saturday, September 12th
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

St. Monica Parish
4408 S Westnedge Ave
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_____ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

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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.

Blessing for Teachers, Staff and Students as They Return to School

Lord, as this new year begins grant teachers and staff
with patience, wisdom and joy in their roles
that remain with them throughout the year.

May students come with curious and open minds,
eager hearts and a sense of security.

Free them all from anxiety and gift them with friendship.

Protect them from harm in body, mind and spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



?????? QUESTIONS? ??????

Are you curious about the Catholic faith?
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ocia@stambrosecc.org or (248) 770-9255

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