



Saint Ambrose Church

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Dear Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each year our parish family is invited to participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and I would like to personally encourage you to prayerfully consider taking part in this year's appeal.

The 2026 theme, "**Bringing People to Jesus, Planting Seeds of Hope,**" beautifully reflects what we witness every day in the life of our Church. Whenever a child is baptized, a young person receives the Eucharist for the first time, a couple celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage, or someone returns to the Church after many years away, we see those **seeds of hope taking root and growing**.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries throughout the Diocese of Kalamazoo. These include the formation and education of our seminarians, the life-saving and compassionate services provided through Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, and many essential resources that assist our parishes through the dedicated work of our diocesan staff. Through this appeal, we help ensure that the Church continues to share the love, mercy, and hope of Christ with people across our diocese.

The appeal also provides a meaningful opportunity to support the mission of our own parish. Once our parish reaches its assigned goal, any additional gifts are returned directly to **St. Ambrose Parish** to assist with local ministries and needs here in our Parish community. Your participation therefore strengthens both the mission of our Diocesan Church and the life of our parish family.

In the coming weeks, the diocese will mail an informational brochure and pledge card to your home. I invite you to take a few moments to reflect on the many blessings God has given you and to consider making a gift that expresses your gratitude and your commitment to the mission of the Church.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. Our parish goal for the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal is **\$67,294**, and with the generosity and faith of our parish family, I am confident we can reach—and even exceed—this goal.

Thank you for your continued faith, generosity, and love for our parish and for the Church. Please know of my gratitude and my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Albert Kemboi VF
Pastor

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