



# Happy Father's Day

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

3516 E. Monroe Rd.  
Midland, MI 48642-8824

June 21, 2026

### Weekend Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m.

**Exposition/Reconciliation:**  
Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Mass from Assumption** is LIVE streamed at our SUNDAY Mass, so keep an eye out for our Flocknote; you can also check out our Facebook page and website for a link.

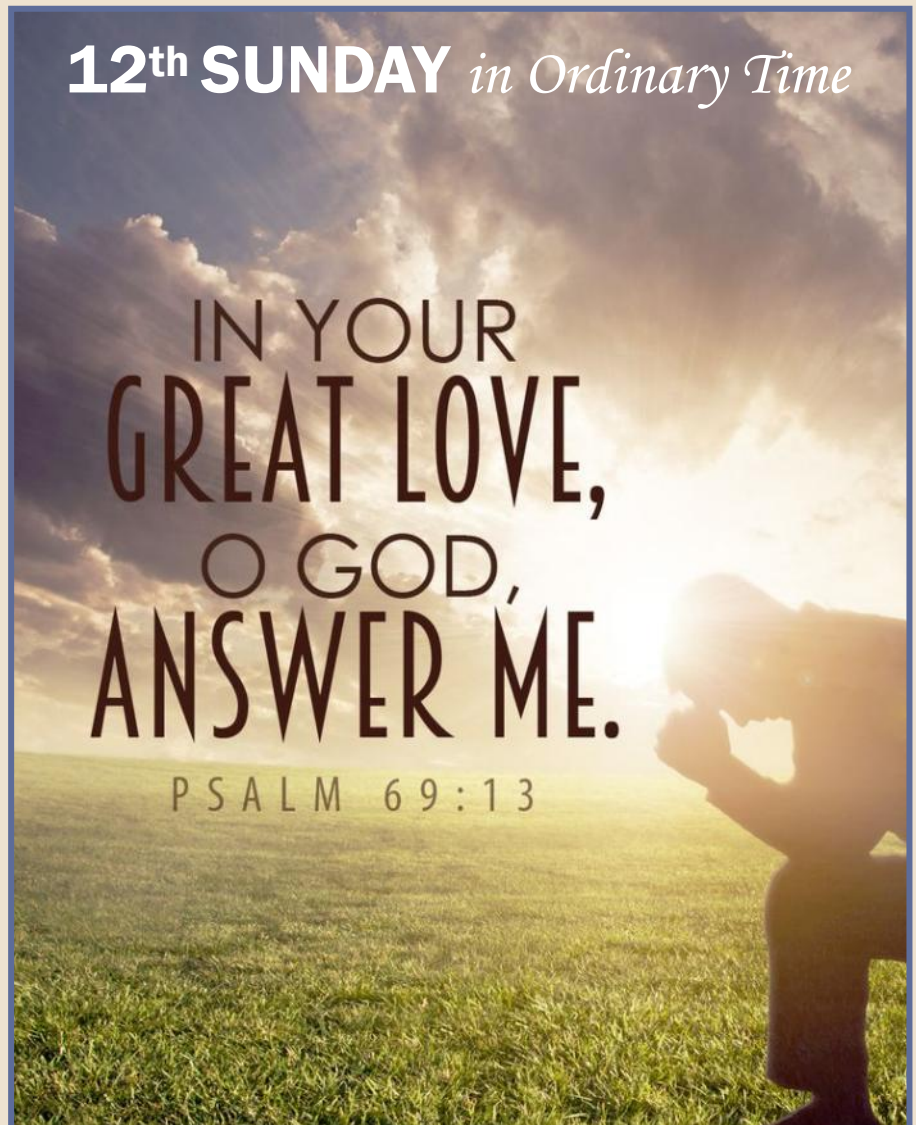
See inside the bulletin for the weekday schedule of worship service.

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#### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to surgeries, hospitalizations, or because of health concerns are asked to please contact the parish office. Otherwise, please notify the parish office if you or a family member is ill, homebound or hospitalized.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

noon on Monday, June 22 for the June 28th bulletin  
noon on Thursday, June 25 for the July 5th bulletin

## From our Director of Parish Life



*"The bishop as God's steward must be blameless. He may not be self-willed or arrogant, a drunkard, a violent or greedy man. He should, on the contrary, be hospitable and a lover of goodness; steady, just, holy, and self-controlled. In his teaching he must hold fast to the authentic message, so that he will be able to both encourage all to follow sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it." Titus 1:7-9*

As we continue to reflect upon the documents of Vatican II at the beginning of the Year of the Holy Spirit, this week we explore *The Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church* (also known by its Latin title *Christus Dominus*). This Decree is best considered in light of Chapter III ("The Church is Hierarchical") of *The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* which we read a few weeks ago.

The office of bishop was established by Jesus when he gave his apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent them out on mission to the ends of the earth to spread the Kingdom of God. (John 20:21-22, Acts 1:2,8) This ministry continues through the bishops of our times through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. "The bishops have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor." (Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishop in the Church, no. 2) So for us, Bishop Gruss is our connection to the apostles' mission and authority, which was given to them by Christ.

Bishops are usually assigned a prescribed section of the People of God over which they minister. These have come to be known over time as *dioceses*. In his own diocese, **the bishop has the primary office of teaching, leading, and sanctifying the faithful.** At our baptism, we are all anointed in Jesus the Priest, Prophet, and King. However, when bishops receive the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders "through the words of consecration, the grace of the Holy Spirit . . . a sacred character is impressed in such wise that bishops, in a resplendent and visible manner, take the place of Christ himself, teacher, shepherd, and priest, and act as his representatives." (Constitution on the Church, no. 21) Therefore, the mission of preaching and catechesis, of church governance, and of facilitating the spiritual, liturgical, and sacramental life of the local church is first of all the responsibility of the diocesan bishop.

To assist bishops in carrying out this great responsibility, they have the assistance of cooperators in their pastoral ministry. In every diocese, a bishop's main cooperators are the priests and deacons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders in order to minister and serve God's people. In some larger

dioceses, auxiliary bishops are ordained to help the (arch)bishop pastor a large (arch)diocese. The bishop also has a *curia* office. In the Saginaw Diocese, Fr. Bill Rutkowski serves the bishop administratively as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and Fr. Alberto Vargas serves as Judicial Vicar and Chancellor, overseeing the application of the Church's canon law. The diocese also has many offices that guide the ministries of the local church, with many priests, religious, and lay people employed to enact the bishop's vision for the diocese and to assist and train parishes for their pastoral work. Furthermore, we are fortunate in the Diocese of Saginaw to have Lay Ecclesial Ministers who have received excellent formation and are commissioned by the bishop to serve the Diocese of Saginaw and its parishes, a number of whom serve here at Assumption Parish. These ministries are supported financially by the annual Christ's Mission Appeal.

Bishops are not just ordained for ministry within their own diocese, but also to serve the common good of the entire Church. "It is often impossible, nowadays especially, for bishops to exercise their office suitably and fruitfully unless they establish closer understanding and cooperation with other bishops . . . it would be in the highest degree helpful if in all parts of the world the bishops of each country or region would meet regularly, so that by sharing their wisdom and experience and exchanging views they may jointly formulate a program for the common good of the church." (Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishop in the Church, no. 37) While each bishop has a responsibility and authority over his own diocese, **all of the bishops together comprise a college of bishops**, who share a responsibility for the entire Church, under the leadership of the Pope. This collegiality is primarily seen in an ecumenical council, such as Vatican II, where all the bishops of the world are convened to give direction to the Church or to answer disputed questions. The college of bishops also meets periodically for various synods to assist the Pope in discerning the direction of Church's various pastoral initiatives. On the national level, bishops minister collegially through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). One recent act of collegiality was the bishop's consecration of our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Closer to

home, we also have the Michigan Catholic Conference ([www.micatholic.org](http://www.micatholic.org)). The MCC helps the parishes of the State of Michigan with coordination of insurance and employee benefits, among other services. It also has an advocacy arm that serves as the voice of the bishops of Michigan to legislators in Lansing, while also informing Catholics to the latest news of interest from the capitol. I highly recommend signing up for MCC Catholic Advocacy Network on their main webpage.

As you can see, the office of bishop carries great responsibilities. I encourage all of us to keep Bishop Gruss in our daily prayers. Since **a great part of a bishop's role to foster unity within his diocese, throughout the Church universal, and among all people;** we will continue as a parish to listen to his guidance, implementing his diocesan pastoral plan inviting us to be a **Diocese on Mission**: supporting our priests and fostering vocations; forming intentional disciples to be sent on mission; and going forth to invite all people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus in our community of faith.

This upcoming week, we will conclude our reflections on the question "Who are we as a Church?" by reading the Vatican II document *The Decree on the Up-To-Date Renewal of Religious Life* (also known by its Latin title *Perfectae Caritatis*). It can be found on the Vatican website by doing an internet search for either title. There is also a link to this document in this past Friday's parish Flocknote email.

*John*

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."**

— Matthew 10:32

How do others know that you are Catholic by observing your words and actions? Do you share your faith with others when situations present themselves? Pray to be a better witness to God and his Church through your interactions with others.

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
<b>MON, June 22</b> 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5	
<b>TUES, June 23</b> 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14	<b>8:00a Mass</b> <b>8:30a Rosary</b>
<b>WED, June 24</b> Jer 1:4-10 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17	<b>6:30p Word &amp; Communion</b> <i>Followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation</i>
<b>THUR, June 25</b> 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29	<b>8:00a Mass</b> <b>8:30a Rosary</b>
<b>FRI, June 26</b> 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4	<b>8:00a Word &amp; Communion</b> <b>8:30a Rosary</b>
<b>SAT, June 27</b> Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17	<b>4:30p Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUN, June 28</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rm 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42	<b>9:30a Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>



Painting of St. Joseph with Jesus by "Adum" (1907) in the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Rožňava, Slovakia.

**V is for Vocation: Fatherhood**  
We give thanks for the fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and spiritual fathers in our lives, and pray for them and for all those who have sought fatherhood.

*Lord God, we pray that expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life. We pray that expectant fathers find courage in the example of St. Joseph, as they prepare to love, protect, and provide for their child. We pray that all priests, through the intercession of St. Joseph, will be filled with the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We pray that the Lord will grant peace and comfort to all married couples struggling to have a child. We pray for all those longing to welcome a child through adoption; may the Lord guide their journey and grant them peace along the way. We pray that fathers who mourn the loss of a child will find peace and consolation in the heart of God the Father. Amen. (adapted from USCCB).*

## MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK UPDATE!



### Wednesday, July 22nd

**WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

Distribution of food will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd; volunteers are needed from 8 am

til 12 noon; lunch will be provided. Please call the office at 989-631-4447 for any questions or to sign-up.

## PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES

Those coming for the assistance that our Mobile Food Truck offers are often also in need of personal care products, something that the Food Truck does not provide.

*We will be collecting the following items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body and hand soap, hand sanitizer.*

**The big bin in the gathering space will be available to accept your donations July 4/5 and July 11/12 (please do not bring earlier as we will be collecting for our monthly food pantry June 27/28).**

**There will also be an opportunity to offer a monetary donation as well.**



## FOOD PANTRY

*Our next collection for Food Pantry will be June 27/28. Be sure to pick up a blue bag from the gathering space to collect your food donations and bring it back next weekend.*



Dear Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Staff and volunteers,  
Thank you for the donation for the Food Pantry. We have been able to serve many families and continue to do so. Thanks to your help.  
Many thanks again! Greater Midland North Family Center Staff

## ~ This Week ~

**Sunday, June 21**  
**9:30 am Mass**  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



**Monday, June 22**  
10:00 am Stitch and Chat  
6:30 pm Catholic Discipleship  
Small Groups

**Tuesday, June 23**  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary  
3:15 pm Millions of Monicas

**Wednesday, June 24**  
6:30 pm Word & Communion  
*followed by Exposition*  
7:15-8:15, no Reconciliation

**Thursday, June 25**  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary

**Friday, June 26**  
8:00 am Word & Communion  
8:30 am Rosary

**Saturday, June 27**  
**4:30 pm Mass**  
**FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND**

**Sunday, June 28**  
**9:30 am Mass**  
**FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND**



## BeFriender Ministry



*A Listening Presence*

BeFriender Ministers are specially trained to provide companionship, prayer, and a confidential listening presence to parish members that are unable to attend Mass due to life circumstances.

If you or someone you know is homebound, temporarily or permanently, please contact the parish office at 989-631-4447 for more information & request a visit. *There are also printed request forms at the gathering circle.*

## Marriage Preparation Workshops

Are you or someone you know preparing for the sacrament of Marriage? The workshops feature presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private discussion, and prayer. The cost of these workshops is \$90. The workshops are held at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Upcoming dates:

**Sat, July 18 or Sat, Oct 17**

*If you have any questions and to register, please contact Kelly Hadd at 989.797.6655.*

## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### CHILDREN

If you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Wendy Graveline at [cff@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:cff@assumptionmidland.org)



### YOUTH MINISTRY

YM has wrapped up for the year. Watch your email and the bulletin for spring/summer YM news & events!

Middle School and High School YM meet on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament from 6-8 pm starting 9/27/26

Confirmation Prep will meet on Tuesday evenings at Assumption from 6:00-8 pm starting in October.

July 22 Mobile Food Truck-volunteers needed!  
Aug. 20 Save the Date-MS Back to School Bash @ Valley Lanes

*Have questions about YM or events, please contact: Kathy Russell ([kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:kathyr@assumptionmidland.org))*



*"Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught —it is an invitation to a way of life." - Joe Paprocki*

## Congratulations Class of 2026!



*L to R: Roman DeSantis, Christian Luick, Fr. Rick, Zach Dzurka, Xavier Wisneski*

*Congratulations to all of our Assumption graduates (not pictured): Jensyn Ardouin, Lucas Belej, Samuel Buck, Deira Hillman, Annabelle Howell, Ella Lepley, Sebastian McFarland, Konner Minuth, Avery Nickel, Mackenzie Nickel, Alyssa Rey, Amelia Warner.*

*May the Lord continue to guide you on your journey and bless you with every success, happiness, and hope for the future.*





# Year of the Holy Spirit

One Heart - One Mind

2026 - PENTECOST - 2027

## Upcoming Opportunities

### CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP

Small Group Series at Assumption

**Mondays at 6:30 PM through August 31**

Grow in discipleship during the Year of the Holy Spirit through a summer small group! Each session will offer time for fellowship, prayer, Scripture reflection, and discussion of a weekly theme, from personal encounter to missionary discipleship.

*Preregistration is not required. All are welcome!*



### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ONLINE Bible Study with Fr. Jose Cabrera  
Tuesdays at 7:00 AM through Dec. 2026

Scan the QR Code or go to  
[www.saginaw.org/bible-study-acts-apostles](http://www.saginaw.org/bible-study-acts-apostles)

This is a 30-Week Virtual Bible Study—chapter by chapter—of the entire Book of the Acts of the Apostles with Fr. Jose Cabrera S.T.L. Bib. These classes are part of the + YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT + ONE HEART - ONE MIND + 2026 - PENTECOST - 2027 + declared by Bishop Robert Gruss for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

### MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES

to Explore the Holy Spirit

As part of the Diocese of Saginaw's Year of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Robert Gruss invites the faithful to deepen their understanding of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity through a monthly speaker series beginning in June 2026 and continuing through May 2027.

**All talks are from 6:30-8 pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw**

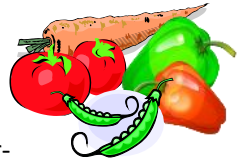
A livestream link will be available for each presentation for those who cannot attend.

**JULY 8—The Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture**  
(Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera)

**AUGUST 12—The Holy Spirit in the Early Church**

### ABVM Parish Garden

Our ABVM community garden is thriving thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers (and the intercession of St. Isidore). Broccoli, beans, tomatoes, carrots, cauliflower, winter squash, cabbage and cucumber plants should, God willing, provide nutritious food for our neighbors who are struggling. As always, any volunteer help is appreciated! *Work days are:*



**Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.**  
(as long as you can stay)

All produce goes to assist those in need. *Any questions? Please call Bernie Link at 989-689-5228.*



### Happy Father's Day

This Sunday is Father's Day. We salute and give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, adoptive fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, spiritual fathers, and father figures who have showed us how to pray, work, laugh, love, and live with faith and integrity. Your service to your families is truly an inspiration!

We also recognize that today can be difficult for those who have lost their father or fathers who have lost a child, those who have been hurt or abandoned by their fathers, or those who are estranged from their fathers, etc. On this Trinity Sunday, we recall that we have a heavenly Father who always keeps his promises. We can count on him in good times and bad times to welcome us into his house and into his embrace. (Luke 15:11-32; 1 John 3:1) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation!" (2 Cor. 1:3)

Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing, with courage stern and grim,  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen,  
Only a dad, but the best of men.

Edgar A. Guest



## Bishop's Golf Outing and Banquet for Seminarian Education and Vocations



Bishop Robert Gruss will host his golf outing and luncheon on Wednesday, July 22nd at Currie Golf Course in Midland.

Banquet and silent auction: Thursday July 23rd at  
The Double Tree by Hilton in Bay City.

Deadline to reserve a seat or table is Wednesday, July 1.

### Golf Outing & Luncheon

Wednesday, July 22, 2026  
\$100 each/\$400 per foursome

Currie Golf Course  
1300 Currie Parkway, Midland, 48640

**Morning** ~ limited to 100 golfers; fills up fast  
7 a.m. ~ Registration and breakfast  
8 a.m. ~ Shotgun start  
12:30 p.m. ~ Luncheon and awards

**Afternoon**  
12:15 p.m. ~ Registration and luncheon  
1:30 p.m. ~ Shotgun start  
Reception and awards following golf

### Banquet & Auction

Thursday, July 23, 2026  
\$75 each/\$560 table of eight

The DoubleTree by Hilton  
One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, 48707

5:30 p.m. ~ Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and  
silent auction  
6:30 p.m. ~ Dinner and program

Guests will enjoy a special program ~ and  
silent auction and raffle items will include a  
wide variety of gifts and experiences that will  
appeal to many tastes and budgets

All proceeds from these events provide for the educational expenses of our current seminarians and nurturing and discernment of new vocations.

To register for either event, contact the diocesan Stewardship and Development Department at 989-797-6693 or email Tammy Heinlein at [theinlein@diosag.org](mailto:theinlein@diosag.org)

## Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund Collection Father's Day Weekend – June 20/21

Our retired diocesan priests continue to impact the lives of thousands of people each year. These men, who have dedicated their lives to the church, have very modest incomes. The Diocese Priests' Retirement Fund helps to support those priests who are currently retired and those who are now serving the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

Gifts to the Priests' Retirement Fund go directly to the priests' pension plan, where it is invested and held in a trust account. The pension plan provides for the monthly pension and medical benefits of the currently retired diocesan priests. The account also funds the retirement of priests who actively serve the diocese now.

Please carefully & prayerfully consider a donation to this fund. Envelopes for this special collection are in your regular envelope packet, you can give online or drop a check in the collection basket with "Priest Retirement" on the memo line.



## MIDLAND AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DIVE IN and make your way out to Dow Diamond on Sunday, July 12th to watch the Great Lakes Loons battle the Dayton Dragons. Enjoy the ball game and listen to our very own MACC Choir sing the National Anthem.

**Sunday, July 12th**  
TIME @ 1:05 PM

### TICKET PRICES

Group Reserved  
Box Tickets in  
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Discounted to  
\$12.50 each

You can buy your tickets online this year at  
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/maccchoir>  
or scan the QR code.

You may also order tickets from Travis Webb at the Loons ticket office at 989-837-6173 or email [twebb@loons.com](mailto:twebb@loons.com).

For any questions, please contact your parish office.  
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**A Prayer For Summer**

For more light in the day, we thank you,  
For gentle mornings, we thank you,  
For nighttime conversations, we thank you,  
For friends and family, we thank you,  
For gardens and all manner of creatures, we thank you.  
Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.  
Help us love this earth.  
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives this day.  
Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest, and create.  
Amen.



I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness.

**Weekend Offerings**

**June 13/14, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes ..... \$3,166  
Online Giving (6/8-6/14) ..... \$2,020  
Donations ..... **\$1,850**  
Weekend Total ..... \$7,036  
Weekly Goal ..... **\$9,231**  
Overage/(Shortfall) ..... **(\$2,195)**

**June 1-14, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes ..... \$8,798  
Online Giving ..... \$6,279  
Donations ..... **\$1,850**  
Total ..... \$16,927  
Goal ..... **\$18,462**  
Overage/(Shortfall) ..... **(\$1,535)**

**THANK YOU** so much for your continued support in getting your contributions into the office.

*Please make out a separate check for the special collections.*



**Online Giving**

It is easy to sign up, just scan the QR code or go to our website at: **AssumptionMary.org** and click donate.

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