



18th SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

August 2, 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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**FIVE LOAVES AND
TWO FISH
ARE ALL WE HAVE HERE**



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, home-bound or hospitalized.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon

From our Director of Parish Life



"We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:2-3

As we have read and reflected upon the documents of Vatican II at the beginning of the Year of the Holy Spirit so far, we have considered the questions "Who are we as a Church?" and "How are we as Catholic Christians related to political authorities and non-Catholics?" This week we will begin to consider a new question "What is our mission as modern Catholics?" by exploring Vatican II's *Constitution on Divine Revelation* (also known by its Latin title *Dei verbum*).

As usual, a little background will help us understand the climate in which the Council addressed the topic of Divine Revelation. Since the Protestant Reformation, this topic was one of the deepest areas of disagreements between Catholics and Protestants. Martin Luther famously declared that Scripture (the Bible) *alone* expressed the sure and unerring revelation of God. In opposition to this, the Catholic Church maintained that Divine Revelation is "contained in the written books, and the unwritten traditions which, received by the Apostles from the mouth of Christ himself, or from the Apostles themselves." As these positions became polemical and hardened, Protestants tended to emphasize the Bible, often to the neglect of the Tradition; and Catholics tended to emphasize the Tradition, often to the neglect of the Bible. Although the official teachings of the Catholic Church never denigrated the Sacred Scriptures and the reading of Scripture has always been an important part of the liturgy (however, the overwhelming emphasis was placed on the Mass as Eucharistic sacrifice and sometimes the Scriptures were only proclaimed in Latin); in practice, lay Catholics in the years before Vatican II were often warned about reading the Bible for themselves lest they misinterpret it, and they were often encouraged to depend on the explanations and homilies of the priest at Mass or on the instruction in "Bible History Class" from Religious Sisters or Brothers in Catholic Schools. Most Catholic homes displayed large "Family Bibles" which were used to record family genealogy and sacramental records, but they mainly collected dust from disuse.

However, much was changing behind the scenes in the first half of the 20th century. Advances in science and archeology; historical, literary, and language theory; and scholarly ecumenical and interfaith dialogue led to better understanding of the cultural conditions from which the Scriptures arose. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls between 1946 and 1956 was a treasure which gave us access to earlier manuscripts of biblical documents than we ever had before. All these factors led to a

great desire to retranslate the Bible into various languages in light of these new discoveries. This movement was encouraged by the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII, who was pope from 1939 to 1958, especially championed this renewed interest in Catholic biblical scholarship. All of this brings us to Vatican II, and the teachings contained in the *Constitution on Divine Revelation*.

The *Constitution on Divine Revelation* begins, "Hearing the Word of God with reverence, and proclaiming it with faith . . . it wants the whole world to hear the summons to salvation." (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 1) The first step in our mission as modern Catholics is to marvel that we have a God who reveals Godself to us in various ways. **The initial move of our mission is receptivity to God's revelation:** "hearing the Word" just as Mary began the Christian Era by receiving the Word of God from the angel Gabriel and receiving the presence of God within her through it. (Luke 1:26-38) God is the initiator of our creation and redemption; we receive God's gifts with grateful hearts.

Another key point in the *Constitution on Divine Revelation* is that ultimately the Father "send his Son, the eternal Word who enlightens all people, to dwell among us and to tell us about the inner life of God . . . He revealed that God is with us, to deliver us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to eternal life." (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 4) **As baptized disciples of Christ, our mission flows from the mission of Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God who was sent into the world for our salvation: He is the ultimate revelation of God and God's love for all people.** (John 1:1-14)

The *Constitution on Divine Revelation* also highlights that God reveals Godself to us in various ways. "God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world, by the natural light of human reason." (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 6) **But through the Holy Spirit, God is revealed especially through the inspired Scriptures and the Apostolic Tradition.** "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single deposit of the Word of God . . . the task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone." Thus, like a three-legged stool, "in the supremely wise arrangement of God, Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others."

(Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 10) Heeding the Scriptures in no way denigrates the Apostolic Tradition, and vice versa.

Finally, the *Constitution on Divine Revelation* called for the Bible to be restored to its proper place at the center of our discipleship as Catholic Christians. "Access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful." (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 22) It called for newer translations of the Bible and encouraged ecumenical and interfaith partnerships in this effort. It called for greater emphasis on "constant sacred reading (lectio divina) and diligent study" using all the tools of modern biblical scholarship, always in the spirit of prayer, where the Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures dialogues with the same Holy Spirit who dwells within us through baptism. (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 25) The liturgical reforms of Vatican II would also open up the Scriptures in a greater way through the 3-year cycle of readings, always to be read in the language of the people assembled.

At the beginning of this Year of the Holy Spirit, may our parish renew ourselves to listening to and heeding God's Word, allowing it to transform us, spur us to greater love of God and neighbor, and proclaim its Good News to all.

This upcoming week, we will continue our reflections on the question "What is our mission as modern Catholics?" by reading the Vatican II document *The Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity* (also known by its Latin title *Ad gentes divinitus*). 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

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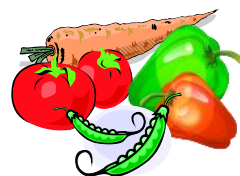
**Jesus said to them,
'There is no need for them
to go away; give them
some food yourselves'.**

Matthew 14:16

Surely the disciples must have been confused and worried. Those in the huge crowd were hungry and restless. They had asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd so the people could go find food. They could not have imagined what Jesus had in store – yet when they trusted him and did as Jesus told them, their problem was solved. Do we trust that Jesus has a plan, even when things are difficult?

 Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, August 3 Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:22-36	
TUES, August 4 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36	8:00a Mass <i>Yen Nguyen</i> 8:30a Rosary
WED, August 5 Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, August 6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Mt 17:1-9	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
FRI, August 7 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Mt 16:24-28	8:00a Word & Communion 8:30a Rosary
SAT, August 8 Hb 1:12—2:4 Mt 17:14-20	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, August 9 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33	9:30a Mass <i>Dan Agostinelli & Bartos Family</i>

PRODUCE FOR THOSE IN NEED!



Hidden Harvest and The Bridge Store collect food from organizations, churches, and individuals and then distribute it to various food pantries, organizations, and soup kitchens that reach out to those in need.

Once again, we invite you to participate in this worthwhile project of providing food for people in need. We invite you to bring in vegetables and/or fruit from your garden on:

Tuesday or Thursday morning before 9:30 a.m.
(please do not leave outside the night before).

Produce can be dropped off by the office door.

Thanks for your support!

For more information on Hidden Harvest, check out their website at www.hiddenharvest.com, and for The Bridge Store go to www.thebridgemitland.com.



V is for Vocation: Our Five New Seminarians



2026-2027 Seminarians from Left to Right, Top Row: Michael Kuehne, Carter Filhart, Stephen Sebald, Karl White, Gerard LaFramboise. **Bottom Row:** William Buchalski, Elliot Adams, Alezander Christe, Robert Grzegorzcyk

We give thanks for the five men who are now discerning a vocation to the priesthood by joining our other four from the diocese at seminary. We pray for Elliot Adams, William Buchalski, Alezander Christe, Robert Grzegorzcyk, and Karl White as they begin their path to consecrated life. Learn more: <https://saginaw.org/vocations>

God our Father, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send Your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to Your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)



**SAGINAW
VOICATIONS**

Fishers of Men Appeal

This weekend is the Diocese of Saginaw's Fishers of Men Appeal. This appeal supports seminarian formation and our efforts to encourage young men throughout the diocese to consider the priesthood.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this important work. Additional information can be found at saginawvocations.org/give/.

Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for vocations. There will be envelopes available in the pew. For checks, write in the memo line, Fisher of Men Appeal. You may also give online at osvhub.com/assumptionmary/giving.

~ This Week ~

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Mass

School Supplies Collection

Bishop Seminarian Appeal



Monday, August 3

6:30 pm Catholic Discipleship
Small Groups

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, August 5

7:45 am Open Door in Kitchen
10:00 am Serving at Open Door
6:30 pm Mass
followed by Exposition & Reconciliation 7:15-8:15
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, August 6

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Friday, August 7

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Word & Communion
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, August 8

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary
Men's Faith Study after Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Mass



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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



Watch here for Fall Registration and First CFF Classes!

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 6-8 pm starting in October.

Aug. 8 Canoe Trip w/Bishop Gruss—Gladwin
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)



Emergency Collection for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, two powerful earthquakes struck approximately 100 miles west of Caracas, Venezuela, causing widespread devastation. Buildings collapsed, homes and critical infrastructure were severely damaged, and thousands of people have been left without safe shelter. Even as the full extent of the damage continues to emerge, Catholic parishes have opened their doors to shelter displaced families and provide emergency assistance.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church, is providing emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected.

*If you would like to help our brothers and sisters in Venezuela, you can give online or please make your check payable to **Assumption**.*

Please write "Venezuela Earthquakes" in the memo line.

100% of all donations will go directly toward helping survivors recover and rebuild.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saints of America's Founding and the Holy Spirit

Join us on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM** at the Diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw for the third talk in the monthly series on the Holy Spirit. Father Stephen Blaxton will present on Saints of America's Founding and the Holy Spirit. Learn more and register at saginaw.org/holy-spirit-year.

*If you have questions, you may email
Chris Pham at cpham@diosag.org or call 989.797.6637.*

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INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH
MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH AT

VALLEY lanes

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+ ONE HOUR OF FUN USING
STUDENT'S CHOICE OF ONE OR TWO
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TAG, BUMPER CARS, THE ARCADE,
OR THE VIRTUAL REALITY GAMES

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4:30 PM

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BRING YOUR CHILD INTO THE BOWLING ALLEY
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Year of the Holy Spirit

One Heart - One Mind

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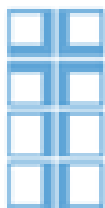
CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP

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.

Pre-registration is not required. All are welcome!



VIRTUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AT ASSUMPTION Monday, September 14th

Location: Assumption Church

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

To participate in this LIVE training session, the following is required: **Register in VIRTUS by 09/13/2026:** <https://www.virtusonline.org>

Please have a current e-mail address in your VIRTUS account!

Call the parish office with ?'s or help on registering.

Save the Dates!

Fall Events @ Assumption

**OCT
10**

PolishFEST

Homecooked Polish dinner, live entertainment by the Steve Drzewicki Band, and family fun for all ages!

**NOV
07**

An Evening with Elvis

Elvis Tribute Artist Jake Slater returns to the stage for a crowd-pleasing performance of Elvis' hits!

**NOV
14**

Fall Bazaar

Over 60 craft vendors, plus our famous homemade noodles, egg rolls, cinnamon rolls, and more!

**NOV
21**

Big Raffle Drawing

Our annual parish fundraiser raffle concludes with a final drawing for \$10,000 – you won't want to miss it!

Stay tuned for more details!

BACK TO SCHOOL

C O L L E C T I O N



To help children have a quality school year, our parish family, assisted by the Christian Service Commission, is once again organizing a collection of back-to-school items.

The supplies collected will be given to Greater Midland North Family Center and given to families in need.

There will be bins for these items in the gathering space **thru August 2**. *Suggested items needed are:*

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COLORED PENCILS
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BACKPACKS
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NOTEBOOKS

CRAYONS
MARKERS
PAPER PRODUCTS
STENCILS
FELT



THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!
Your response to this collection in the past has been awesome.



Assumption Parish Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 15

4:30pm Mass with Bishop Gruss

6:00pm Parish Picnic Potluck

**Dinner & Games • Ringing of Historical Bell
Big Raffle Kickoff Drawing • Parish Celebration**

Main dishes & desserts provided

Please bring a side dish to pass

Come celebrate with your parish family!

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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY—JULY 22ND WOW, WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!

On Wednesday, July 22, 107 volunteers and staff answered the need to distribute food to 127 households (representing 288 people)! Vicki Phillips of the Midland County Food Assistance Network secured a truck from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint loaded with 9005 pounds of groceries purchased through our Lent Food Truck collection. Our volunteers sorted all the food and filled grocery carts for each household. Special thanks to Marlene and Fukuji Saotome who took the time to sort and package donated toiletries. Marlene has been coordinating this “special touch” for many years. Thank you as well to Don Martinski who

directed traffic in the parking lot and constructed the ramps and station markers that have facilitated a smooth, orderly delivery process. And thank you to everyone who donated to the Lent collection and those of all ages who volunteered on Food Truck Day! Any donations left over from the collection after expenses are paid will be donated to local food charities assisting those facing food insecurity.

***Thank you, many times over to all
for helping to feed the hungry.
Blessings to all, Joe & Ann Schoren***





Encountering God in the Parables

In a world filled with noise, uncertainty, and the demands of daily life, the parables of Jesus invite us to slow down, listen deeply, and discover the wisdom, mercy, and love of God. Through stories about seeds, shepherds, banquets, forgiveness, and compassion, Jesus reveals the heart of God and calls us into a deeper relationship with Him and with one another. While these familiar stories may seem simple at first, prayerful reflection on them opens new paths of understanding, healing, and hope.

Some Weekend Retreat Dates:

September 4-6, 2026: Women's Retreat
September 18-20, 2026: Women's Retreat
September 29-October 1, 2026:

Midweek Retreat (Men & Women)

October 9-11, 2026: Women's Retreat

October 23-25, 2026: Women's Retreat

November 6-8, 2026: Men's Retreat

For questions or to register call: (248) 651-4826.

Address: 62460 Mt. Vernon, Washington, MI 48094



Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

This is a spiritual one-day retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause, no matter how long ago. The retreat will take place on Saturday, **October 3, 2026, at St. Agnes Parish, 300 Johnson St, Freeland, from 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM.** There is no cost to attend. The deadline to register is September 26, 2026.

For more information or to register, contact Deacon Gary Patelski at 989.295.5849 or Arlene Patelski at 989.295.9908, or email us at gapatelski@aol.com.

If you are not receiving your weekly Flocknote, go to midlandabvm.flocknote.com to sign up online and keep in touch with what is going on at Assumption or text **MIDLANDABVM** to 84576 to get it on your mobile device.

Weekend Offerings

July 25/26, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$3,691
Online Giving (7/20-7/26) \$1,197
Donations \$25,000
Weekend Total \$29,888
Weekly Goal \$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall) \$20,484

July 1-26, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$15,437
Online Giving \$9,762
Donations \$28,000
Total \$53,199
Goal \$37,616
Overage/(Shortfall) \$15,583

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Please make out a separate check for the special collections.



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