



16th SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

July 19, 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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LORD,
you are good
and forgiving.



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: MONDAY at noon



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"Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'" Acts 10:34-38

As we continue to reflect upon the documents of Vatican II at the beginning of the Year of the Holy Spirit, this week we continue to consider the question "How are we as Catholic Christians related to political authorities and non-Catholics?" by exploring Vatican II's *Declaration of the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions* (also known by its Latin title *Nostra aetate*). While this is the shortest of the documents of Vatican II, it has a very powerful message. As we have seen when contemplating other Vatican II documents, it is helpful to view this Declaration in light of its broad historical context.

The sad facts of European history give witness to a deep antisemitism. European Christians would often mistreat, discriminate against, and segregate Jewish people, using the false excuse that "the Jews" had rejected and killed Jesus to justify their prejudice. Jewish people were not allowed to work as guild laborers, so many worked as traders and money lenders—eventually leading to pernicious stereotypes that we sometimes hear even to this day. During the Middle Ages England, France, and Spain completely expelled Jewish people from their nations and Italy segregated them into "ghettos." This long history of European antisemitism culminated in the horrors of the Holocaust.

Historical relations between Christians, Muslims, and Jews (the three religions that each in their own way claim Abraham as their father in faith) have been troubled as well. Beginning in the 7th century, Jerusalem and much of what we refer to as the Middle East was under Muslim political control, often leading to persecution of Christian and Jewish residents and excluding them from their holy sites in and around the Holy Land. Throughout the 12th century, Christian crusaders aimed to return the Holy Land to Christian rule. Crusaders and Muslims engaged in horrific battles, such as the Battle of Arsuf in 1191 where forces led by Richard the Lionheart of England defeated those of Saladin, the Sultan of Egypt and Syria, and reportedly the streets "ran with blood up the knees." For many of the adherents of these Abrahamic faiths, this violence has not been relegated to faraway past but is part of current reality, which we sorrowfully witness on our own news in the 21st century.

After the massive bloodshed, inhumanity, and genocides of the first half of the 20th century, the bishops at Vatican II sensed a "duty to foster unity and charity among individuals, and even among nations" by focusing the attention of all people on what lies at the roots of human solidarity, especially among people of faith, calling us back to the fundamental truth that all people "form but one community . . . because all stem from the one stock which God created to people the entire earth." (Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, no. 1) **We are all fundamentally one because we are all created in the image of our common Creator and Father with the common destiny to love God and one another in fraternal unity.**

Vatican II called for a renewed sense of religious liberty and common enrichment by all people. **While never wavering in our belief and proclamation that Jesus Christ is the full and unique revelation of God's love for all** and that salvation is found through participation in the eternal life he offers us through his Cross and Resurrection, Vatican II made the groundbreaking statement that "the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions," finding in them glimpses of light radiating from Jesus Christ, the Light of the World and source of all truth. (Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, no. 2) Vatican II expressed "a high regard for Muslims" and recognized that we pray to the same God, called *Allah* even by Arabic Christians. (Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, no. 3) It also categorically states that the Catholic Church "deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of antisemitism leveled at any time or from any source against the Jews," recognizing their unique role in salvation history as God's Chosen People, a covenant relationship rooted in God's unending promise. (Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, no. 4)

My Catholic faith has personally benefited immeasurably from the truths and insights found in non-Christian faiths. I was fortunate to study for a year under Rabbi David Krishef at Congregation Ahavas Israel in Grand Rapids. By

understanding more deeply the riches of Jewish beliefs and practices, I came to better understand the faith lived by Jesus and Mary, thus making me a better Christian. While I was in graduate school, I would bartend on the weekends. My manager at the restaurant was a man named Abdul Said. I could not help but to be inspired by his Muslim faith, his devotion to Allah and his family, and his moral code. He maintained a quiet dignity, even through some dark days after 9/11 when I personally witnessed anti-Muslim bigotry in the Washington DC area. He was an example to me on how to be a father and supervisor who leads by kindness and inspiration, not fear. In undergraduate school, I had a professor named Luna Chou. In her class, I first read this Declaration on Non-Christian Religions as well as classics of Hindu, Taoist, and Buddhist religion. She helped me to recognize the seeds of the Gospel in the wisdom of Eastern Asia's religious and philosophical traditions. The works of Catholic authors such as John C.H. Wu, Thomas Merton, Shūsaku Endō, as well as Japanese-American artist/author Makoto Fujimura (a Reformed Christian married to a Catholic) have deepened my appreciation of how understanding Asian spirituality can enrich my Catholic spirituality.

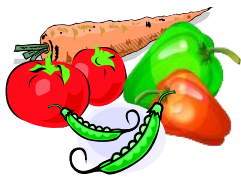
May we all continue to seek the truth about God, creation, and the deep relationship of unity in all things and between all people. May our Catholic faith never become a means to divide and discriminate, but always to "bind together" (the real meaning of the word *religion*) all people in bonds of love as sisters and brothers of our one Father, who loves us all infinitely and unconditionally.

We've now concluded our reflections on the question, "How are we as Catholic Christians related to political authorities and non-Catholics?" This upcoming week, we will consider the question of how Latin Rite ("Roman") Catholics are related to Eastern Rite Catholics by reading the Vatican II document *The Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches* (also known by its Latin title *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*). 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

 Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, July 20 Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42	
TUES, July 21 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Harry Whisler</i>
WED, July 22 Sg 3:1-4b Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	6:30p Word & Communion <i>Followed by Exposition, no reconciliation</i>
THUR, July 23 Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
FRI, July 24 Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Irene Agostinelli</i>
SAT, July 25 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	4:30p Mass <i>Martin Cifuentes</i>
SUN, July 26 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</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 am (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.thebridgemidland.com.

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard see that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of all plants." Matthew 13:31-32

It can be very easy to think that your talents are not keen enough or your resources large enough to make a difference. But such feelings should not prevent you from sharing your God-given gifts, no matter the size or depth. Small gifts and gestures can have great impact.

Holy Hour for Vocations in Edenville

WHEN: Tuesday, July 21
from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Our Lady of Grace,
St. Anne Church, Edenville

Bishop Robert Gruss is encouraging the faithful to join him in a Holy Hour for vocations. The intention of the Holy Hours is to increase vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life within our Diocese, and at the same time deepen our own love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

V is for Vocation: Fr. Suman Kondaveeti



We give thanks for Fr. Suman Kondaveeti, Parochial Administrator of St. John Vianney Parish in Saginaw. Ordained a priest in April 2019, Fr. Suman of the Discalced Carmelite Order in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, India, was appointed in July 2026 by Bishop Gruss to his current role in the Diocese of Saginaw. He also attended the National Catholic Youth Conference with Bishop Gruss and a number of clergy last November as he acclimated to living in the United States. We pray for Fr. Suman in his service to the faithful of the parish.

Learn more: <https://saginaw.org/vocations>

Lord, I know You love me and have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. May I take heart while I search openly for what it is You want me to do with my life. Inspire in me wisdom and understanding to see Your vision for my life and respond with openness to whatever You call me to be. Show me Your way, Lord! (USCCB)

Next Weekend Food Pantry Collection July 25/26

If you have a blue bag from the parish please use it to bring in your donations or pick up a blue bag from the gathering space this weekend if one is needed. *Thank you...*



~ This Week ~

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Mass

Monday, July 20

6:30 pm Catholic Discipleship
Small Groups

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, July 22

**Mobile Food Truck
8am-noon**

6:30 pm Word & Communion
followed by Exposition,
no Reconciliation

Thursday, July 23

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Friday, July 24

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, July 25

4:30 pm Mass
School Supplies Collection
Food Pantry Weekend

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Mass
School Supplies Collection
Food Pantry Weekend



Canoe with Bishop Gruss

Youth in 6 - 12 grade (and chaperones) are invited to join Bishop Gruss for canoeing, food, fun, a Eucharistic Procession and Mass!



Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: Cedar River Outfitters and Sacred Heart Church, Gladwin

Details: Meet at 1097 Chappel Dam Road, Gladwin (near Chappel Dam Grocery & Sport) to canoe to the Gladwin City Park for lunch, followed by the Eucharistic Procession to Sacred Heart Church for Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per person for canoe (\$5 livery fee if you bring your own canoe or kayak)

Supervised by: Taylor Piotrkowski and adult volunteers

Transportation: Provide own

Deadline to Register:

Friday, July 31, 2026

Scan the QR code to register



Questions:

Contact KathyR@assumptionmidland.org

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.

July	22	Mobile Food Truck (volunteers needed!)
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)



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!

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK UPDATE!

Wednesday, July 22nd

We will be setting up for the Mobile Food Truck on Tuesday, July 21st starting at 10:00 a.m. Many hands are needed and if you are able to, please come and help.

FOOD TRUCK PARISH PRAYER

Hear us, O Lord our God,
and help us with healing love and hope.

Those in need in our midst are beautiful in your eyes,
O Mighty One, and You anguish at their distress
as they cry to you for assistance.

Let these, our fellow Children of God,
not despair but put their faith in your unfailing love.

May our Community of Faith answer your call for justice
and shine brightly in service to all.

Stirred by the spiritual gifts of compassion and generosity
that you graced us with at Baptism, help us to share
the bounty you have poured out upon our lives.

For those that come to us seeking help, may we joyously
give donations of food, money, physical labor and prayer
to renew their health and to build their faith.

We praise you and thank you for the opportunity to
share ourselves in the lives of others, knowing that in
doing so you bring sweetness into every soul.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Written by Maria Dvorak



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

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.

AUGUST 12—The Holy Spirit in the Early Church

SEPT 9—The Holy Spirit in the Lives of the Saints

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, please make your check payable to **Assumption**.*

Please write "Venezuela Earthquakes" in the memo line.

For questions, please contact Maria Coss at 989-797-6646.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



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 questions or help on registering.



Singles Late 50s & Above

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions?

Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on **August 21-23, 2026** at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$255 for meals and a single room.



For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org, email renewretreat.mi@gmail.com,

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.

You're Invited!

NEIGHBORING Night

Tuesday, July 28

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

3516 E. Monroe Rd
Midland, MI

**Hot Dogs & Treats
Games & Activities
Bonfire & S'mores**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*You don't need to be a member
of Assumption Parish (or even a
church-goer) to attend*



**Bring a chair and come join neighbors around the
bonfire for an evening celebrating community!**

WE'RE HIRING at Our Lady of Grace, Sanford!

Our Lady of Grace Parish of Sanford is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation to help parents and catechists guide and grow the faith of our youngest parishioners, from preschool through 8th grade.

This person will be responsible for organizing and administering our children's faith formation and sacramental preparation programs, working closely with families, volunteers and parish staff.

*The applications and resumes
are due by July 31.*

To apply, call 989-687-5657 or here is the link:

***[https://saginaw.org/employment/
our-lady-grace-parish-sanford/
coordinator-childrens-faith-formation](https://saginaw.org/employment/our-lady-grace-parish-sanford/coordinator-childrens-faith-formation)***

EVENSONG 2026 - THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 PM
At Holy Spirit Parish**

*Featuring the Bishop and the
Priests of the Diocese of Saginaw*

Evensong is not a concert, it is a prayer. Come and join Bishop Gruss and the Priests of the Diocese of Saginaw as they sing to the Lord. The priests will be singing and playing instruments. This event combines Music with Scripture, Sacred Tradition and visuals. Everyone is welcome!

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
from **July 25 thru August 2**. *Suggested items needed are:*

PENS
ERASERS
RULERS
SCISSORS
PENCIL BOXES
COLORED PENCILS
STORAGE CONTAINERS

PENCILS
COLORING BOOKS
GLUE STICKS
FLASHCARDS
BACKPACKS
CONSTRUCTION PAPER
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.

Feeding Our Faith

July/Aug. 2026

A newsletter brought to you by the

Catholic COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MID-MICHIGAN

Catholic Educators Recognized

Two Catholic Educators Recognized by The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

Each year, the Foundation recognizes outstanding educators for promoting Catholic values, fostering student engagement, and making a positive impact in their communities with the Excellence in Teaching Award.

This year, Amanda Richert from Bay City All Saints and Laurie Simon from Sacred Heart Academy in Mount Pleasant were the recipients of the two \$2,500 grants awarded in collaboration with the Office of Catholic Schools.

"I have witnessed the care [Amanda] has for her students, as well as the standards that she holds them to, on a personal and academic level," says superintendent Dr. Cormac Lynn.

President of All Saints Catholic Schools, Sarah Dowling-Anderson, adds, "Mrs. Richert is truly deserving of this award because of the lasting impact she continues to make within the All Saints community each and every day."

Of Simon, Sacred Heart Academy principal, Mary Kay Yonker says, "Laurie lives her faith every single day," adding, "Everything she does, her faith is embedded in it."

"If you think about, 'What would Jesus do?' ... That's what Laurie does. She lives the Gospel every day," Yonker says.

Anyone from the Diocese can nominate a teacher from within the Diocese's Catholic schools for the Excellence in Teaching Award. This is just one of a variety of funds managed by The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

From supporting religious education programs at parishes to scholarships for students, including those in college, the Foundation is committed to helping our faith grow with the next generation of Catholic leaders.



Dr. Cormac Lynn, Principal Sarah Dowling-Anderson, recipient Amanda Richert, and Foundation staff member Chad Cook presenting the Middle/High School award at Bay City All Saints.



Dr. Cormac Lynn, recipient Laurie Simon, Principal Mary Kay Yonker, and Foundation staff member Grace Giroux presenting the Elementary award at Sacred Heart Academy. Photo by Danielle McGrew Tenbusch, courtesy of the Office of Catholic Schools.

Celebrating 20 years of generously supporting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Diocese of Saginaw.



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Celebrating 20 Years!

2026 Bishop's Golf Classic

The Foundation is proud to annually support seminarian education and be a sponsor of the 2026 Bishop's Charity Golf Classic and Seminarian Dinner on July 22 and July 23!

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, our commitment to supporting the Diocese of Saginaw is rooted in our legacy of building endowments that provide long-term support. Growing our faith for the next generation of Catholics is built on the generosity of our donors who have given through the Foundation for the past 20 years.

With the Foundation's management of endowed funds, we support seminarian education through designated disbursements made directly to the Diocese of Saginaw each year. In fact, the Bishop's Charity Golf Classic Endowment Fund currently totals more than \$419,000. Another major fund for seminarian education, the Bishop Robert J. Carlson Endowment Fund for Seminarians, currently totals more than \$3.7 million.

To learn more about giving through the Foundation to support seminarian education, call us at 989.303.9200.



The Foundation supports the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the **Diocese of Saginaw** through prayerful stewardship of Endowments and Donor Advised Funds that adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Learn more about how you can support Catholic education through the Foundation by visiting www.ccfmm.org or calling 989.303.9200.



(Left) Foundation board member Dcn. Rick Warner and his wife, Patty, at the 2025 Golf Outing. (Right) Seminarians at the 2025 Dinner.

Photos courtesy of the Diocese of Saginaw.

To register contact Tammy Heinlein at theinlein@diosag.org or (989) 797-6693 or www.saginaw.org/golf



A Listening Presence

BeFriender Ministry

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 and request a visit. *There are also printed request forms at the welcome circle.*

Open Hearts, Open Doors: Serve in Prisons and Jails

Our Diocese has two prisons and 11 county jails. Currently we have between 30 and 40 Catholic Lay people along with several Deacons and Priests ministering to those incarcerated. Six county jails do not have an active ministry. The facility vetting process can be cumbersome—patience is needed by those called to this ministry; however, it is a ministry that offers encounters with Christ for both the incarcerated and ministers. Do you have a desire to share the GOOD NEWS? Maybe the Holy Spirit is moving you towards sharing it with those who are incarcerated?

Contact Kelly Hadd at khadd@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655 for more information.



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Weekend Offerings

July 11/12, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$3,881
Online Giving (7/6-7/12)	\$3,902
Donations	\$3,000
Weekend Total	\$10,783
Weekly Goal	\$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$1,379

July 1-12, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$8,385
Online Giving	\$6,662
Donations	\$3,000
Total	\$18,047
Goal	\$18,808
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$761)

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.

If you have any questions: email Sandy at sandym@assumptionmidland.org or call the parish office at 989-631-4447.

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invitation
to a way
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- Joe Paprocki

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