



19th SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

August 9, 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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HE SAID
"COME"

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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, home-bound or hospitalized.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon

From our Director of Parish Life



"At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. Jesus said again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:20-22

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 "What is our mission as modern Catholics?" by exploring Vatican II's *Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity* (also known by its Latin title *Ad gentes divinitus*).

We begin by recalling from last week that Vatican II's *Constitution on Divine Revelation* (*Dei verbum*) begins, "Hearing the Word of God with reverence, and pro-claiming it with faith . . . it wants the whole world to hear the summons to salvation." (Constitution on Divine Revelation, no. 1) After we experience the first step of our mission by hearing and heeding the Word of God proclaimed to us, the second movement is spreading everywhere the Good News ourselves to those in need of the healing and peace found only in Christ our Savior.

The Church's call to missionary work flows from the fact that "God decided to enter into the history of mankind in a new and definitive manner, by sending his own Son in human flesh so that through him he might . . . reconcile the world to himself." (Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, no. 2). Jesus, the Son of God, was sent forth on mission from the heart of the Father to offer us the Grace of eternal life. (John 10:10) Likewise, "Christ sent the Holy Spirit from the Father" to dwell within us through baptism and the other sacraments, so that all people might live in communion with God and neighbor in love. (Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, no. 4) This highlights to **two foundational truths: first, our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is a missionary God and second, the call to evangelization does not belong to only certain Christians but to all baptized disciples.**

The message that we proclaim in our missionary work is that the love of God in Christ has triumphed over sin and death. We spread the Good News that we have been "snatched from sin and are being led into the mystery of God's love, who invites us to establish a personal relationship with him in Christ." (Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, no. 13) In other words, **we preach the *kerygma*—the story of Creation, Fall, Redemption and our response of faith—centered on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection for the salvation of the world.** "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

A critical question at this point is *how* do we spread the Gospel? **The methodology of evangelization that we employ is Christ's way, the way of Incarnation.** "If the Church is to be in a position to offer

all people the mystery of salvation and the life brought by God, then it must implant itself among all these groups in the same way that Christ by his Incarnation committed himself to the particular social and cultural circumstances of those among whom he lived." (Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, no. 10) Just as Jesus fulfilled his mission by both deeds (signs and miracles, compassion for the suffering and those harshly judged, gathering together a beloved community, service and sacrifice, etc.) and words (parables, sermons, discourses, dialogues, prayers, etc.), we are called to evangelize in both our deeds and words, with the emphasis first on deeds. We are called to accompany people in their joys and hopes as well as their grief and anguish. We are called to look for the seeds of the Gospel in all peoples and cultures, retaining what is true, good, and beautiful while correcting what is not in harmony with the love revealed in Christ and in accord with human dignity. Shortly after Vatican II, Pope St. Paul VI wrote, "Modern people listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." (On Evangelization in the Modern World, no. 41) However, we must also "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15)

If we are being honest, Christian missionary activity historically has not always been performed in an incarnational manner. Colonization many times caused Christian missionaries to believe that only European or Western culture was conducive to Christianity, so they imposed their cultural or national values on indigenous peoples as part and parcel of the Christianity they preached (or sometimes even imposed). An example of this that hits close to home is the abuses that took place in the institutions referred to as *Indian residential schools*, such as Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, which operated from 1893-1934. These schools were established by Congress and often run by Catholic religious orders (although the Mt. Pleasant school wasn't, the Indian school in Harbor Springs was). Their philosophy as stated by General Richard Pratt was "kill the Indian to save the man." Thousands of children were forced from their tribes and homes, stripped of any vestige of their heritage (language, clothes, etc.) and taught "proper" Western/Christian values. Many children were abused and/or died in these schools, buried in unmarked mass graves. Just four years ago this month, Pope Francis made a special apostolic journey to Canada to apologize to the indigenous peoples of North America. "For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church, I ask for God's for-

giveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry . . . It is chilling to think of determined efforts to instill a sense of inferiority, to rob people of their cultural identity, to sever their roots, and to consider all the personal and social effects that this continues to entail: unresolved traumas that have become intergenerational traumas." **The path for evangelization in our times is a path of *inculturation*.** All human cultures carry within them the seeds of the Gospel of Christ, and no culture, race, or nation has a monopoly on truth, goodness, or beauty. All are in need of repentance and the reconciliation and healing of Christ. (Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, no. 15, Acts 17:16-31)

This weekend, Assumption Parish is blest to host Tom McGuire from the US-China Catholic Association on our annual Mission Co-op weekend. The mission field in China is one filled with opportunities and pitfalls. One of my favorite Catholic authors, John C.H. Wu, the first Chinese ambassador to the Vatican, once likened the spiritual and philosophical riches of Chinese culture as jugs of water waiting to be turned into wine by Jesus. On the other hand, the current Chinese political regime is explicitly atheist/Communist and violate many human rights, including the religious persecution of Christians and Muslims. I look forward to hearing Mr. McGuire's insights and learning about the ways that we can support the missionary work of the US-China Catholic Association.

This upcoming week, we will continue our reflection on the question "What is our mission as modern Catholics?" by reading the Vatican II document *Declaration on the Christian Education* (also known by its Latin title *Gravissimum educationis*). 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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"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' " - Matthew 14:29-30

Peter initially jumps right out of the boat when Jesus tells him to do so. He does not question Jesus' word and invitation to come to Him. But then Peter notices the danger and uncertainty around him and he loses focus on Jesus and begins to sink. Do you tend to "sink" when you lose your focus on Jesus? When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing?

 Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	
TUES, August 11 Ez 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	8:00a Mass <i>Joseph Nguyen</i> 8:30a Rosary
WED, August 12 Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, August 13 Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21-19:1	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
FRI, August 14 Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 Mt 19:3-12	8:00a Mass <i>Mary Louise Weaver</i> 8:30a Rosary
SAT, August 15 Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	8:00a Assumption Feast Day Mass 4:30p Mass—w/Bishop <i>Edward Przeslak</i>
SUN, August 16 Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

V is for Vocation: Fr. Vincent Chukwudi Oguejiofor



We give thanks for Fr. Father Vincent Oguejiofor, who has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Peter Parish in Chesaning and St. Cyril Parish in Bannister effective July 1st. We welcome and pray for Fr. Vincent in his service to the faithful of both parishes. Having grown up in rural Nigeria, his path to the priesthood led him to join the Servants of Charity Congregation. Ordained in August 2017, Fr. Vincent has served in Nigeria, Ghana, Congo, Italy, Spain, and Tanzania before coming to the United States. Before coming to the Diocese of Saginaw, he completed certification as a hospital chaplain in upstate New York. Fr. Vincent is fluent in six languages.

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

Jesus, high priest and Redeemer forever, we beg You to call young men and women to Your service, as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward You and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom. O God, You have called us to salvation and have sent Your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and You have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready, but the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to follow Jesus by serving Your People. Amen. (USCCB)

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION



Once again, thanks for your generosity with our collection of school supplies for North Midland Family Center.

What a blessing you are to the young people in our community!



"When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you". ~Matthew 6:2-4

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

This event combines
Music with
Scripture,
Sacred Tradition
and visuals.

Everyone is welcome!

~ This Week ~

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Mass

Monday, August 10

6:30 pm Catholic Discipleship
Small Groups

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary
3:15 pm Millions of Monicas
5:30 pm Christian Service Mtg

Wednesday, August 12

6:30 pm Mass
followed by Exposition & Reconciliation 7:15-8:15
7:30 pm K of C Exemptionification

Thursday, August 13

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, August 14

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am Assumption
Feast Day Mass
10:00 am Serving at Open Door
4:30 pm Mass w/Bishop
and Confirmation
followed by parish potluck

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Mass

Mission Co-op Appeal



USCCA
美中大主教交流协会

This weekend, Assumption is happy to welcome Tom McGuire, who is visiting us as a representative of the US-China Catholic Association, for our annual Mission Co-op Appeal. For over 35 years, USCCA has fostered faith, dialogue, and friendship between Catholics in the United States and China. Tom's visit is an opportunity to witness how global faith communities are connected in hope, prayer, and mission.

Please prayerfully discern supporting the missionary work of USCCA.

You can learn more about USCCA's mission at uscatholicchina.org.

See this week's insert for more details!



Guatemala Mission Trip

Do you have interest in serving others in the rural communities of NW Guatemala?



Another mission trip is being formed to install vented stoves and water filters in February 2027.

There are a couple possible openings. We also keep a list of possible volunteers if you're interested in the future.

If you'd like more info, you can inquire via <https://www.blessed-midland.org/ministry/guatemala-stove-team/>

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 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. 20 MS Back to School Bash @ Valley Lanes
2:15-4:30 pm
Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday
27 YM Kickoff!!!

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.

HEY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH AT

VALLEY lanes

ONE HOUR OF BOWLING + PIZZA
+ ONE HOUR OF FUN USING
STUDENT'S CHOICE OF ONE OR TWO
ATTRACTIONS: MINI-GOLF, LASER
TAG, BUMPER CARS, THE ARCADE,
OR THE VIRTUAL REALITY GAMES

AUG 20
2:15-4:30 PM

\$20 PER STUDENT
(STUDENTS CAN BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL GAMES IF THEY WISH)

USE THE QR CODE TO OPEN THE ELECTRONIC PERMISSION SLIP. PLEASE BRING CASH PAYMENT TO THE EVENT. PARENTS...PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD INTO THE BOWLING ALLEY FOR DROP OFF AND COME IN TO PICK UP YOUR CHLD AT 4:30. THANK YOU!!

NEIGHBORING Night

We are so grateful to all those who attended Assumption's second annual Neighboring Night on July 28th. God blessed us with beautiful weather, and nearly 100 attendees enjoyed a casual summer cookout, bonfire, outdoor games, bunco, and conversation on our grounds.

Thanks to all who joined us, especially those who invited others to attend with them, those who helped plan and staff the event, and those who lent their impromptu hand during the evening.

Stay tuned for future events and opportunities to reach out to our neighbors and invite them into this wonderful family that we call our parish.



Happy Birthday!

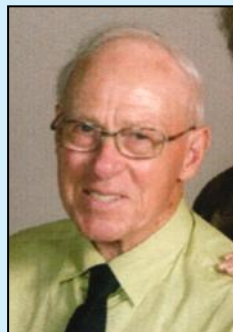
**Ray
Bartos**

August 9th / 91 years



**Leonard
Ostahowski**

August 9th / 93 years



**SAGINAW
VOCATIONS**

**Fishers of
Men Appeal**

Good news! We now have nine seminarians and a plan to reach more young men than ever before. Your gift supports our current seminarians and our efforts to inspire young men to consider the priesthood. In the years ahead, as priest retirements accelerate, in order to staff our parishes we will need to ordain a large number of new priests.

This appeal directly funds the efforts of our Vocation Team to inspire the next generation of priests for our diocese.

Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for vocations.

There are envelopes at the entrance of church.

For checks, write in the memo line, Fisher of Men Appeal. You may also give online at osvhub.com/assumptionmary/giving/funds.



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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Year of the Holy Spirit

One Heart - One Mind

2026 - PENTECOST - 2027

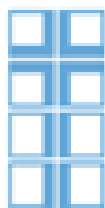
CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP

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!

DONATE BLOOD

**Monday
August**

31

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

For eligibility questions please call
866-642-5663

Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 2141 Community Blood Drive

Assumption Church - Multi-Purpose Room
3516 Monroe Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

-Call 866-642-5663
-Visit [versiti.org/mi](https://www.versiti.org/mi)
-Or scan the QR code below

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

Close out summer with a memory that matters! Donate to receive one Michigan State Fair Ticket as a thank you!



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 ?'s or to register call: **(248) 651-4826**.
Address: **62460 Mt. Vernon, Washington, MI**





**Diocese of Saginaw
Missionary Cooperation Plan
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
August 8 and 9, 2026**

For over 35 years, the [US-China Catholic Association \(USCCA\)](#) has been a part of a shared journey of faith, gratitude, and learning between Catholics in China and Catholics in the United States, who are living the Good News of Jesus Christ. USCCA Mission Appeal speaker, Tom McGuire, will share stories of building bridges of friendship and dialogue with the people of China, work rooted in a partnership with Chinese Catholics that began in the early 1900s, with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish August 8 and 9, 2026.

These stories of faith unite our parishioners with the experiences of their Catholic brothers and sisters in China. Through encounters with the USCCA Book Club, Public Lectures, USCCA website communications and biennial conferences, we celebrate our common faith, shared struggles, and mutual hope. The photos and quotes below remind us of the enduring friendship and dialogue that continue to sustain and strengthen the bond between Chinese Catholics and Catholics in the United States.



“...the conference illustrated the importance of direct dialogue between Chinese and American Catholics. It was a unique experience of fraternal communion and friendly dialogue across borders.”



“There were wonderful insights into the dedication of the Catholics supporting Sino- Western friendship, the integrity and ecumenicity of the USCCA.”

To those who join us in this journey, whether by contributing to our Mission Appeals, attending our events, or praying with and for us, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Together, we continue to foster mutual understanding and witness to the Gospel through participation in our initiatives, financial support, and prayerful solidarity. Let us remain steadfast in our shared hope in Christ and our commitment to this mission of faith and friendship!

*Please consider, supporting the USCCA mission cause by placing your donation in the collection basket.
Please make checks payable to Assumption, memo line: Mission Appeal. Thank you!*



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Missionary Cooperation Plan Speaker
Thomas McGuire, M.Div., M.R.E.
US-China Catholic Association Director Emeritus

Tom McGuire's friendship with Chinese people dates to his days as a Maryknoll Missionary in Hong Kong. His experience of living and sharing the Gospel with Chinese refugees was a formative experience of mission discipleship. He often recalls the Gospel messages he learned from his neighbors about praying, "...give us this day our daily bread". The words take on a new meaning if one does not have enough to eat. After returning to the United States, he served as a Catholic Campus Minister at Lansing Community College and as Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, MI, where he journeyed with students seeking the Way of Christ.

With Florence, his wife, Tom reconnected with Catholics from China at the International Conferences of the US-China Catholic Association. His friendships with Chinese people have contributed to a deeper understanding of the universal meaning of being Catholic. For six years, Tom served as USCCA Board Chair and is now a Board Emeritus Director. My goal as a leader is to be faithful to Jesus Christ, who calls us friends, in the USCCA mission work of building bridges of friendship and dialogue with Chinese people.

Tom McGuire is grateful for your support of the US-China Catholic Association and is honored to be with you during the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Mission Appeal weekend.

The US-China Catholic Association fosters trust, dialogue, and friendship through its Biennial International Conferences, bringing together Catholics from diverse cultures, experiences, and perspectives. Through Mission Appeal speakers, USCCA shares lived stories of faith and service, inviting parish communities to engage personally with the Church's mission and to support meaningful pastoral formation and outreach.

ABVM Faith Formation Commission
Minutes of Meeting / June 23, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Linda Brown, John Graveline, Wendy Graveline, Jane Labby,
Kathy Russell, Marcia Schneider

Actions and Discussions:

- 1) **Adult Faith Formation** – John Graveline
 - a. OCIA: One inquirer will go through the Rite of Welcoming at Mass this weekend.
 - b. Christian Discipleship/Small Group Discussions: Anywhere from 9-25 people have been attending weekly, with discussions going well.
- 2) **Middle School/High School YM** – Kathy Russell
 - a. Canoe trip with Bishop Gruss to be held on Saturday, August 8th. Registration due by July 31st.
 - b. Confirmation for four students is to be held on August 15th at 4:30 p.m. at ABVM.
- 3) **Elementary Faith Formation** – Wendy Graveline
 - a. VBS was well attended. 121 students registered. The event was co-hosted by the three Midland parishes.
 - b. EFF will begin the first Sunday in September.
 - c. ABVM is hosting *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Level 1 training July 13-18th.
- 4) **Future Planning and Ideas**
 - a. Life in the Spirit Seminar – 6-7 sessions. A program developed by the Catholic Charismatic movement.
 - i. Commission members are encouraged to research this.
 - ii. Encounter Ministries from Brighton are holding a session in Grand Rapids, July 8-10, if anyone is interested in attending.
 - iii. Diocese will publish events going on in the diocese.
 - b. Offer the 14-part series, *The Wild Goose, Discovering a Relationship with the Holy Spirit*, by Fr. Dave Pivanka, available on Formed.org.
 - c. Get a speaker from Steubenville to complement a session. Linda Brown will reach out.
 - d. September – Donna Semanco will offer a refresher of *The Chosen* before the next season is released, to be presented during Lent.
 - e. Easter Season – Focus formation opportunities on the Holy Spirit working up to Pentecost.
 - f. Perhaps offer *The Wild Goose* in the fall with a speaker, then offer *Life in the Spirit* or similar with speaker during the Easter season.
 - g. Magnifica Humanitas: Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical concerned with safeguarding the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, may be a potential formation topic.
- 5) The Commission continued to revise the mission statement and charter. Jane Labby will revise and send it to all for final approval before sending to Pastoral Council.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jane Labby (7/12/2026)*

Next meeting: **July 28, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

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.



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.*

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

August 1/2, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,457
Online Giving (7/27-8/2)	\$2,766
Donations	\$5,000
Weekend Total	\$12,223
Weekly Goal	\$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$2,819

Month of July

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

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.



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