



24th SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

September 13, 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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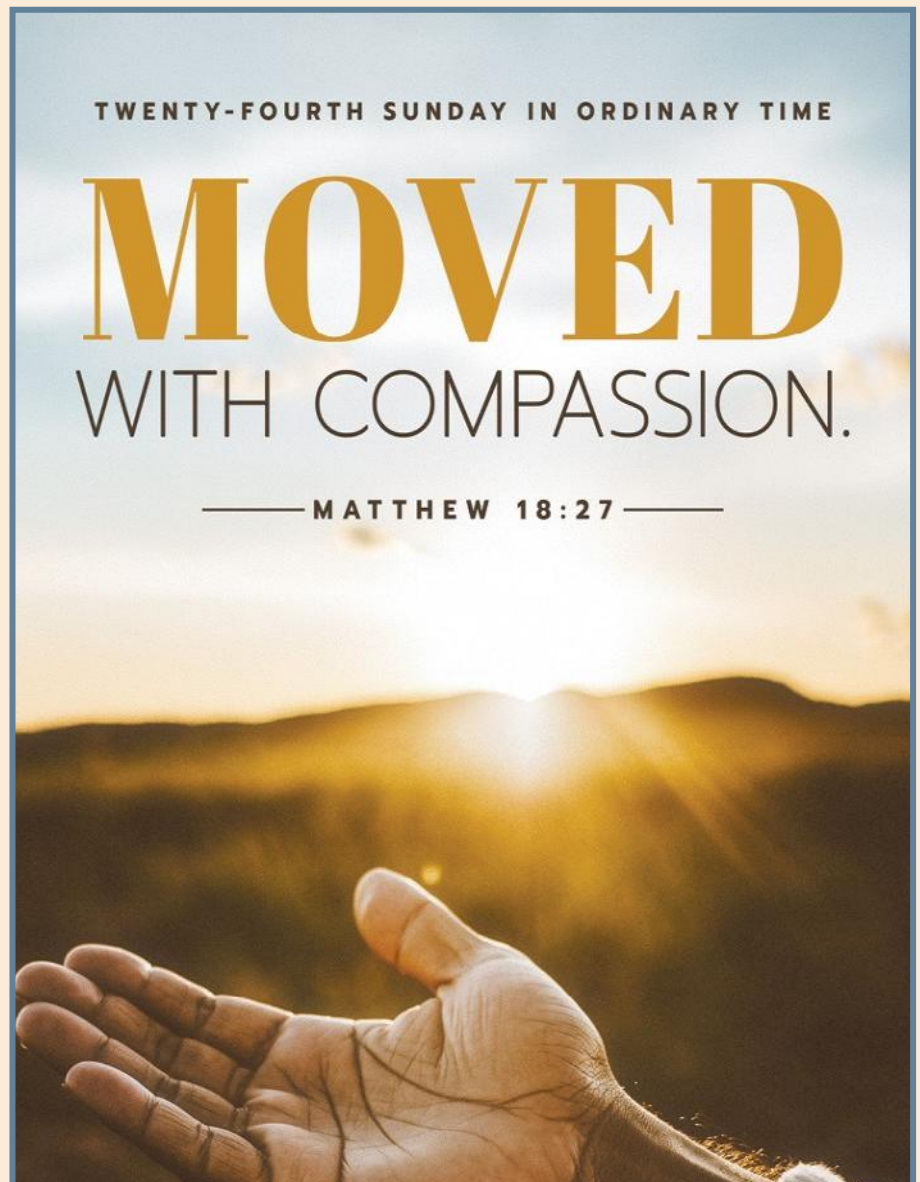
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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



"They said one to another, 'Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?' . . . Then they recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:32, 35

It has been inspiring for me to reflect upon the 16 Documents of Vatican II with you over the summer as we began our observance of the Year of the Holy Spirit here in the Diocese of Saginaw. A large part of the idea was to connect spiritually with Pope Leo, who has been reflecting on the documents of Vatican II at his weekly Wednesday teachings. He's been going at a much slower pace. Since January, he began with the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*—which was the first document promulgated by Vatican II—and he is still reflecting upon it. I would highly recommend finding these Wednesday audiences on the Vatican website. His gentle wisdom and balanced pastoral approach really shine forth.

As I continue to reflect upon Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the fundamental importance of liturgy, especially the Eucharistic liturgy—the Mass—impresses itself upon me. "The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all her power flows." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 10) It is at Mass that we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ and are offered his gift of eternal life right here and now. "Our Savior instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of his Cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 47)

However, our liturgical worship does not bear the fruit it is capable of in our lives magically or as if by osmosis. "But in order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds be attuned to their voices, and that they cooperate with heavenly grace lest they receive it in vain." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 11) This is why it is so important to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the Mass. It is the unique place where God's saving work and our work of praise and worship come together for our salvation and the salvation of the whole world. We are then called to receive the graces available to us at Mass and bear the fruit of love, truth, compassion, and reconciliation in our community, nation, and world that so desperately need of Christ's peace.

As we are now enjoying the last days of summer and starting our fall schedules, school and faith formation are back in session, and we enter a second season of

this Year of the Holy Spirit, it is most fitting that we ask ourselves as a parish, ***"Is the celebration of the Eucharist the source and summit, the irreplaceable center of our parish life?"*** Likewise, each one of us personally are invited to ask, ***"Is the Mass the source and summit, the fundamental touchstone of the spiritual life of myself and my household?"***

The first step is to make attendance at Mass the priority of our weekend around which every other activity or recreation is scheduled, as health allows. There are so many great ministries going on at our parish every day: those in need of assistance for food, clothing, heat or cooling, and shelter are given assistance; prayers are offered for those in healing and strength; children, youth, and adults deepen their faith through bible studies and other faith formation offerings, praise is given to God and the community is inspired through beautiful music, people who are lonely or seeking connection find hospitality here, those who are grieving are comforted, and so much more. However, attendance at Mass is much lower than it should be week-to-week for a parish of our size.

Here are a few suggestions I would like to propose to make the Mass the center of parish it should be.

- Commit to attendance at weekend Mass, actively participating through engaged listening, prayer, lively responses and singing, and a conscious disposition to encounter Christ in each other, in the prayers of the priest, in the Scripture readings, and especially in the Eucharist. So much of this is building the habit. I remember listening to a radio show where the host would ask listeners to give the show two weeks before passing judgement on it. In that spirit, **I ask that you commit to making the parish celebration of Mass the priority of your household calendar for two months, between now and Thanksgiving.** See what effect this has on your life and on the life of your household.

- If this is already your practice, consider participating in Mass one other day of the week. Eucharist is celebrated every day of the week at Assumption except on Monday. Wednesday evening is a great opportunity to "charge your spiritual batteries." We conclude 6:30 p.m. Mass with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This quiet "holy hour" is a time to be "heart to heart" with Jesus present in the Eucharist. This is a life-changing practice.

- At Mass, the priest has a special and unique role in offering the Paschal Sacrifice of Jesus' death and resurrection. While we all offer our sacrifice of praise united with the offering of the priest, the priest may offer a particular Mass for a

requested intention. These intentions are published in the bulletin and remembered by the priest during the Mass. Often a small donation is made for these Mass intentions (around \$10), but *no intention request is ever turned away when no donation is offered.* This ensures that we never give the appearance that people are "paying" for spiritual benefits or consideration. Many Masses are offered at Assumption parish without a stated intention. All are strongly encouraged to contact the parish office or use the envelopes provided on the Welcome Circle (completed envelopes can be placed in the collection basket) to request a Mass intention, especially for friends and family members who are deceased.

- Since at Mass we offer our entire selves: our lives, our loved ones, the work of our daily labors, etc. along with the bread and wine destined to be changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, it is a special privilege to bring forth the bread, wine, and sacrificial offerings at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Over the past couple of years, we've placed a book on the Welcome Circle so that people can sign up to bring forward the gifts. All households are strongly encouraged to sign up at least once a year for this beautiful way of participating in the Mass.

Often, we hear that people find Mass to be repetitive week-to-week or they say, "I don't get anything out of the Mass." However, this gets things backwards. When we approach Mass not for what we "get out" of it, but rather with the attitude of what we can give, the Mass truly becomes an encounter with Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and we begin to find its spiritual riches unveiled and our lives transformed week-by-week. Let us as a parish and each one of us personally ensure that the Mass is the source and summit of our spiritual life, for our benefit and the benefit of the entire world.

John

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

This passage speaks to the very heart and meaning of stewardship. Everything we are and everything we have are gifts from God. We are called to use those gifts to serve His kingdom on Earth.

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, September 14 Num 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	
TUES, September 15 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Jn 19:25-27	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, September 16 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, September 17 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, September 18 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Mary Phan</i>
SAT, September 19 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, September 20 Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a	CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

The CHOSEN Review and Flashback

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30-8:00

or

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00-2:30



Since Season 6 of The Chosen will not be available until Lent 2027, I want to do an evening/day to remind us why we love The Chosen. I have put together video clips of The Chosen and some other videos I think will have great meaning to you. If you have seen any of the seasons of The Chosen, please plan to join us. It will be a time of worship and praise, prayer and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Semanco at semanco1@aol.com or call 989-631-0872. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CIRCLE



V is for Vocation: Discernment – The Melchizedek Project

We give thanks for the recently formed diocesan vocations team which “focuses on strategy and guiding young men who discern the priesthood.” We pray for Fr. Andy LaFramboise, Fr. Andy Booms, Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera, Fr. Nick Coffaro, Fr. Matthew Gembrowski, and Fr. Kevin

Wojciechowski who form the team, as they work toward providing discernment activities in the diocese.

The Melchizedek Project: Catholic men age 18 or older who are open to learning more about the priesthood are invited to join a six-session group virtually or in-person at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw. **The Melchizedek sessions begin Wednesday, September 30, at 7pm.**

Advance registration is required.

To sign up, visit the “Upcoming Events” section at <https://saginawvocations.org/>. Questions may be directed to Fr. Andy LaFramboise at alaframboise@diosag.org.

Father, You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You.

Bless Your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen. (USCCB)

Dear Assumption Family,

Thank you Fr. Rick, John, and as well as all of you for your prayers and support. Your love and kindness brought Fukuji and I so much comfort during this time of difficulty and we are truly blessed to have all of you in our lives. Thank you!

Love, Marlene & Fukuji Saotome



~ This Week ~

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am Mass
CFF & C.L.O.W. Begins (parent meeting)
Coffee and Donuts After Mass
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

Monday, September 14

9:30 am Stitch and Prayer
6:00 pm Virtus Session
6:30 pm CFF Begins

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation
3:00 pm Monicas meet
5:30 pm Faith Form Comm Mtg
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, September 18

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, September 19

10:00 am Serving at Open Door
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 20

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W.
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION BEGINS TODAY!! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!



2026/27 Children's Faith Formation (CFF) and Youth Ministry (YM) Programs

It's time to register your child(ren)...
Online family registration is open for both Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry!

The formation of the faith of our youngest disciples is guided through **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**. Rooted in sacred scripture & the liturgical life, CGS aims to foster a personal relationship between the child and God in a prepared environment, the atrium, a peaceful, sacred space where children can encounter the mystery of God in a way that is tailored to their age and spiritual capacity.

Middle School YM

We will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporal Works of Mercy. These topics will be explored in fun and hands on ways with objective lessons, games, food and social fun!

High School YM

Welcome to "Game Day"! These dynamic sessions are designed to introduce teens to a variety of catechetical topics and inspire them through the examples of different saints as we move toward our common goal — a deeper relationship with God and one another. Friends are welcome at all Youth Ministry levels... *ALL are welcome!*

Please scan the QR code to register today!

*Cost for CFF and YM
will remain the same
as last year:*
1 child/\$45
2 children/\$90
3+ children/\$120



**If you have questions concerning
Children's Faith Formation, contact:**
Wendy Graveline @
CFF@assumptionmidland.org

**Questions about Youth Ministry
(6th-12th grade) or Confirmation (age 12+)**
Contact: Kathy Russell @
Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org



Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Sept. 13	CFF and CLOW Begin
14	Monday CFF Begins
20, 27	CFF and CLOW
21, 28	Monday CFF



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

YOUTH MINISTRY

It's time to register for YM! This year's theme..."SHINE"!
Watch your email and the bulletin for 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, year 2, will meet on Tuesday evenings
at Assumption from 6-8 pm starting in October.**

Sept. 14, 28	Y2Y team meets
20	Catechetical Sunday
27	YM Kickoff w/parents!!!

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



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 26th.
*For more information or to register, contact Deacon Gary Patelski
at 989.295.5849 or Arlene Patelski at 989.295.9908.*



Youth Ministry LET YOUR LIGHT "SHINE"!

Are you a parent or grandparent or a person who loves God and wants to help build a courageous community and make a positive impact on youth? Do you want to laugh and have fun? Do you want to learn more about your faith? You may be a great fit to be a youth leader! Your age does not matter. Your experience does not matter. Come be part of something awesome and let your light "SHINE" upon the youth!!

**Youth co-leaders are needed for
middle school and Y2Y team!!**

*To find out how you can make a
difference! In the lives of the youth!!!
Call or email Kathy Russell (989) 631-4447
or kathyr@assumptionmidland.org*

Thank You!

We continue to collect cans and bottles for Youth Ministry events. There is a container by the doors to the DuRussel Hall on the south side of the building.

**Thank you
all for your
continued
support of
our youth!!**

~Kathy



POLISH FEST

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Saturday, October 10, 2026
6:30PM-10:00PM | Doors open 5:45PM
3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642

-  **Authentic Polish Food**
 Kielbasa, gołąbki (cabbage rolls), pierogi (potato & cheese dumplings), zupa z dyni (pumpkin soup), plus sauerkraut & much more!
Beer & wine available.
-  **Live Entertainment**
 Polka music by the **Steve Drzewicki Polka Band** from Bay City
-  **Fun for All Ages**
 Includes dancing, family games, and kids zone!



Buy Tickets Now!

\$20.00 Adults
 \$7.00 Kids ages 5-12
 FREE Kids ages 0-4
\$50 FAMILY DEAL*
 (2 adults & 2+ kids ages 5-12)
**Please purchase at the Parish Office*

Limited Seating

Online/credit card fees apply





QUESTIONS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO (OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO)

- Has wondered "What is my purpose?" or "Why am I here?"
- Has been seeking deeper meaning in life?
- Has wondered if "being spiritual" and "being religious" are really compatible?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism?
- Is related to or in a relationship with a Catholic, and wants to understand them more?
- A Catholic who has been away from church for a while or are looking to update your understanding of the Catholic faith?

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is offering a weekly opportunity for **Inquiry into Catholicism**. All you need to bring is your questions or a friend with questions of their own. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Catholicism. **Fall Inquiry sessions will meet each Sunday morning at the church from 11:00 - 11:55 a.m. beginning September 13.**

For more information, please contact
 John Graveline,
john@assumptionmidland.org.



THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Wild Goose is Loose at Assumption!

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This 14-part video series features Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews, exploring how the Spirit moves freely, powerfully, and sometimes unexpectedly in our lives. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



We will cover Episodes 1-7 this fall.
 Episodes 8-14 will be presented next year during the Easter season, ending the week of Pentecost:

Mondays, March 29 - May 10
 Wednesdays, March 31 - May 12

Mondays
Sept. 28 – Nov. 9
6:30-8:00pm

OR
Wednesdays
Sept. 30 – Nov. 11
1:00-2:30pm

*Please sign up at the
 Welcome Circle*

Questions? Please contact Kathy Russell at kathy@assumptionmidland.org

VIRTUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AT ASSUMPTION

**Monday,
 September 14th**

**Location: Assumption
 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:**

www.virtusonline.org

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

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



**BIG
Impact
BIG
Prizes**

Enter Today!

1st Prize \$10,000
2nd Prize \$2,500
3rd-6th Prizes \$500

Your participation will help Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish continue to thrive for years to come! Proceeds from the raffle will provide funding for parish ministries and ensure future growth.

\$50/Ticket Only 1,000 tickets available!



DON'T WAIT TO ENTER!

- Scan the QR code or visit www.AssumptionMary.org
- Purchase at the parish office
- Call the parish office at 989-631-4447
- Place an order using the form below



EARLY BIRD PRIZES

10 Drawings - Aug 15 (award 2 prizes), Sept 17, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Nov 5 & 12 | 10:30am (except Aug 15, drawing at 7:30pm)

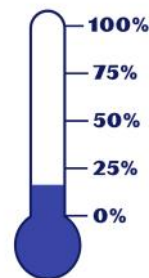
\$50 Prize (Winner remains eligible for all subsequent drawings!)

BIG RAFFLE DRAWING

Prize Drawing & Reception
Saturday, November 21, 2026
6:00 PM at Assumption Parish

Big Raffle Progress Update

Our big goal is to sell **1,000 tickets** by November 21, and as of the printing of this bulletin, we're already **16% of the way there!** Here's the top two ways we are inviting each parish household to help keep the momentum going:



1) Start small: Sell one ticket each month between now and November to a person outside the parish. *You can...*

- Sell a ticket in person
- Send someone the link below to purchase online
- Give away a handout with a QR code from the gathering space
- Share the information in this weekend's bulletin

2) Ready to go a step further?

Pick up paper tickets from the parish office to sell to friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family. *Return the money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets to the office.*

Help the thermometer reach the top by sharing this link:
abvmbigraffle.auctria.events
Thank you for helping to make the Big Raffle a big success!

Help Deliver Urgent Relief to Families Affected by the Nepal Floods

On August 26, catastrophic flooding swept through communities along Nepal's Bhote Koshi River and downstream through the Trishuli river system, causing widespread devastation. Authorities have reported significant loss of life, with many people still missing as rescue efforts continue. Our prayers are with all those affected as Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Caritas Nepal and local partners work to understand urgent needs and help communities begin to recover.

The reach of the local Church, strengthened by the solidarity of the global Church, is especially powerful in moments like these. **Your gift helps CRS and the local Church respond quickly and compassionately, bringing emergency relief and urgent support to our sisters and brothers in Nepal.** If you would like to help our brothers and sisters in Nepal, please make your check payable to: **Assumption.** Please write "Nepal Floods" in the memo line. Thank you for helping those that are in need and for your prayers!

Knights of Columbus



If you need information or want to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact the parish office at 989-631-4447.

Check out the website at:
www.KofC2141.org.

Rita Stanley
September 13th
86 years



**Happy
Birthday!**

Joyce Myers
September 13th
94 years



**Happy
Birthday!**

Pat Lyons
September 14th
89 years





One hour.
One purpose.
Our children.

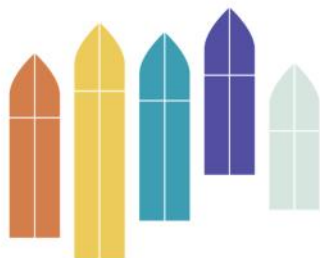
BECOME ONE OF THE

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Are you a **mother, grandmother, godmother, confirmation sponsor, or aunt** with a loved one who has strayed from the Catholic Faith?

Join a growing group of women who meet weekly at Assumption Parish to pray for their loved ones' return to the full practice of the Catholic Faith.

Tuesdays at 3:00 PM
(starting September 15)
in the Classroom Wing



*This is not a sharing or discussion group, but an organized way to support each other in prayer. **Women from all parishes are welcome.***

Guatemalan Stove Team Mission 2027



A team is formed for our 13th Mission Trip to the NW mountain villages in Guatemala in February 2027 in partnership with HELPS International. Past generosity of Midland area parishioners has made it possible to purchase materials for vented stoves and water filters; while our volunteers pay their room & board and airline costs. As a result, we've helped 1450+ families and are targeting to help another 175+ families.

We are seeking your financial support again; hoping to raise ~\$55,000 for materials. These water filters and vented stoves provided to the rural poor are life changing. The stoves replace a smoky fire pit on the floor in the homes.

To contribute to this effort, please make your check out to:

Midland Area Community Foundation

Memo: Midland-Based HELPS Fund

Mail to: Kevin Shaughnessy, 809 Honeysuckle Cir, Midland, MI 48642

VENDORS WANTED!

13TH ANNUAL SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM
(SAME DAY AS SANTA PARADE!)

DOWNTOWN MIDLAND
CARDINAL HICKEY PARISH HALL
130 W. LARKIN, MIDLAND

For an application, contact us at:
StBrigidHolidayGiftShop@gmail.com or
stbrigid@stbrigid-midland.org

Apply by October 26, 2026 to reserve your spot!

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

Praise and Worship

Praise and Worship is starting up again on

Thursday September 17
at 7:00 pm



**at Our Lady of Grace church
in Sanford**

What is Praise and Worship? It is praising and worshiping the Lord in song. Giving God one hour of your time back to him, to praise Him for His many blessings and goodness to us!

ABVM Faith Formation Commission
Minutes of Meeting / August 18, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Labby, Kathy Russell

Absent: Linda Brown, John Graveline, Wendy Graveline, Marcia Schneider

Actions and Discussions:

Started with the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Guidance and Wisdom*.

- 1) **Adult Faith Formation** – John Graveline (via email)
 - a. Monday evening *Catholic Discipleship Small Group Series* has had anywhere from 10-20 people attending.
 - b. Thursday morning scripture study will resume in September.
- 2) **Middle School/High School Youth Ministry** – Kathy Russell
 - a. Registration is in progress.
 - b. Sessions kick-off on Sept. 27th at Blessed Sacrament.
- 3) **Elementary Faith Formation** – Wendy Graveline (via email)
 - a. Registration in progress.
 - b. CFF and CLOW begins on Sept. 13th.
- 4) The updated mission statement and charter is pending approval by the Pastoral Council.
- 5) **Future Planning and Ideas**
 - a. *The Chosen* Review will be facilitated by Donna Semanco on Sept. 21st & 23rd. Season 6 will be presented starting in January 2027.
 - b. For the “Year of the Holy Spirit” we will offer the 14-part series, *The Wild Goose, Discovering a Relationship with the Holy Spirit*, by Fr. Dave Pivanka, available on Formed.org.
 - i. Episodes 1-7, Mondays (evening) & Wednesdays (day), Sept. 28th-Nov. 11th
 - ii. Episodes 8-14, Mondays (evening) & Wednesdays (day) Mar. 29th-May 12th (ending the week before Pentecost)
 - iii. Offer one episode per session to allow time for discussion and personal reflection.
 - iv. Present the trailer video in the weekly or a standalone Flocknote.
 - v. Need to find out how to log into Formed.org.
 - vi. Facilitators and table leaders will be needed.
 - c. *Handel’s “Messiah” Bible Study* will be facilitated by John Graveline on Thursdays, Nov. 5th – Jun. 3rd, 6-7 p.m..
 - d. Life in the Spirit Seminar
 - i. Encourage someone to attend an event first to gather information about the experience before bringing it to the parish.
 - e. Advent – Potentially have a mini-retreat focused on Mary. Kathy Russell will contact a potential presenter.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jane Labby (8/26/2026)*

Next meeting: **September 15, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Assumption Church

55th Annual Bazaar

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale Update
Saturday, November 14th
8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.



VENDOR TABLES – The Bazaar has over 60 vendors and has expanded with some bigger vendors in classrooms. *Be sure to come and shop!*

RAFFLE – Tickets are on sale for \$1 each. Prizes include—handmade quilt, \$100 Cash, \$50 Cash and also donated items you might win!

DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE WELCOME ANYTIME.

BAKE SALE – Please bake some of your special homemade goodies and drop them off for the Bake Sale on Thursday or Friday. The more baked goodies donated, the more the Bake Sale can sell!

NOODLES – Learn how to make egg noodles with some of the best cooks at Assumption! Lots of fun, laughter and conversation. *No experience necessary.*

CINNAMON ROLLS – Roll, twist, and sugar, bake and share the best aroma of freshly baked cinnamon rolls. *No experience necessary, lots of fun and fellowship!*

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP – Come and learn how to make it from scratch, the best soup you will ever have with wonderful conversation, and friends. *Everyone welcome!*

SLOPPY JOES – Another secret recipe shared with those who help and an opportunity for fun, fellowship and conversation.

DECORATING – Setting up tables, chairs, table decorations, and signage for the Bazaar. A little help with the planning for this is also needed.

ADVERTISING – Help distributing flyers and putting up signage.

How can you help?

Pray for a Successful Bazaar
By Donating Baked Goods
By Donating Raffle Items
By Volunteering
By Coming to the Bazaar and Shopping



Volunteers Needed!

Call or come and help!

This weekend through November 14th
(sign-up sheets are out this weekend)

Please contact Val Rossi at 989-631-4447.

Mon, Nov 9th

8am – noon

Making Egg Noodles for the Bake Sale

Thurs, Nov 12th

Starting at 9am

Bagging Noodles

Thurs, Nov 12th

1pm – 4pm

Making Chicken Noodle Soup and Sloppy Joes

Thurs & Fri, Nov 12th & 13th

8am – 4pm

Bake Sale Donations Accepted

Fri, Nov 13th

8am – noon

Making Cinnamon Rolls

10am – 12noon

Helping with Table Set-up

Come and join the fun and festivities!

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For more information or to obtain a Grant application please contact Pat Lautner at PATL@blessed-midland.org.

Deadline to return applications is October 1st.



I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord: love one another
as I have loved you.

Weekend Offerings

September 5/6, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$3,914
Online Giving (8/31—9/6)	\$3,315
Donations	\$0
Weekend Total	\$7,229
Weekly Goal	\$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$2,175)

Month of August

Weekly Envelopes	\$17,885
Online Giving	\$11,593
Donations	\$23,000
Total	\$52,478
Goal	\$47,020
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$5,458

THANK YOU so much for
your continued support
in getting your contribu-
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*Please make out a
separate check for the
special collections.*



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It is easy to sign up, just scan the QR code or go to our
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