

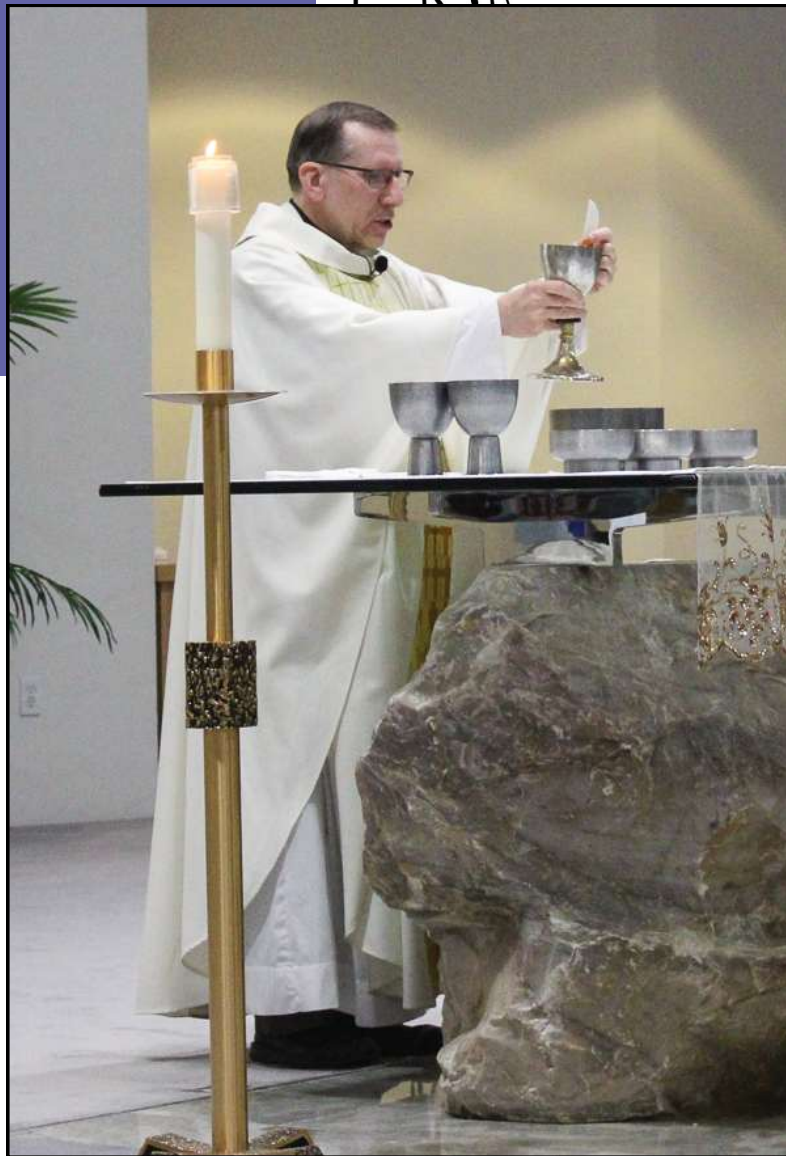
September

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2026

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin** **Mary Parish**



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

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 services.

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From our Director of Parish Life



"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her." Wisdom 6:12

This fall as we celebrate The Year of the Holy Spirit throughout the Diocese of Saginaw, we will explore each of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received through Baptism and were fully activated in us through the Sacrament of Confirmation. By better understanding the meaning of these Gifts, we will be better able to put them to use in our Christian discipleship.

The first of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the Gift of Wisdom.

Wisdom is more than technological "know how." Some of you may be familiar with what has come to be known as the DIKW pyramid. The base and lowest level of the pyramid is unorganized numbers and facts: data. The second level is when data is organized and contextualized: information. The third level is when information is analyzed and patterns are revealed: knowledge. The highest level is when the meaning and purpose of knowledge is revealed: wisdom. Wisdom looks beyond first appearances, perceiving underlying significance and taking the long view. Each level of the pyramid is much rarer than the one that preceded it.



We cannot help but feel drawn to people whom we perceive to be wise. I have been blessed with many wise teachers, mentors, and ministry formators in my life. On this Priesthood Sunday, I give thanks in a special way for the wisdom that both Fr. Rick and Fr. Joe have shared with me in my pastoral role at Assumption Parish. We all have "wisdom people" that we can point to in our lives: parents and grandparents, teachers and mentors, friends and colleagues who have shared their wisdom with us and making us the people who we are today. Often, we associate wisdom with age and experience, and this is generally reliable although not always the case. Many of us have met older people who are somewhat foolish and younger people whose insight astounds us.

As a child of the 70s and 80s, from a young age I have associated wisdom with the character of Yoda from the Star Wars movies. While this might seem a little silly, the Catholic author G.K. Chesterton wrote in his famous book *Orthodoxy*, "That which I believe in with unbroken certainty, I learnt in the nurs-

ery" through fairy tales. I think that Yoda has taught at least 3 generations of young people some valuable lessons about wisdom. In the movie *The Empire Strikes Back*, we are introduced to Yoda as the somewhat mischievous mentor to the hero, Luke Skywalker. Luke basically does not listen to Yoda's counsel or fails at every task of his training, ultimately resulting in him prematurely facing the main villain Darth Vader and being beaten badly in both body and spirit. After this experience, Luke is humbled and in the next movie, *The Return of the Jedi*, he returns to a more frail Yoda now ready to be more serious about his training. However, Yoda informs him that he does not require any more training. He has learned all that he needs through his humiliation, failures, and sufferings. Finally, in the movie *The Last Jedi*, when an older Luke is called upon to mentor a new disciple, he is reluctant because of his past failures as a mentor. Yoda then returns to him in a vision to tell him, "Pass on what you have learned. Strength, mastery. But weakness, folly, failure also. Yes, failure most of all. The greatest teacher, failure is. Luke, we are what they grow beyond." Progress in wisdom does not come from our successes but growing through our failures. Most "overnight success stories" are preceded by a long period of failures, mistakes, and suffering.

*[Jesus said,] "God's wisdom is vindicated by all who accept it."
Luke 7:35*

Let us focus now on Wisdom, specifically as a Gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the sheer Grace of God, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, empowering us to see with the eyes of the Spirit. The Gift of Wisdom allows us to see and discern the world through God's eyes rather than the so-called wisdom of this world (1 Corinthians 3:19). This mystery is what St. Paul is referring to in this week's Second Reading from his letter to the Philippians, when he exhorts us to "have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5)

Following the way of Jesus, empowered by the gift of his Holy Spirit, is Wisdom. We do this by living our lives in communion with his humble obedience and his compassion. To have the obedience of Jesus is not to become merely a rule-follower, but in the freedom of the Spirit always have our ears open to hear and heed the voice of God. Before every major decision and turning point in his ministry, Jesus would go off to a quiet place to pray, to listen for his Father's will. We also become wise by relating to all people with Christian compassion. In the ancient Christian hymn that St. Paul quotes in today's Second Reading,

Jesus went beyond empathy for our fallen, wounded state by displacing (emptying) himself from his rightful place as the eternal Son of God to become one of us. By doing this, he entered our suffering and endured the rejection, violence, failure, and death that we experience in this vale of tears. Therefore, we become wise when we no longer live for ourselves, but freely displace ourselves to enter into the suffering of others, carrying their crosses with them in solidarity, and demonstrating to them that they are loved and valued, especially those who are viewed as "less than" by the warped values of this world—the unborn and their parents, the elderly, immigrants, the poor, prisoners, etc. (Matthew 25:31-46)

In the end, if we want to develop the Gift of Wisdom in our lives, learning to see and discern all things through God's eyes, we need to become immersed in the Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit. When we take the time to pray the Word (Psalms, *Lectio Divina*, etc.) and study the Scriptures, especially when we do so along with other Christians who have been given the Spirit's Gift of Wisdom, our sensibilities become attuned to the meaning and purpose of all things as God has created them, redeemed them, and sustains them in being. When we are fully and consciously participating in the Mass, we actively listen to the Word of God proclaimed, asking the Holy Spirit to help us understand what we hear and conform our lives to the wisdom of the sacred, Spirit-breathed words found in the Bible.

May this Year of the Holy Spirit bring to life the Spirit's Gift of Wisdom in our lives so that all people can bring about the truth and reality of the goodness of God, of each person, and of all of God's creation.

John

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Philippians 2:3-4

For many stewardship can be confused with volunteering, but they are different. Stewardship is an attitude. It is a way of living that is reflected in what we do and how we serve others. In the sharing of our God-given gifts for the good of others, we demonstrate our gratitude to God.

 Worship Schedule	
MON, September 28 Job 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50	
TUES, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, September 30 Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Lk 9:57-62	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, October 1 Job 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 2 Job 38:1, 12-21 Mt 18:1-5, 10	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 3 Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10:17-24	4:30p Mass Stanley Przeslak
SUN, October 4 Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43	9:30a Mass People of the Parish



V is for Vocation: Fr. Richard M. Filary

On this weekend of Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for Fr. Richard Filary, formerly the pastor of Assumption from 2001-2010 and currently the Sacramental Minister since 2023. We pray for Fr. Rick in his ministry as he continues to serve the people of the diocese as he has these past forty-three years since his ordination. Born in Bay City into a "very Catholic and active family", Fr. Rick grew up in Rochester before going on to attend General Motors Institute in Flint, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1976. The next year, Fr. Rick entered SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. After graduating with a Master of Divinity Degree, Bishop Kenneth Untener ordained him a priest on November 21, 1982, at St. Hyacinth Church in Bay City. Fr. Rick also has a degree in canon law and has worked in the Tribunal for over 40 years.

Please take the time to listen to Fr. Rick talk about his path to the priesthood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oHnzO331rU&t=2241s>

The Melchizedek Project: Catholic men age 18 or older who are open to learning more about the priesthood are invited to join the Melchizedek sessions which begin Wednesday, September 30, at 7pm. Advance registration is required. To sign up, visit the "Upcoming Events" section at <https://saginawvocations.org/>.

Father, we're Your people, the work of Your hands. So precious are we in Your sight that you sent Your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in Your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Amen. (adapted from USCCB)

Letting our Seminarians know we are supporting them



We as a Parish have been active in our recognition of all vocations. Understanding the current needs of our diocese, we have also been devoted in our prayer lives asking for more individuals to answer the call to enter the seminary and serve our God as Priests. We now see some of the initial fruits of our prayers and the actions across the Saginaw Diocese with nine men currently at different stages of Priestly Formation. This is but the start of the journey for these nine individuals and while we continue to pray for more to answer God's call, we need to support those that have been called. To let these individuals know that they are not alone and that they are supported by our thoughts and prayers, we are encouraging all families to help us demonstrate this support.

Starting on October 4th and running through November 1st we are asking individuals and families to personalize a card to a seminarian. You do not have to fill out a card for every seminarian, although that would be fantastic if you did, but even doing a few will help show our support for these individuals. We will have some cards available at the Coffee & Donuts on October 4th so you can start then or you can take some home and complete some at your leisure and return them before November 1st, the next Coffee & Donuts. We will collect the cards by seminarian and deliver them to the Saginaw Diocese for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your help making sure that these individuals know how much we appreciate and support them.

We're Throwing a Party and We Need Your Help!!

PolishFEST is coming up fast and volunteers are needed to prepare for the parish's anniversary bash on **October 10!**

HELP IS NEEDED....

with preparing food the week before, setting up for dining, dancing, and games and family fun, and cleaning up afterward.

Please call the parish office if you are able to help at 989-631-4447.

Many hands make light work and it's a great way to meet new people or reconnect with old friends. A time for fellowship and fun!!



~ This Week ~

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM Begins
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry
FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

Monday, September 28

10:00 am Stitch and Chat
1:00 pm BeFriender Meeting
6:30 pm The Wild Goose

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation
3:00 pm Monicas meet

Wednesday, September 30

1:00 pm The Wild Goose
6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture
10:30 am Early Bird Drawing
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, October 2

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, October 3

4:30 pm Mass
K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM
K of C Corp Comm/Tootsie Roll Drive
COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!



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

It's not too late to register your child(ren)...
Online family registration is open for both
Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry!

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 WORSHIP BAGS

Just a reminder that we have Children's
Worship Bags available for families with little
ones that are too young to understand
Mass yet. Please be considerate and *take only
one bag per family*. There are a variety of
materials in each bag for your children to
share. Please check to see you have returned
all materials to the bag and place it back on
the shelf as you leave Mass. If you have any
comments or suggestions for the bags, please
send them to cff@assumptionmidland.org.

I hope your family and littles enjoy the bags!

Love Thy Neighbor: Healthcare and Justice

The Catholic Social Teaching theme of Rights and Responsibilities recognizes health care as a right because it safeguards human life and dignity. As people of faith, we are called to reach out, build relationships, and work together to promote love and justice. The Blessed Sacrament Social Justice Committee invites you to an evening of information and conversation featuring three local speakers: Jim Mier of Gateway Healthcare, Toby Long, MD, of Cathedral Free Clinic, and David Scott of DHHS of Midland on **October 22nd at 6:30-8:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Social Hall**. Together, we will learn about local health care and social service resources, make connections within our community, and gain insight into how we can support access to health care and advance social justice for all people throughout the Great Lakes Bay Area.

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Sept. 27	CFF and CLOW
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	CFF and CLOW
11, 25	Sacramental Prep, 3-4:30



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. 27	YM Kickoff w/parents!!
28	Y2Y team meets
Oct. 4, 11, 18	YM meets
12, 26	Y2Y meets
6, 13, 20, 27	Confirmation meets
25	Y2Y Discernment Retreat @ Assumption



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

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**

Solanus Casey Traveling Museum

In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, St. Brigid Catholic Church will host the Solanus Casey Traveling Museum from Detroit on Sunday, October 11th. Come explore the exhibit and encounter the story of Blessed Solanus, a humble yet remarkable modern-day friar now on the path to sainthood.

The Traveling Museum will be open 8:00AM-7:00PM in the school. Visiting Capuchin Franciscan friars will offer a documentary and presentation on the life and spirituality of Solanus Casey at 10:15AM, 11:30AM & 4:15PM. A Healing Service, including a relic of the True Cross of Jesus, will take place at 2:00PM in the church.

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, golqbk (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



You're Invited!!

Join your fellow parishioners in the Knights of Columbus and support our Assumption community of faith!

K of C Exemplification Ceremony

**Wednesday, October 21st
at 7:30pm in DuRussel Hall**

For more info, contact Membership Director
Matt Glaccum 989-430-8622

md2141@mikofc.org

**Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Knights of Columbus
Council 2141**

Charity | Unity | Fraternity

QUESTIONS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

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.**

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

ASSUMPTION PARISH PRESENTS

An Evening with ELVIS

Hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s!

FEATURING

**TRIBUTE ARTIST
JAKE SLATER**

Saturday, Nov 7

6:30PM - 8:30PM

5:45PM Social Hour

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
3516 E. Monroe Road
Midland, MI 48642

Includes Elvis-inspired snacks & beverages!

Beer & wine available for purchase

★ *Proceeds support parish Youth Ministry* ★

Get your tickets today!

Scan the QR code • Call 989-631-4447
Visit www.AssumptionMary.org

\$25/Ticket



**Men's
FAITH
Study**

*All
are
welcome!*

*All are invited to Men's Saturday Morning
Faith gatherings sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141.*

*We will focus our discussion on the readings for the
upcoming Sunday's Mass.*

The schedule is below:

26 September 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

10 October 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

24 October 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

21 November 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

28 November First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

5 December Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

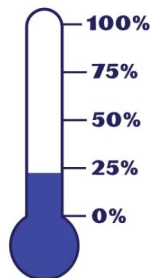
12 December Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

19 December Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

To sign-up please email: greggzank@mac.com



BIG RAFFLE



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

EARLY BIRD WINNERS



August 15th Drawing

James Bourne
Denise Kearl

Sept 17th Drawing
Kayla Reger

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 **22% of the way there!** Here's the top two ways we are inviting each parish household to help keep the momentum going:

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

Ready to go a step further?

Pick up paper tickets from the parish office to sell to friends, neighbors, family, etc. *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!

This weekend is our monthly

Food Pantry Collection

September 26/27

Please remember to bring back your blue bags of donations this weekend.

Thank you...



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.

Come join us!



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 kathyr@assumptionmidland.org

Assumption Church

55th Annual Bazaar

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



There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

Starting now up to the Bazaar we are selling tickets before and after Mass.

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 & Sloppy Joes

Fri., Nov 13th

8am – 12noon

Making Cinnamon Rolls

8am

Bake Sale Donations Accepted

9am – 11am

Helping with Table Set-up



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the money earned through the Bazaar, for over 50 years, our parish has been able to send much needed funds to other non-profit groups throughout our community. We usually earn over \$6,000 to give away.

**WE NEED more
HELP from
EVERYONE!**



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

RAFFLE – Tickets are on sale in the gathering space, \$1 each. Donations are being accepted.

BAKE SALE – By helping to make noodles or cinnamon rolls or by making another item to donate to the bake sale. Also helping staff the table during the Bazaar.

VENDOR TABLES – By volunteering to help set-up tables and by helping remove all the tables and chairs after the Bazaar is over.

LUNCH – Volunteering in the kitchen during the Bazaar; serving and selling small food and drink items.

Thank You! Val Rossi, Bazaar Chair, 989-631-4447

Come and join the fun and festivities!



Assumption of the B.V.M.

October 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am Choir Practice 7pm	2 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	3 Mass / 4:30pm K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
* Children's Liturgy of the Word						
Regular Tuesday evening meetings will be held in the classrooms						
4 Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM, C.L.O.W.* Coffee & Donuts K of C Corporate Communion and Tootsie Roll Drive Inquiry / 11:00am	5 The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm	6 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:00pm Confirmation 6-8pm Pastoral Council Meeting / 5:30pm	7 Open Door Prep 7:45am Serving at Open Door 10am Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm The Wild Goose / 1pm K of C / 7:30pm Happy 110th Birthday ABVM! Oct 7, 1916	8 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am Choir Practice 7pm	9 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	10 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm Boot Drive PolishFEST Dinner / 6:30pm
11 Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM C.L.O.W.* Boot Drive Catholic Inquiry 11:00am Sacramental Prep 3pm	12 Stitch and Prayer 9:30am Y2Y Meeting The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm	13 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Worship Comm / 10am Monicas / 3:00pm Christian Service Meeting / 5:30pm Confirmation 6-8pm	14 The Wild Goose 1:00-2:30pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	15 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am Choir Practice 7pm	16 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	17 Serving at Open Door / 10am Mass / 4:30pm Boot Drive
18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM, C.L.O.W.* Boot Drive Inquiry / 11:00am	19 BeFriender Meeting 1-2:30pm The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm	20 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:00pm Faith Form Comm Meeting / 5:30pm Confirmation 6-8pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7pm	21 The Wild Goose / 1pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C Exemplification 7:30pm	22 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am Choir Practice 7pm	23 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	24 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm Food Pantry
25 Mass / 9:30am CFF, C.L.O.W.* Food Pantry Inquiry / 11:00am Sacramental Prep / 3pm Y2Y Discernment Day at Assumption	26 Stitch and Chat Workshop / 10am Y2Y Meeting The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm	27 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:00pm Confirmation 6-8pm	28 The Wild Goose 1:00-2:30pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	29 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am Choir Practice 7pm	30 W&C / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Global Compassion Dinner / 5:30pm	31 Mass / 4:30pm

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Dear Parishioners:

Our Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ended with an overall gain of \$30,666.51 of income over expenses. Thus, the fiscal year was very good and our parish continues to be in a strong overall financial position. However, as we look forward, we must note that without a one-time disbursement from the Michigan Catholic Conference Loss Prevention Fund of \$97,731, we would have operated at a loss.

A big priority for this past fiscal year was to increase revenue. In 2025-2026, our Sunday collections increased 2.56% over the previous year. Thank you! Through a series of initiatives, such as the Big Raffle & Elvis Night, we increased our fund-raising income by almost \$37,000 (a 114.8% increase over the previous year!). Overall, including the funds from the Loss Prevention fund and the increase in fund-raising revenue, parish revenues increased 21.14% from the previous year; but expenses also grew 9.0%. Continuing to increase revenues will once again be a focus as we attempt to continue offering just wages and benefits to our staff, keep up with the impact of inflation on overall parish expenses, and continue to serve those in need in the Midland County community.

This year, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our current Worship Space, built through the stewardship and hard work of that generation's parishioners. As we mark with joy this milestone, we are also recognizing that we are now entering the time where our generation will need to leave its legacy on Assumption Parish. Over the next few years, we will need to remodel the restrooms in our classroom/hall wing, update the shingles on the roof of the church building, refurbish the pews in the Worship Space (including the addition of kneelers), make landscaping updates, prepare for the day when we will need to upgrade or replace HVAC systems, and build an endowment for the future needs of the parish. The parish Finance and Pastoral Councils are already planning for these projects, and it will soon be our generation's opportunity to ensure the future of Assumption Parish.

I want to sincerely **thank you** for your generosity in supporting our parish financially over this past fiscal year. I would also invite you to discern as a household if God has placed you in a position to increase your weekly tithe. Every sacrifice helps as we strive to be good stewards of God's gifts to us, take care of our staff, and continue to be a beacon of God's compassion in Larkin Township. We praise and thank God for the magnificent work being done through our parish family!

John

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Income and Expense for FY 25/26 Actual, Budget and Difference. FY 24/25 Included for Comparison.

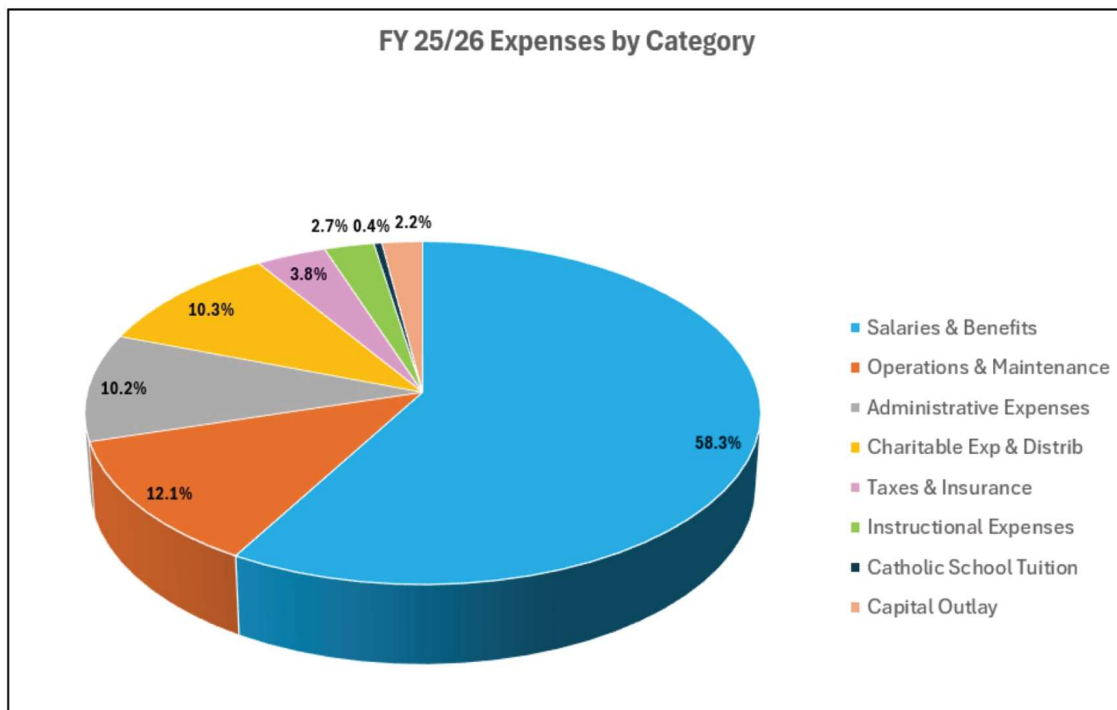
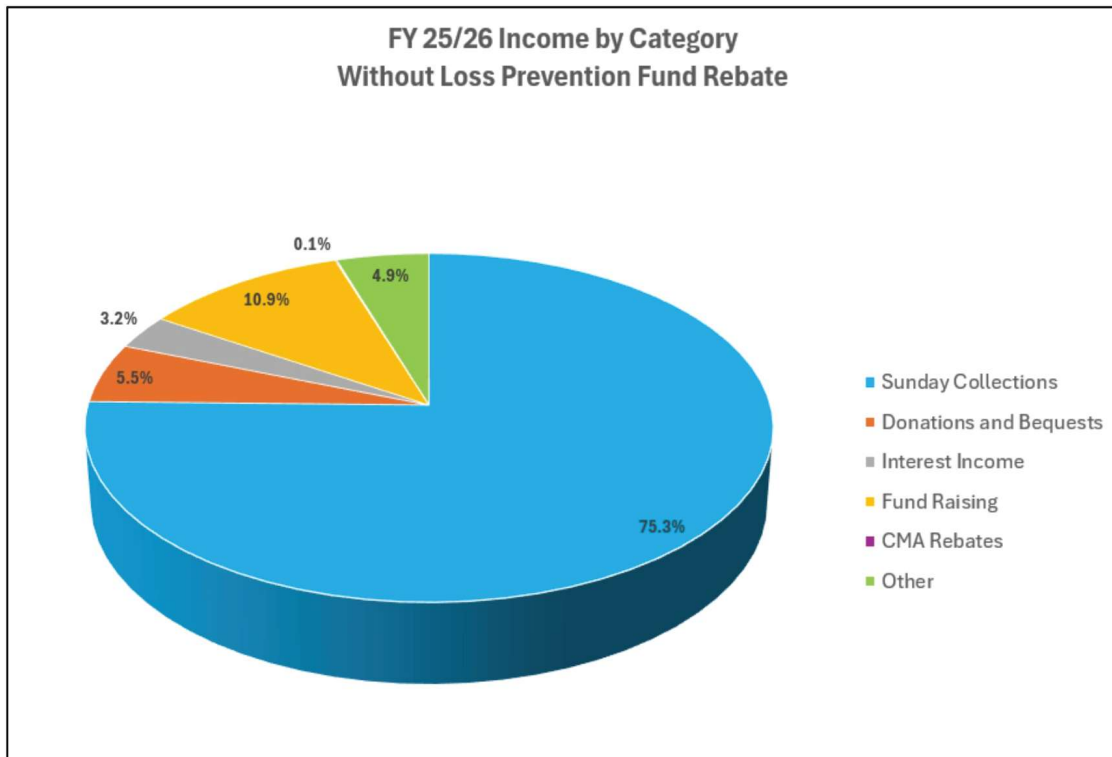
Income	Actual FY 25/26	Budget FY 25/26	FY 25/26 Actual Minus Budget	Actual FY 24/25
Sunday Collections	\$ 476,159.90	\$ 480,000.00	\$ -3,840.10	\$ 464,287.11
Donations and Bequests	35,026.87	25,000.00	10,026.87	27,487.00
Interest Income	20,207.29	19,200.00	1,007.29	45,285.14
Fund Raising	69,112.45	65,000.00	4,112.45	32,173.21
Christ's Mission Appeal Rebates	526.20	0.00	526.20	7,450.00
Other†	128,866.46	28,425.00	100,441.46	25,827.07
Total Operating Income	\$ 729,899.17	\$ 617,625.00	\$ 112,274.17	\$ 602,509.53
Expense			Budget - Actual	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 407,706.33	\$ 394,690.00	\$ -13,016.33	\$ 382,002,.61
Operations & Maintenance	84,774.23	94,250.00	9,475.77	97,296.65
Administrative Expenses	71,033.67	64,475.00	-5,558.67	61,010.17
Charitable Exp and Distributions	72,349.27	56,300.00	-16,049.27	51,842.82
Taxes & Insurance	26,435.92	30,500.00	4,064.08	30,262.24
Instructional Expenses	18,681.18	14,852.00	-3,829.18	10,797.60
Catholic School Tuition	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Capital Outlay	15,252.06	7,800.00	-7,452.06	5,272.63
Total Expenses	\$ 699,232.66	\$ 667,867.00	\$ -31,365.66	\$ 641,484.72
Excess Income	30,666.51	-50,242.00		-38,975.19

†Includes a one-time, \$97,731.03 Rebate from Diocesan Loss Prevention Fund

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What did our Income and Expense breakdowns look like:



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Parish Statistics:

As of June 30, 2026, we had:

- 501 Registered Households, and
- 1093 Registered Parishioners

Bi-Monthly average attendance at weekend masses was:

Month	4:30 pm Saturday Mass	9:30 am Sunday Mass	Total
July/August	102	154	256
September/October	120	185	305
November/December	120	167	287
January/February	126	149	275
March/April*	131	181	312
May/June	116	166	282

* Easter Sunday (April 5) drove this average higher

Sacraments:

Baptisms	13
First Communion	10
Confirmation	5
Weddings	0
Funerals	11

Christ's Mission Appeal for 2025/2026

Parish Participation: 29.5%

As of August 31, 2026; our total paid to the diocese was \$84,268 with another \$1,250 in outstanding pledges. If all the pledges are paid, this will be a little over 105% of our Parish Assessment of \$80,951. This would also mean that a little over \$2,280 will be returned to our Parish for use in our Faith Formation programs.

Both the Participation level and dollar amount showed a significant drop from FY 24/25. This is likely due to the lower target for our Parish and being able to meet that reduced goal with less follow-up from John and the Finance Council.

Note: Starting this past Fiscal Year, parishes receive 50% of the payments into Christ's Mission Appeal in excess of the Parish Assessment.

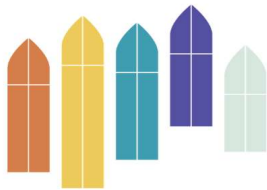
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My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord; I know them,
and they follow me.

Weekend Offerings

September 19/20, 2026

Weekly Envelopes\$2,589
Online Giving (9/14-9/20) ..\$2,110
Donations\$0
Weekend Total.....\$4,699
Weekly Goal\$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$4,705)

September 1-20, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$11,202
Online Giving\$8,982
Donations\$0
Total \$20,184
Goal \$28,212
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$8,028)

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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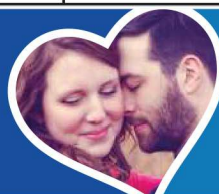


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