

October

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2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



Assumption

of the **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**



**Happy 110th Birthday
Assumption!**



1916 - 2026



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.

How To Contact Us

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs / 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.,

Fridays / 8:30 a.m.—noon

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"When the wise are instructed, they increase in knowledge." Proverbs 21:11

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 journey of Christian discipleship.

The second of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the **Gift of Understanding**.

In the summer of 1984, Michigan-born rock singer Bob Seger released a song entitled *Understanding* on the soundtrack album of a movie called *Teachers*. While the film was pretty forgettable, Seger's song was a hit that spent 4 weeks in the Top 20 later that year. Some of the lyrics were: "Suddenly I look around/and everything looks new/I don't know why but I think I'm starting to learn/They call it understanding/A willingness to grow . . . Until the day you came along/I used to just get lost/I only heard the things I wanted to hear/It always seemed like no one cared/Then you took the time/And now I look and everything seems clear/You got me understanding/You've really helped me see." The song is a message of thanksgiving for a teacher who helped the singer grasp some subject in a new and deeper way. A great teacher can lead us to that "ah ha" moment of breakthrough when what once was unclear and disorganized becomes clear and intelligible. These moments fill our hearts with gratitude.

In the Gospel according to John, at his Last Supper Jesus promised his disciples "the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I have told you." (John 14:26) Through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit has been given to us as our Teacher, helping us to understand the content of our faith. **The Gift of Understanding allows us to grasp the truth of God as a whole and how the various elements of our faith are connected to each other.** As we heard from the Book of the prophet Isaiah a few weeks ago, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9) We mere mortals are finite creatures. We can never completely "figure out" God (come to think of it, we can't even figure out ourselves or other people, even those we know very well!). However, God has chosen to reveal him-

self through the Spirit-inspired Word of God and through the Apostolic Tradition of the Church. But even Divine Revelation needs interpretation. Whenever I hear someone tell me that they believe in the "plain meaning of the Bible" it makes me wonder how much they have actually read their Bible since its meaning is often not clear without the Holy Spirit's assistance through prayer and study.

There are many truths proclaimed by the Catholic Church. We believe in 1 God in 3 Divine Persons (Trinity). We proclaim a Virgin Birth (referring to Jesus) and an Immaculate Conception (referring to Mary). We celebrate the mysteries of Jesus' Incarnation and Paschal Mystery and look forward to his Parousia (Second Coming). There are 10 Commandments and 7 capital sins. There are 12 tribes of Israel, 12 apostles, and 9 choirs of angels. We believe that Jesus left us 7 sacraments. Our Creed is divided into 12 articles. We serve the needs of others through the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy and the 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy. We have a heritage of deep spiritual insight, intricate moral theology, and social justice doctrine. We foster the freedom of charismatic gifts and the order of Canon Law. The entirety of the Catholic faith can seem overwhelming. It is the Holy Spirit's Gift of Understanding that helps us to see how these various truths are part of a unified whole, the Deposit of Faith. We cooperate with the Gift of Understanding when we take time to learn the truths of our faith and let them form us in deeper Christian discipleship.

"O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love." Prayer of St. Francis

This weekend, we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 1226. He is a wonderful example of the Holy Spirit's Gift of Understanding working in someone's life. After a youth seeking glory as a knight and being "the life of the party" Francis had a conversion of heart while recovering from illness when he was captured after a battle. As he was praying one day in a simple chapel at San Damiano, he heard the icon of Jesus speak to him from the crucifix, "Francis, go and repair my church, which you can see is falling into ruin." At first, Francis mis-understood Jesus' message to him. He started collecting stones to make repairs in the little chapel. He even, quite wrongheadedly, took textiles and funds from his father's business to support his project, leading to his estrangement from

his father. Gradually, through the Holy Spirit's Gift of Understanding, he came to see that Jesus was asking him not to rebuild a single chapel, but to spiritually rebuild the Christian faith in a time when corruption plagued the Church and people's hearts were more concerned with seeking the glories and luxuries of this world than the spiritual riches of the Kingdom of heaven. He so dedicated himself to building up God's Kingdom that he renounced all worldly possessions, courting his Lady Poverty, and preached the Gospel everywhere by his words and his joyful example of living. He strove to live in peace with every person and with all of God's creation. At the heart of everything for Francis was his love for Jesus, especially present in the Eucharist. In the *Writings of St. Francis* we read, "Let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult, when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest. O stupendous dignity! O humble sublimity, that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread!" His love of God, his love of peace, his love for all creation, his love of poverty and humble service, his love for the sacraments, and his devotion to Mary were all a single thing for him. Francis' passionate single heartedness with nothing held back inspired many to join him in his way of life, even though it was never his intention to start an organized group.

May this Year of the Holy Spirit bring to life the Spirit's Gift of Understanding in us so that, like St. Francis, we can discern and respond to God's call in our lives and strive to bring all things into God's communion of love and peace.

John



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

 Worship Schedule	
MON, October 5 Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37	
TUES, October 6 Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, October 7 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, October 8 Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 9 Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 10 Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, October 11 Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

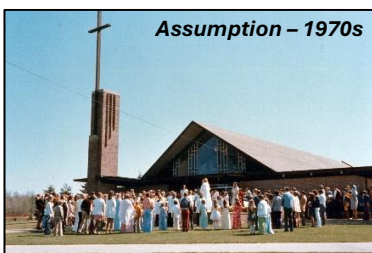
V is for Vocation: Universal Call to Holiness



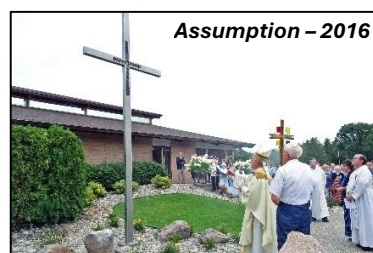
Assumption - 1921

As our own Assumption Parish celebrates its 110th anniversary on October 7, we give thanks for those faithful who came before us who (literally!) built the church spaces we use today. In the sacrament of Baptism, God calls every one of us to holiness. We pray for all the people of Assumption on their journey in faith and living a full Christian life. May they, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, be open to God's call.

Learn more about God's call to holiness and vocations at saginaw.org/vocations.



Assumption - 1970s



Assumption - 2016

Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana, you prompted your Son to perform his first sign. Be with us as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Amen.

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!!

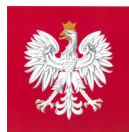
PolishFEST is coming up fast and volunteers are needed to prepare for the parish's anniversary bash on **October 10!**

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, 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

Monday, October 5

6:30 pm The Wild Goose

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am Mass followed by Rosary and Meditation
3:00 pm Monicas meet
5:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg
6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, October 7

Happy 110th Birthday Assumption

7:45 am Open Door Prep
10:00 am Serving at Open Door
1:00 pm The Wild Goose
6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

8:00 am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday, October 10

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

Boot Drive

6:30 pm PolishFEST

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM
Boot Drive
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry
3:00 pm Sacramental Prep

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**

**Live the
Gospel of *Life***
RESPECT LIFE MONTH

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in our image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

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.**

Oct. 4, 11, 18 YM meets
12, 26 Y2Y meets
6, 13, 20, 27 Confirmation meets
25 Y2Y Discernment Retreat
at Assumption



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

**Collection for Midland Family Center's
Preschool Winter Boots**

It's that time of year when we work together to provide new winter boots for our preschool friends at West Midland Family Center and North Midland Family Center.

Look for the "boot board" in the gathering space filled with envelopes beginning Oct 10. Each envelope will have a boot label identifying the gender and age of a local preschooler in need of warm, winter boots.

Simply select an envelope, return with your monetary donation to the collection box in the gathering space and we will do the boot shopping for you!

The average price of one pair of children's winter boots is \$40.

Cash or checks are greatly appreciated.

Please write checks payable to Assumption BVM.

We would like all monetary donations turned in by October 18th.



*Thank you for your continued support
as we work together to provide
preschoolers in our community
with warm, winter boots.*

Christian Service Commission

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... When vintage time grew near, he sent his servants to the tenant to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed and a third they stoned. ... Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'they will respect my son.' But ... They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him." Matthew 21: 34-39

In the parable of the landowner who leased his vineyard to tenants, when the harvest time arrived they refused to give the owner his rightful share. This story reminds us of the central meaning of stewardship. God has entrusted gifts to us. He is the owner. We are managers of those gifts – not owners. Everything that we have, including our time, our unique talents and our financial resources, are ours to manage from God. Do we act like the tenants and not give the Lord, the master of our gifts, His due?

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 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:

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

ABVM Garden Update

A Time to Plant, A Time to Reap
After a successful growing season which produced a bounty of nutritious vegetables for our neighbors, the ABVM community garden is getting a well-deserved rest.

*We thank our dedicated crew
for taking to heart the words of
Jesus: "Feed my sheep."*

Bernie and Michele

Grief Recovery Group:

Nov 10th – Jan 5th

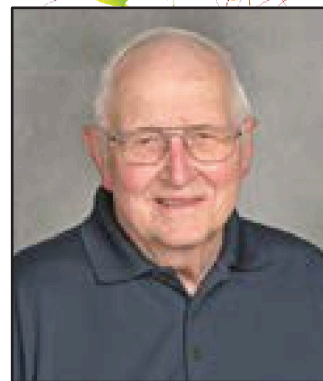
**Memorial Presbyterian Church,
1310 Ashman Street, Midland
Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

All who are experiencing any type or stage of grief – including death, job loss, divorce, health issues, caregiving, and other issues and losses – are welcome.

We meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
in the Parlor on Tuesdays from
November 10 to January 5
(no meeting on November 24).

*This offering is free, group size
is limited, and registering
beforehand takes place through
the office at 989.835.6759 or
info@mempres.org.*

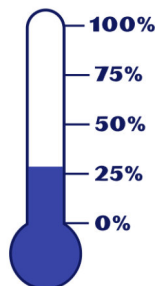
Happy 95th Birthday



James Erdman
Saturday, October 3rd



BIG RAFFLE



EARLY BIRD WINNERS



August 15th Drawing

**James Bourne
Denise Kearl**

**Sept 17th Drawing
Kayla Reger**

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 **28% 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!

Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild Cordially invites all ladies to our annual Ladies Fall Social

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

10:30am – 2:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall, 2500 N West River Rd, Sanford

Guest speaker: Fr. Jose Cabrera speaking on "The Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture"

Luncheon will be served at 11:00

Please RSVP by Monday, October 12th to Cathy Satkowiak (989) 415-8201

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 kathyr@assumptionmidland.org

BeFriender

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 knowhomebound, 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.



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



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 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.

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



WARM THEIR FEET THIS CHRISTMAS

Knights of Columbus is collecting socks to be distributed to local shelters and pregnancy centers throughout Michigan.

Drop your donations of new, packaged athletic socks in the collection bin located in the gathering area by November 29. The socks can be any size, from newborn to adult.

Your gift will help to bring warmth and hope to those in need this Winter.

Thank you for your support!

Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141



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!



You Are Invited to Join In Continuing the Mission of Jesus Christ Throughout the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw and Beyond

Christ's Mission Appeal has begun throughout the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. The annual appeal is the primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to support one another. It is an opportunity to offer thanksgiving to God for his abundant gifts.

In Bishop Robert Gruss' words: "United in one heart and mind, the Lord Jesus sends us on mission to be the living presence of Jesus in caring for our Church, Christ's Body, and sharing his love and mercy in our world."

The appeal allows the local Church to carry out the work of Jesus Christ throughout the Diocese and beyond through ministries and programs that would not otherwise be possible through one individual or parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's Christ's Mission Appeal.

More information about the ministries supported by Christ's Mission Appeal and a message from Bishop Gruss can be found on the diocesan website www.saginaw.org/appeal or you can contact the stewardship and development office at development@diosag.org or 989-797-6679.

One Heart and Mind

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

Acts 4:32

Ways to Give

Secure Online:

Through the Diocese of Saginaw website:
[**www.saginaw.org/appeal**](http://www.saginaw.org/appeal)

Click on the "Donate Now" button

This will direct you to options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number. You can opt for reminders for pledged gifts.

In Person:

You also may return the pledge card to your parish office or the chancery office, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

By Mail:

Please complete the pledge card that was included in your Christ's Mission Appeal mailing and return it in the envelope provided in your mailed packet. Please return the pledge card to the Diocese of Saginaw.

Scan the QR Code:

To learn more about the 2026—27 Christ's Mission Appeal, see a video message from Bishop Gruss and make a pledge or contribution online.



Some of Christ's Mission Appeal Supported Ministries

Parish support

- 34.4% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Assistance and training for parish staff and volunteers in:
 - Finance and strategic planning
 - Human resources services
 - Christian service outreach
 - Parish building evaluations
- Coordination and staffing of all special diocesan liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass, First Friday Masses, clergy funerals and ordinations
- Certification for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Assistance to parishes with construction or renovation projects
- Assistance to parishes in fundraising and communications for major projects
- Training of grief ministers
- Marriage preparation and family life ministry
- Hispanic and multicultural ministries
 - Special liturgies and cultural celebrations
 - Translations and special materials for liturgies and celebrations
 - Assistance to migrant labor populations
- Continuing education and enrichment for priests

Support for the broader church

10.9% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Catholic Family Services: offering mental health and emotional health services in Saginaw and Bay counties, as well as guardianship and conservatorship services in Bay County
- Catholic Rural Life
- Holy See/Peter's Pence
- National Human Life Amendment

Education, faith formation and vocations

- 33.3% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Lay ministry formation
- Youth and young adult programs
- World Youth Day pilgrimage and service and enrichment opportunities for young people throughout the Diocese
- Training and development for parish youth ministry leaders
- Training and resources for faith formation leaders in parishes
- Vocations nurturing through retreats, camps, fellowship events with Bishop Gruss and diocesan priests and other discernment opportunities
- Seminarian support
- Permanent deacon formation

Communications and community outreach

- 21.4% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Great Lakes Bay Catholic magazine - published six times a year
- Livestreaming of Sunday Masses and other special Masses and liturgies celebrated by Bishop Gruss from the Cathedral
- Event photography and videography, email ministry, the diocesan website (saginaw.org), promotion of ministries and events, social media outreach, printing services and more
- Jail and prison ministry
- Mother Teresa Fund: providing financial assistance to individuals and couples experiencing limited financial resources while awaiting the birth of their child and/or during the initial period following birth
- Programs for assisting local pregnant and parenting women in need

What Christ's Mission Appeal Does Not Support

Christ's Mission Appeal contributions are *not used* and *never will be used* for the legal defense of clergy accused of sexual abuse.



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Link: <https://guardianangel.fundraiser.support>



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September 26/27, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$3,104
Online Giving (9/21–9/27) ..	\$1,086
Donations	\$1,000
Weekend Total	\$5,190
Weekly Goal	\$9,404
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$4,214)

September 1-27, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$14,306
Online Giving	\$10,067
Donations	\$1,000
Total	\$25,373
Goal	\$37,616
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$12,243)

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in getting your contribu-
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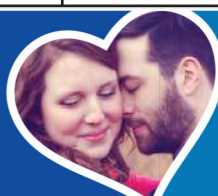
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