

October

11

2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday **IN ORDINARY TIME**



Assumption

of the **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**



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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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to surgeries, hospitalizations, or because of health concerns are asked to please contact the parish office. Otherwise, please notify the parish office if you or a family member is ill, homebound or hospitalized.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon



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"For lack of guidance a people falls; security lies in many counselors." Proverbs 11:14

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 third of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the Gift of Counsel.

In 1841, the American Transcendentalist philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson published one of the most influential essays in American history. Entitled *Self-Reliance*, the essay sought to provide a foundation to individualism and nonconformity. Emerson wrote, "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself," and "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string." Rugged individualism and self-reliance are central to American identity. From earliest ages we are praised to the extent that we learn "to do it for yourself." People who seek public assistance are often accused of becoming "dependent on the state." One of the greatest fears of growing older is expressed, "I don't want to become dependent on anyone." Emerson's essay, and individualism generally, does have its critics. The 19th century French social commentator Alexis de Tocqueville in his book *Democracy in America* wrote that individualism, "in the long run attacks and destroys all [public virtues] and is at length absorbed in downright egotism." In our times, Mark Cladis of Brown University critiques individualistic self-reliance by pointing out that "we are surrounded by helps and aids of all kinds, supporting us, sustaining us, journeying always with us."

While competence and personal responsibility, which enable us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones, are undeniably good things, we as Catholics also see the indispensable value of society as well, which allows individuals to flourish. "The human person needs to live in society. Society is not an extraneous addition but a requirement of our nature. Through the exchange with others, mutual service, and dialogue we develop our potential and respond to our vocation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1879) As with so many things, Catholics see the value of both the individual and society. We are neither pure individualists nor socialists.

Jesus also saw the value in each disciple whom he called personally by name to follow him. He also gave us wise teachings in his sermons and parables. However, his main work during his public ministry was to establish the Kingdom by gathering

together a community of disciples. "The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the 'little flock' of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is. They form Jesus' true family." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 764) We have been reborn into the family of faith in order to assist each other to grow in our communion with God and neighbor in love. We have been redeemed in Christ "not as individuals without any bond or link between [us], but rather to make [us] into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 781)

"[Jesus said,] 'I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth.'" John 14:16

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) The Gift of Counsel is the realization of the assistance of the Holy Spirit, both directly in our hearts as well as through others in the Church, helping us discern the way of holiness and Christian discipleship. The Greek word Paraclete means "someone called to come alongside another person." It is sometimes translated into English as "advocate" or "counselor."

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit has been given to us through Baptism and Confirmation as our counselor? Probably because my brother is a lawyer, I like to think of the Holy Spirit as a divine lawyer (lawyers are formally referred to in court as "Counselor").

Why would one hire a lawyer? Three reasons come to mind readily. First, lawyers have studied and know the law with more expertise than the average person. Who knows God's law of love better than the Holy Spirit who is the Love between the Father and the Son who has discerned the very depths of God? (1 Corinthians 2:10-11) Second, lawyers provide objectivity for us because stress and personal emotions may cloud our judgment in court. The Holy Spirit in the voice of our consciences brings us objective clarity about God's law and the circumstances in which our moral decisions are chosen. (John 16:6-13) Third, we need someone to advocate for us in court, to stand on our side. Even in our darkest hour, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, helping us in the midst of our weakness and bringing all things to our ultimate good. (Romans 8:26-28)

Ultimately, the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, aids us in our task of discernment of God's

plan in all things. Wise people seek to lean on the understanding of the Holy Spirit, rather than self-reliance. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 12:2) Our fellow parishioner and diocesan Commissioned Lay Minister Noreen Warrick has led discernment formation sessions for our Pastoral Council. She shares this definition of discernment from the Diocese of Cleveland: "Discernment is a continual process of seeking, discovery, and awareness that involves intentional and focused listening with the heart, which leads us to collaborate with grace in living a life of holiness . . . discernment is a form of worship that must lead to Christian action in the world." Sometimes, we can discern the voice of the Holy Spirit directly in our personal prayer. More often, discernment happens through dialogue in community: our family and friends; pastoral leaders, confessors, and spiritual directors; small prayer or study groups; professional counselors and support ministries such as our BeFriender Ministry. These relationships give us different insights and perspectives, opening our minds and hearts to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Both Bishop Gruss' diocesan advisory councils and our parish Pastoral Council are implementing processes of discernment instead of those of purely human decision-making. Thus, our path forward will not be mere activism, but a true gift received gratefully from the wisdom and understanding of the Holy Spirit.

May this Year of the Holy Spirit bring to life the Holy Spirit's Gift of Council in us so that we can assist each other in more closely listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in our parish family, implementing God's vision for each of us personally and for our households, local community, nation, and world.

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
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 Worship Schedule	
MON, October 12 Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32	
TUES, October 13 Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, October 14 Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, October 15 Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 16 Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 17 Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, October 18 Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

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 the Greater Midland North Family Center.

Look for the "boot board" in the gathering space filled with envelopes beginning this weekend. 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 pre-schoolers in our community with warm, winter boots.

Christian Service Commission

Thank You for Your Generosity – Priests' Retirement Collection

On behalf of the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw, please accept my thanks for the remarkable support for the 2026 Priests' Retirement Collection. The outpouring of generosity is humbling to me and my brother priests. Be assured that your gifts are used wisely to ensure the care and financial support for our currently retired priests and for those priests who will retire in the future. Assumption collected \$4,954.

~ Fr. Rob Howe – President, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw
Priests' Retirement Fund

V is for Vocation: Dcn. Robert & Sandy Zondlak



Sandy as they continue their ministry to the faithful at St. Brigid and in the diocese.

Learn more about the permanent deacon formation program:
<https://saginaw.org/god-calling-you-serve-permanent-deacon>

Loving God, Your Son, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way. Help me to find my way in this world. Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others in love. Give me the courage to accept the guidance You offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Through the Holy Spirit, You call me to a particular way of life. If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then help me to walk it in joyful service to Your people. With You, my God, I know I can find my way. Amen. (USCCB)

~ This Week ~

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

Monday, October 12

9:30 am Stitch and Prayer

6:30 pm The Wild Goose

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am Mass followed by Rosary and Meditation

10:00 am Worship Commission Mtg

3:00 pm Monicas meet

5:30 pm Christian Service Mtg

6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, October 14

1:00 pm The Wild Goose

6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15

Thursday, October 15

8:00 am Mass followed by Rosary and Scripture

10:30 am Early Bird Drawing

7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, October 16

8:00 am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday, October 17

10:00 am Serving at Open Door

4:30 pm Mass

Boot Drive

Sunday, October 18

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

9:30 am Mass

CFF, C.L.O.W., YM

Boot Drive

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!**



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



If you have a child in third grade or above who has received their First Eucharist already, we would like to offer them an opportunity to serve God at Mass. There are many ways for our youth to serve

during Mass, and the most common way is by being an Altar Server. Father Rick is amazing, and it's a great way to engage more deeply with the Mass. My kids have been Altar Servers for years, and they really enjoy it!

**If you have someone interested in
being an Altar Server, please join us
Saturday, October 17, 6 - 7ish pm
for pizza and training. Parents can stay or
drop off and come back around 7pm.**

Young disciples who are already performing the ministry of Altar Server, or who have been trained but are in need of a refresher, are also invited to assist with the training and join us for pizza!

*Please let us know if you will attend, we
want to make sure we have enough pizza!
You can email cff@assumptionmidland.org,
or let Wendy Graveline know!*



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants ... everything is ready; come to the feast. Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. ... Go out into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." Matthew 22:2-9

In the parable of the king's wedding feast for his son, some guests ignored the invitation to tend to their own farms and businesses so the king expanded the invitation to everyone on the streets. Do we put our worldly things above joining in the feast to which God invites us?

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

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



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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Our Children's Sacramental Preparation
begins this weekend!**



Children preparing to celebrate the sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation are strongly recommended to be enrolled in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Level II for the 3-year cycle. In the second year in Level II children will prepare with additional Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentations at sacramental retreats before celebrating their First Reconciliation and receiving their First Holy Communion.

The third year in Level II continues to expand on the sacraments they just received. They will be in a new place, spiritually, and will hear things differently.

We have modeled our children's Sacramental Preparation after the revised Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) structures: a discernment process aimed at forming strong disciples of Jesus. We will continue to pray all year for the spiritual preparedness of the children. We have done this because a child receiving their sacraments is the beginning of a lifetime of unfolding their faith and deepening their relationship with God. This relationship will guide them through every step of their lives, long after CGS and even after they have left our loving homes.

Please contact cff@assumptionmidland.org for more information.

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:

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.*

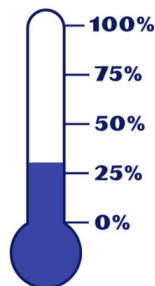
Happy 92nd Birthday



Herbie Campau
Tuesday, October 13th



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
Oct 1st Drawing
 Linda Yoder

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 **30% 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

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:
abvmbigaffle.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
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 served at 11:00

Please RSVP to Cathy Satkowiak (989) 415-8201

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
 Saint Brigid Catholic Church
 Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall

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

Apply by October 26, 2026
 to reserve your spot!

Surviving the Holidays Nov. 8 at Grace Lutheran Church

Are you dreading the approaching holidays because of the death of a loved one?

You're not alone. Come to Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth St, Auburn) on

Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m.

to be comforted and encouraged. We'll meet in Grace's library to explore *Surviving the Holidays*—a resource program from GriefShare—together to help guide you through this season. The materials are free, and all are welcome to attend; no registration needed.

Questions? Call Grace's church office at 989-662-6161.

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.

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. There are cards on the welcome circle, you can take some home and complete some at your leisure and return them by November 1st. 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.

October 18, 2026 - World Mission Sunday

This year, the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Sunday next Sunday. Established by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is a special opportunity for Catholics around the world to come together in prayer and support the Church's missionary work. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "One in Christ, united in mission," reminding us that although we may come from different cultures and nations, we are one family in Christ and share in His mission to bring the Gospel to all peoples. On this special centennial celebration, we are invited to pray for missionaries, support their work, and generously contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection. Our gifts help provide for the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church in mission territories, including catechetical programs, formation of priests and religious, churches and chapels, education, healthcare, and assistance to communities in need. Let us celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday by renewing our commitment to be "One in Christ, united in mission." Please prayerfully consider how you can support the missionary work of the Church through your prayers and generosity. There is an envelope in your packet, you can give online or put a check in the collection with "World Mission Sunday" in the memo line.



2026-2027 Christ's Mission Appeal

Christ's Mission Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. The appeal is the primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to support one another. It allows the local Church to carry out the work of Jesus 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. To find out more information, visit www.saginaw.org/appeal or scan the QR code.



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



55th Annual Bazaar



Saturday, November 14, 2026
8:30am - 3:30pm

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

- **Crafts & Gifts:** Over 60 Vendors
- **Bake Sale:** Fresh-Made Noodles, Cinnamon Rolls & More!
- **Lunch available for purchase:**
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup,
Sloppy Joes & More
Served by Knights of Columbus Council #2141
- **Event proceeds benefit local charities**



Bazaar Raffle

- 1st Prize** – Handmade quilt
- 2nd Prize** – \$100 cash
- 3rd Prize** – \$50 cash, plus donated merchandise & craft items

Tickets \$1 each. Purchase at the Bazaar or in advance at the parish office.

You do not need to be present to win!



Free Admission. Come Join Us! 989-631-4447 | www.AssumptionMary.org

Handel's *Messiah* Bible Study



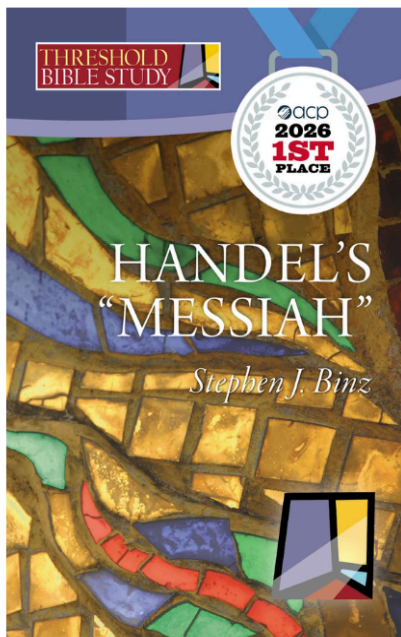
Thursdays beginning November 5, 2026 | 6:00-7:00pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642

Open to all beliefs • All are welcome!

Questions? Contact John Graveline at john@assumptionmidland.org



Messiah, by George Frideric Handel, is perhaps the most widely-known musical work in the classical repertoire. It is also unique in that the entire oratorio consists of quotations from Scripture: God's living word, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Guided by an award-winning book by Stephen J. Binz, we will deepen both our understanding of God's redeeming plan and our appreciation for the timeless music telling the story of salvation.

Scan here to register:

**www.AssumptionMary.org/events
989-631-4447**

\$10 suggested donation for book



Prepare spiritually for these upcoming concerts:

Assumption Parish presents
Handel's Messiah, Part I & Hallelujah Chorus
Sunday, December 20, 2026 / 3:00pm



Midland Center for the Arts presents
An Evening with Handel (*complete Messiah*)
Sunday, April 18, 2027 / 4:00pm

ABVM Faith Formation Commission

Minutes of Meeting / September 15, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

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

Actions and Discussions:

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

- 1) **Adult Faith Formation** – Kathy (for John)
 - a. Thursday morning scripture study has resumed, with approximately 10-20 attending.
 - b. OCIA – One person became fully initiated into the church over Labor Day weekend.
 - c. At least one person is inquiring about Catholicism.
- 2) **Middle School/High School Youth Ministry** – Kathy
 - a. Sessions kick-off on Sept 27th at Blessed Sacrament.
15 MS and 9 HS students registered as of today.
 - b. Confirmation starts Oct 6th for the 2nd year of the program. Thirty-two (32) young people are enrolled, combined with Blessed Sacrament.
 - c. Y2Y started last night. 19 people have signed up for Team.
- 3) **Elementary Faith Formation** – Wendy
 - a. CFF began on Sept 13th. 26 children are registered, with at least 6 more that may still register.
 - b. CLOW began on Sept 13th.
 - c. Five (5) children are registered for First Eucharist/First Reconciliation at this time.
- 4) The updated mission statement and charter will be brought to the Pastoral Council in October.
- 5) ***The Chosen Review & Flashback*** will be facilitated by Donna Semanco on Sept 21st & 23rd. Season 6 will be presented starting in January 2027.
- 6) **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.
 - a. Episodes 1-7, Mondays (evening) & Wednesdays (day), Episodes 1-7 Sept 28th-Nov 11th. Episodes 8-14 March 29th-May 12th (Ending the week before Pentecost).
 - b. The team finalized details, updated the draft session outline, and reviewed audio visual instructions.
- 7) **Future Planning and Ideas**
 - a. Book Study – Advent – *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* by Cynthia M. Campbell (Nov 18-Dec 16) – 4 sessions.
 - b. *Handel’s “Messiah” Bible Study* will be facilitated by John Graveline and others.
 - c. Advent – half day retreat with a focus on Mary and The Immaculate Conception.
 - d. The Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program sessions are open to the public. It was suggested to add the information to the bulletin and include in these minutes.
 - e. The commission discussed ensuring a balance between offering a variety of formation opportunities without overplanning which could stretch resources and cause competition between programs.
- 8) The new meeting time will be Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
The next meeting will be held October 20, 2026 - 3:30 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jane Labby (9/20/2026)*

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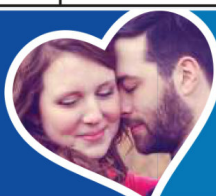
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