October
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2026

THIRTIETH *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

From our Director of Parish Life

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10



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 fifth of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is the **Gift of Knowledge**.

We have already explored two gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom and Understanding, which seem almost synonymous with Knowledge. Therefore, isn't the Gift of Knowledge redundant for those who have Wisdom and Understanding? The Miriam Webster Dictionary defines *knowledge* as "information, understanding, or skill that you get from experience or education." It also gives a secondary definition, "the sum of what is known: the body of truth, information, and principles acquired by humankind." According to these modern definitions, knowledge is primarily (or even exclusively) about intellectual apprehension of truth with our minds. However, Fr. John L. McKenzie S.J. in his *Dictionary of the Bible*, demonstrates that the biblical definition of knowledge is much broader. He writes, "In biblical patterns of thought the words we translate 'know' and 'knowledge' express a more complex group of psychic activities. The Israelite knows with the heart and the Hebrew Bible has no word that corresponds exactly to our 'mind' or 'intellect.' . . . in the Hebrew Bible to know is to experience; experience develops into acceptance or possession." He goes on to speak of the "knowledge which is the full acceptance of experienced love."

As a Gift of the Holy Spirit, **The Gift of Knowledge is the gift of full communion with God in the Holy Spirit: mind, heart, and body**, even to the extent that St. Paul wrote, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20). It is not enough to simply *know about God*, we are graced to *know God*, to experience and accept the love of God.

The Gift of Knowledge is not merely intellectual or even spiritual. Biblical knowledge is bodily union. A clue to this physicality can be seen in how older translations of the bible would use the word "know" to denote the physical expression of love between spouses. The Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible, which was rooted in the classic English of the King James Bible translated Genesis 4:1 as "Now Adam knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain," and Luke 1:34 as "And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I do not know man?" This is not because the translators were squeamish or prudish about intercourse, but because the biblical understanding of knowledge included physical communion as well as intellectual and spiritual communion. This is to what St. Paul alludes when he reminds us, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) The fulfillment of the Holy Spirit's Gift of Knowledge is in the Eucharist, where the entire Christ: body, blood, soul, and divinity, is received into our bodies and through this Eucharistic food nourishes our entire selves: hearts, minds, and bodies.

"[Jesus began to teach,] 'for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" Acts of the Apostles 1:5

Those of us who are participating in *The Wild Goose* this fall, seeking a deeper, more personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, recently discussed what it means to be "baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11) This "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" presupposes that the Holy Spirit dwells within us through the Sacrament of Baptism. However, this Divine Gift is often left "unopened" or "unreleased" in the lives of the baptized through neglect. I often instruct people preparing for First Communion about the difference between receiving the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion. Receiving the Eucharist is a "one-way street," but receiving Communion is a "two-way street." When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus comes into us and knocks on the door of our heart. If we don't open the door and invite him in, then we don't receive the full grace of Holy Communion with him. We don't change and our homes and society don't change. Similarly, the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts through Baptism, but if we don't invite him into our hearts and lives, seeking to be fully immersed in the Holy Spirit (the Greek word for "immersion" is *baptizein*), then the Holy Spirit will not be effective and fruitful in our lives. To be "baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire" is to consciously place our entire being under the direction of the Holy Spirit, giving him permission to lead us and transform us. This immersion in the Holy Sprit has the power to set our hearts on fire and our world on fire. (Luke 12:49-50)

Knowledge about God can be aided by theological books, videos, classes, and study, but knowledge of God only comes from a deep personal encounter with God. This encounter begins with God's gift of himself with us and becomes deeper and more fruitful by our reception of this gift and our response of the gift of ourselves in return. Mother Theresa would ask her sisters, "Do you really know the living Jesus, not through books, but by being with him in your heart?" In a recent book entitled *Remain in Me and I in You: Relating to God as a Person, not an Idea*, Fr. Wayne Sattler writes, "Eternal life is not an idea. 'Eternal life,' Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, is this: 'that they should *know* you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.' (John 17:3) Eternal life is a person. In fact, three Persons! Eternal life is the relationship we have now and forever with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Later, Fr. Sattler tells us of a Carthusian monk who instructed him, "If you can't find God here [pointing to his heart], you will not find him anywhere."

May this Year of the Holy Spirit stir up the Spirit's Gift of Knowledge in us so that we can live in full communion with God in mind, heart, and body in this life and in the life to come. May we as a parish, and each one of us personally, consciously ask God for the baptism (immersion) in the Holy Spirit and fire. I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit can transform our hearts, homes, parish, diocese, nation, and world to live in a communion of love with each other and all people though the love of God who has been poured into our hearts at Baptism. (Romans 5:5)

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Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

will be served after Mass Sun., Nov. 1st!



Please plan to join in!



MON, October 26 Eph 4:32-5:8 Lk 13:10-17	_____
TUES, October 27 Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21	**8:00a Mass** 8:30a Rosary *Followed by Meditation*
WED, October 28 Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	**6:30p Mass** *Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15*
THUR, October 29 Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35	**8:00a Mass** 8:30a Rosary *Followed by Scripture*
FRI, October 30 Phil 1:1-11 Lk 14:1-6	**8:00a Word & Communion** 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 31 Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11	**4:30p Mass** ***People of the Parish***
SUN, November 1 Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a	***ALL SAINTS' DAY*** **9:30a Mass** ***People of the Parish***



V is for Vocation: Four Permanent Deacon Candidates

We give thanks for the four men who were admitted as candidates to the Permanent Diaconate on October 11:

Timothy J. Hadd, St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn
James M. Jones, Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Pleasant
Anthony P. LaFramboise, Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Parish, Saginaw
Juan Reyes, St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland

We pray for them as they begin a three-year journey of preparation and discernment to serve as permanent deacons. Applications are accepted once every four years. Both married and single men may apply. Learn more about the formation program: https://saginaw.org/god-calling-you-serve-permanent-deacon

O God, Father of all Mercies, Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen. (adapted from USCCB)

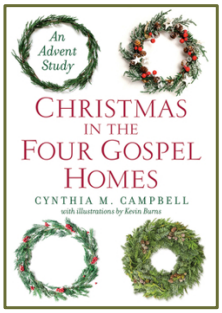
Collection for Midland Family Center's Preschool Winter Boots

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. Each envelope will have a boot label identifying the gender and age of a local pre-schooler 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 or scan the QR code to give online!

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 25th.



Advent Book Study

Join us for a four week Advent study of the book Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes. This book, written by Cynthia M. Campbell, lets us reflect on the birth of Jesus. In addition, we can reflect on the incarnation offered by each Gospel. This book creatively reimages the season and inspires a new and exciting reflection during Advent. Perhaps it will bring the Christ story to you in a whole new way.

Participants will receive their books during the week of November 9. Books will be available at "Wild Goose" sessions or in the church office.

Please sign up at the Welcome Circle by November 2.
We will meet on Wednesdays in Holy Grounds from 1:00-2:30 on:
November 18, December 2, December 9 and December 16.
We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.
We will conclude prior to Christmas.

~ This Week ~

Sunday, October 25
9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., Y2Y Discernment Day
Food Pantry Weekend
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry
3:00 pm Sacramental Prep

Monday, October 26
10:00 am Stitch and Chat/workshop
6:30 pm The Wild Goose

Tuesday, October 27
8:00 am Mass *followed by Rosary and Meditation*
3:00 pm Monicas meet
6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, October 28
1:00 pm The Wild Goose
6:30 pm Mass *followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15*

Thursday, October 29
8:00 am Mass *followed by Rosary and Scripture*
10:30 am Early Bird Drawing
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, October 30
8:00 am W&C *followed by Rosary*

Saturday, October 31
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 1
ALL SAINTS DAY
9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM
COFFEE & DUNUT SUNDAY
3:00 pm Mozart Requiem Concert at the Cathedral



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!

In Middle School Youth Ministry, students started the year by learning how Catholic Social Teaching is our toolbox to help build up the Kingdon of God! The remainder of the year, we will focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

For the full description of the Catholic Social Teachings, visit the USCCB website.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

Each person is SACRED,
made in God's image, equal in dignity.

Each person is SOCIAL,
called to participate in family and community.

All people have RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES.
The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

We care for people who are POOR and vulnerable,
before all else.

Workers have rights. WORK has dignity.
We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call.
We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

We care for CREATION.
We live in interdependence with all God has made.

Save the Dates:

Advent Lessons & Carols
Monday, December 14 / 6:00pm

Join us for an evening to celebrate the joy of Christmas with your family through Scripture and song; refreshments to follow, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Please bring a donation of nonperishable food items to benefit local families in need.

Family Movie Night
Friday, December 18, 6:00-8:00pm

Don your festive jammies and kick off Christmas break with a family movie! I can't tell you the title, but "peas" don't miss it!

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Oct.	**25**	CFF and CLOW
	25	Sacramental Prep, 3-4:30
Nov.	**1, 8, 15, 22**	CFF and CLOW
	29	No CFF and No CLOW
Dec.	**6, 13**	CFF and CLOW
	14	Lessons & Carols, 6-7pm
	18	Family Movie Night, 6-8pm
	20, 27	No CFF and No CLOW



If you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation (CFF) or Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), 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.	**25**	No YM
	26	Y2Y meets
	13, 20, 27	Confirmation meets
	25	Y2Y Discernment Retreat at Assumption
Nov.	**1, 8, 15, 22**	YM meets
	10, 17	Confirmation meets
	16, 30	Y2Y meets



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



Guatemalan Stove Team Mission 2027

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

We are seeking your financial support again; hoping to raise ~$55,000 for materials. These water filters and vented stoves provided to the rural poor are life changing. The stoves replace a smoky fire pit on the floor in the homes. They are safer and run with 70% less wood; saving the family hours of work each week or, if purchased, about 40% of their income. The water filters eliminate the risk of waterborne illnesses (e.g. dysentery), a leading cause of death, especially in children.

To contribute to this effort, please make your check out to:
Midland Area Community Foundation
Memo: **Midland-Based HELPS Fund**
Mail to: **Kevin Shaughnessy, 809 Honeysuckle Cir, Midland, MI 48642**

If you are interested in being a future volunteer, check out www.midlandstoveteam.com/ or send information requests to: Kevin Shaughnessy at kmshaug6@gmail.com.

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*** ★

$25/Ticket

Get your tickets today!

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

THANK YOU
so much for your continued support in getting your contributions into the office.

A reminder.....
to please make out a separate check for the special collections.

Mozart's "Requiem"

November 1, 3pm

Location: **Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption**
615 Hoyt Ave, Saginaw

Considered one of the greatest pieces of sacred music ever written, this dynamic and powerful setting of the prayers from the Mass for the Dead is sure to stir your hearts and minds. Featuring full-scale orchestra, choir, and soloists, don't miss the chance to hear this work brought to life at the Cathedral by some of the best musicians from all across the diocese.



ANGEL TREE - Prison Fellowship

Share the hope of Jesus with a child in the Midland community as you deliver a Christmas present and a personal message of love on behalf of their parent in prison. Angel Tree Christmas starts with a gift and is followed by kids connecting with their incarcerated parents, families finding new strength, and the Gospel changing hearts. It also opens the door for year-round ministry opportunities for our parish.

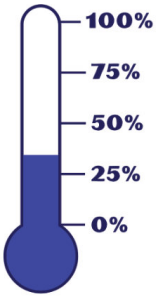
After a fantastic first year, we are excited to bring this incredible ministry program back to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Volunteers to help buy gifts, wrap gifts, and deliver gifts will be needed. Prayerfully consider joining us in bringing true joy to local children and their families this Christmas. Volunteer opportunities will be announced in early November. *Opportunities for all ages!*



Handel's Messiah
Part I & Hallelujah Chorus
Sunday, December 20
3:00pm

Our third annual community Christmas concert, featuring chamber orchestra, choir, and soloists from throughout the Tri-City area. Presented by Assumption Parish Music Ministry and directed by Jim Renfer.

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!**

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

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



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**



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign up in the gathering space!

EARLY BIRD WINNERS



August 15th Drawing
James Bourne
Denise Kearl
Sept 17th Drawing
Kayla Reger
Oct 1st Drawing
Linda Yoder
Oct 8th Drawing
Dave Vickery
Oct 15th Drawing
Rui Cruz

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 **34% 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

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!

Season of Giving: A Charity & Craft Fair

Skip the mall madness and discover meaningful gifts at the **Blessed Sacrament's** Season of Giving:

A Charity and Craft Fair, Sunday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

With more than 25 nonprofit organizations represented you will have the opportunity to purchase unique alternative gifts or make contributions in honor of family, friends, or neighbors. With a wide variety of causes represented, you're sure to find something meaningful for even the hardest-to-buy-for person on your holiday list.

Remember your loved one with a

Christmas POINSETTIA

Please fill out an envelope indicating:

- Your name
- The name of the person you wish to honor (to be printed in the bulletin)
- Whether you would like to take a poinsettia home after the Christmas season

We are requesting donations of $20

Return envelopes to the parish office or to the donation box at the Welcome Circle by Sunday, November 29

Questions? Contact Jim Renfer at jim@assumptionmidland.org



Assumption of the B.V.M.

November 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **ALL SAINTS DAY** **Mass / 9:30am** **CFF, YM,** C.L.O.W.* **Coffee & Donuts** **Mozart Requiem Concert / 3pm at the Cathedral**	2 **ALL SOULS DAY** **The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm**	3 Open Door in Kitchen / 7:30am **W&C / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *followed by meditation* ***Monicas / 3:00pm*** **Pastoral Council Meeting / 5:30pm**	4 Open Door Prep 7:45am *Serving at Open Door 10am* **The Wild Goose/ 1pm** **W&C / 6:30pm** *followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation* K of C / 7:30pm	5 **W&C / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *Scripture Reflection after Rosary* ***Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am*** Choir Practice 7pm	6 **W&C / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am	7 **Mass / 4:30pm** **An Evening with Elvis / 6:30pm**
National Vocations Awareness Week—November 1st-7th						
8 **Mass / 9:30am** **CFF, YM** C.L.O.W.*	9 Stitch and Prayer 9:30am *(in Holy Grounds)* ***Y2Y Meeting*** **The Wild Goose 6:30-8pm**	10 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *followed by meditation* **Worship Comm / 10am** ***Monicas / 3:00pm*** **Christian Service Meeting / 5:30pm** ***Confirmation 6-8pm***	11 **The Wild Goose 1:00-2:30pm** **Mass / 6:30pm** *followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm*	12 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *Scripture Reflection after Rosary* ***Early Bird Drawing 10:30 am*** Choir Practice 7pm	13 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am	14 *No 8am Mass* **Mass / 4:30pm** **Fall Bazaar 8:30-3:30**
15 **Mass / 9:30am** **CFF, YM** C.L.O.W.*	16 **Blood Drive 1:30-6pm** ***BeFriender Meeting 1-2:30pm***	17 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *followed by meditation* ***Monicas / 3:00pm*** **Faith Form Comm Meeting /3:30pm** ***Confirmation 6-8pm*** Finance Council Meeting 7pm	18 ***Book Study 1pm Begins*** **Mass / 6:30pm** *followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm* K of C / 7:30pm	19 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *Scripture Reflection after Rosary* Choir Practice 7pm	20 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am ***Global Compassion Dinner / 5:30pm***	21 Rosary / 8:30am ***Men's Faith Study after Rosary*** **Open Door / 10am** *Messiah practice 11am* **Mass / 4:30pm** **Food Pantry**/ *monetary* **Big Raffle Drawing Event / 6:00pm**
22 **CHRIST THE KING** **Mass / 9:30am** **CFF, YM,** C.L.O.W.* **Food Pantry** *(monetary donations only)*	23 Stitch and Chat 10am ***Y2Y Meeting***	24 **Mass / 8am** Rosary / 8:30am *followed by meditation* ***No Monicas***	25 ***NO Book Study*** **Mass / 6:30pm** *followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm*	26 **Thanksgiving Day** **Mass / 9am** ***(blessing of food)***	27 *No morning Mass* **Parish Office Closed**	28 Rosary / 8:30am ***Men's Faith Study after Rosary*** *Messiah practice 11am* **Mass / 4:30pm**
29 **Mass / 9:30am** **No CFF, No YM** No C.L.O.W.* **First Sunday of Advent**	30					

*** Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Christ's Mission Appeal impacts lives throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. Some may be those whom you know in your own parish or community, but others may be strangers.

Here are some of the ways that Christ's Mission Appeal supported ministries help in our Diocese.

Support for Those Grieving

The loss of a loved one can impact people in variety of ways and having others who will listen and help those who are grieving can be very important in healing and coping. The Diocese of Saginaw recently hosted a training for grief group facilitators from parishes all over the Diocese. Funded through Christ's Mission Appeal, the session offered guidance for communicating with those who are grieving, understanding group dynamics and offering empathy. Participants also were supplied materials to use in six-week programs in their parishes.

Participant Lisa W. from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Reese:

"The grief recovery workshop was very meaningful and a very valuable experience of my co-facilitator and myself. It gave us a deeper understanding of grief, the many forms it can take and how important it is to have a safe and compassionate place to work through loss. We are grateful to have been part of this training through Christ's Mission Appeal and believe the knowledge and tools we gained will allow us to better support and walk alongside others who are experiencing grief. This experience has strengthened our hearts and our desire to serve others with love, compassion and understanding."



Supporting Our Clergy

Parish priests "wear many different hats" throughout a week. They celebrate Mass, prepare homilies, and minister to parishioners in a wide variety of ways but they also essentially are "CEOs" of their parishes. Managing staff, attending meetings and making sure that finances are in order are all parts of their jobs. They may find need to seek guidance - and departments at the diocesan level are available to assist. Christ's Mission Appeal support of different diocesan offices makes such assistance readily available to pastors.



Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski, pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish and Our Lady of Lake Huron School:

"As a recently ordained priest with no business background, I rely heavily on the counsel of my Finance Council and the Diocese's Finance Office for help. The staff there has always been prompt and helpful in addressing my questions and concerns."

Supporting Parish Staff

Diocesan-based offices and departments are available to help pastors and parish staff in a variety of ways. Having resources only a phone call away can benefit parishes in many ways.

"In serving as Business Manager for three parishes in the Diocese over the last 10 years I have had multiple situations come up related to IT. It has been very beneficial to have access to the Diocesan IT Manager (Deacon Jason Rasmussen) in helping my parishes address technology needs quickly, efficiently, and cost-effectively. For example, I had a hardware CPU Problem that he was able to fix in minutes because of his knowledge and history with similar issues with this CPU that he encountered at other parishes. I would have had to seek help from an outside IT Person who would not have had the experience with this situation.

This position is very much needed on the diocesan and parish level. It is well worth the investment in Christ's Mission Appeal for us to have this asset."

~ Raymond Eickholt, Business Manager
St. Peter Parish, Chesaning and St. Cyril Parish, Bannister



Deacon Jason Rasmussen
Diocese IT Manager

Tribunal's Ministry of Healing

The Tribunal manages the process and support for those who approach the Church's court system for a declaration of nullity (annulment) and other matters.

Fr. Jose´ Maria Cabrera, Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish, Saginaw



"For the past 12 years, I have had the honor of serving as a procurator for the Diocese of Saginaw, accompanying people through the marriage nullity process. I have seen how meaningful it can be for someone to have a compassionate person listen to their story, offer guidance, and walk with them during a difficult time in their life. "The process takes time, but that time provides an opportunity for reflection. As people look back on their relationships and past choices, they can gain greater understanding and begin to experience emotional and spiritual healing. Through this ministry, the Tribunal helps them understand their marital status in the Church and discern the next steps in their journey of faith."

"Your gift to CMA helps ensure that people facing the pain of a broken marriage have someone to walk beside them. As a procurator, I am grateful for your support of this pastoral ministry and the people we serve."

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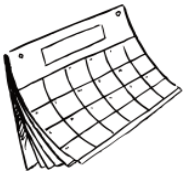
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