



# DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

April 27, 2025

### 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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## REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



## POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of the  
faithful departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



**We thank Pope Francis for his love for the Church and the gift of his life for us all. We are grateful for Pope Francis's service to the Church, his dedication to the poor, and his efforts to promote peace and justice in the world.**

## From our Director of Parish Life



*"But the LORD answered me: Say not, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you."*  
—Jeremiah 1:7-8

As we continue the Easter Season of this Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the **Jubilee of Teenagers**. Teenage youth are often called the "future" of the church. In one sense, that is so. However, after Confirmation and First Communion have been received, our teenagers are fully initiated Catholics who have been sacramentally graced by God to continue Christ's mission of reconciliation and evangelization in our world. They are fully part of the Church and its mission **now**. I am so proud of the work done by Kathy Russell, our Director of Youth Ministry, and of all of the Midland area youth ministers (both volunteer and parish staff) helping our young people grow into the "full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13) One of the things that I love most about the Assumption Parish community is seeing the participation of our teenage parishioners, especially in liturgical, musical, and service ministries. Most of all, I am proud of our teenage parishioners. They are an example to all of us on how to energetically share our gifts and talents for the building up of the Body of Christ and of all of human society! Some of our high school youth are participating in the "Youth 2 Youth" Retreat this weekend. Let us all pray that they grow in friendship with Jesus this weekend, so that they can discern where God is calling them to best use their gifts to make our world a better place for everyone.

*"Truly you have formed me in my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks for I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works."* —Psalm 139:13-14

Also, this Monday through Wednesday we celebrate the **Jubilee of People with Disabilities**. We love our sports. We love to see athletes pushing themselves and their bodies to overcome obstacles to compete at the highest level. We sit in the stands or tune in on TV to see someone achieve something that no one has ever done before. This past summer, our parish friend and volunteer Doug Dean invited me to Miracle Field here in Midland to watch an adaptive baseball game on a Saturday morning. I had so much fun watching the athletes, with their diverse abilities and disabilities, enjoy-

ing the opportunity to engage in sports, in its competitive spirit and in its camaraderie of teamwork. It was a truly exceptional sports experience, inclusive of the unique abilities and dignity of all. People with disabilities: temporary, acquired, or permanent are a gift and blessing to everyone. They are special witnesses to the truth that the wonder of being human is not primarily about what

we do, but what we are: the image of God, created to be loved and to love. We are all on this Earth to compassionately serve each other. People with disabilities force everyone to slow down and care for each other in love. This is not always easy, especially for caregivers. God continues to bless our parish community and Midland area community with people with various disabilities and their caregivers and supporters so that everyone can grow in humanity, compassion and unconditional love. We are thankful for each and every person in our community, especially persons with disabilities!

*"The Church does not exist to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy."* —Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*

Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. We mark this day with sad but hopeful hearts since we are both celebrating the end of the Easter Octave and the continuation of the Easter Season while at the same time observing nine days of mourning for the

death of Pope Francis. **One thing that we know for certain is that Pope Francis put all his faith and hope in Jesus' Cross and Resurrection which brings us mercy, the forgiveness of sins, and the promise of eternal life.** He wrote a book entitled, *The Name of God is Mercy*. May we be inspired to keep his spirit alive in our parish and in the worldwide Church through a renewed commitment to let Jesus encounter us with his unconditional, merciful love in a deep, personal friendship; through furthering Pope Francis' commitment to humility and service, compassionately caring for the poor, the immigrants and refugees, the forgotten and marginalized, and vulnerable people; through heeding his heartfelt call to steward and care for all of God's creation, our common home; and through living in solidarity and communion with all people, not putting up walls but building bridges of dialogue and understanding.

The final words of Pope Francis' last will and testament read, "the suffering that marked the final part of my life, I offer to the Lord, for peace in the world and for fraternity among peoples." May we take up the challenge of this final gift from our Holy Father, rejecting the polarization and division that underlies the violence and hatred in our world and building a world where "todos, todos, todos" ("everyone, everyone, everyone") can live together in dignity, justice, peace, and mutual love with God and each other.

*John*



### BRING A FLOWER FOR MARY

We will be honoring our first *Follower of Jesus* in the month of May by crowning her with flowers after our Mass on **May**

**4th**. Feel free to bring your own flower to Mary, our most blessed mother.

*Vases will be provided around our statue in the church.*

**Hail Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for Us!**

### Divine Mercy Sunday



*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"* — John 20:21

Before Jesus sends out his apostles into the world He gives them the gift of peace. Offering them peace is the first thing that He does and says in His first appearance to the apostles after the Resurrection. Today, He also sends us – with peace – to spread his mission of compassion and mercy to those who we know, those who we don't know, those who we like and those we do not. How are you going into the world to spread Christ's mission with peace?



|  Worship Schedule |  |
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| ASSUMPTION   |  |
| <b>MON, April 28</b><br>Acts 4:23-31<br>Jn 3:1-8   |  |
| <b>TUES, April 29</b><br>Acts 4:32-37<br>Jn 3:7b-15  | <b>8:00a Mass</b><br><b>8:30a Rosary</b><br><i>Followed by Meditation</i>          |
| <b>WED, April 30</b><br>Acts 5:17-26<br>Jn 3:16-21   | <b>6:30p Mass</b><br><i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i><br>7:15-8:15 |
| <b>THUR, May 1</b><br>Acts 5:27-33<br>Jn 3:31-36   | <b>8:00a Mass</b><br><b>8:30a Rosary</b><br><i>Followed by Scripture</i>           |
| <b>FRI, May 2</b><br>Acts 5:34-42<br>Jn 6:1-15   | <b>8:00a Mass</b><br><b>8:30a Rosary</b>   |
| <b>SAT, May 3</b><br>1 Cor 15:1-8<br>Jn 14:6-14  | <b>4:30p Mass</b><br><i>People of the Parish</i>                                   |
| <b>SUN, May 4</b><br>Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41<br>Rev 5:11-14<br>Jn 21:1-19                           | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>9:30a Mass</b><br><i>People of the Parish</i>  |

## V is for Vocation: The Teenagers of our Diocese



With the Jubilee of Adolescents / Youth this weekend, we give thanks for the teenagers in the parish and the diocese. As we mourn the passing of the Holy Father, we pray that they may be open to God's call, inspired by Pope Francis' invitation at World Youth Day 2024 to, "walk in hope! Hope overcomes

all weariness, every crisis, and every worry. It gives us a powerful incentive to press forward, for it is a gift received from God himself. The Lord fills our life with meaning, sheds light on our path and shows us its ultimate direction and goal."

*Lord Jesus... your Church turns her attention to all the young people in the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered. Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others. Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from You. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. Amen. – adapted from Pope Francis's Prayer for Young People (2017)*

### This weekend is our monthly **Food Pantry Collection** **April 26/27**

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

*Thank you!*



**Coffee, Donuts  
& Fellowship**  
will be served  
after Mass next  
**Sunday, May 4th.**  
*Please plan  
to join in!*



### **EASTER ALLELUIAS** would not be possible without the help of so many

- Jim Renfer, our parish Director of Music and Liturgy, who together with the parish Worship Commission gave thoughtful direction to the preparation of the liturgical rites and other Holy Week prayer opportunities;  
- The Art & Environment committee who spent countless hours creating and preparing the environment to enhance our prayer;  
- All the liturgical ministers who served in roles of sacristan, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and greeters;  
- Musicians, both singers and instrumentalists, whose gifts called us to full and active participation;  
- RCIA catechists and sponsors, who assisted those who received the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter;  
- The Media Outreach Ministry's livestream of all of the liturgies, including outside at the fire on the Easter Vigil;  
- In a special way, Fr. Rick Filary, our parish Sacramental Minister, who presided at our liturgies, preached inspiring homilies, and guided our Holy Week liturgies with his wealth of experience.

All told, over 50 parishioners served in one of the above ministries (some people served in more than one role or served on multiple occasions). The parish family of ABVM is ever so grateful for your generous spirit and the way you live out your baptism in service to all of us! *We truly are blessed!*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**



### - This Week -

#### Sunday, April 27

**9:30 am Mass**

**C.L.O.W., CFF**

**Food Pantry Weekend**

**Y2Y Retreat Weekend**



#### Monday, April 28

**10:00 am Stitch and Chat**

#### Tuesday, April 29

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am Rosary followed by meditation**

**3:30 pm Millions of Monicas**

**5:30 pm Faith Form Comm Mtg**

**7:00 pm Admin/Finance Mtg**

#### Wednesday, April 30

**6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation**

**6:30 pm CFF**

#### Thursday, May 1

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am Rosary followed by scripture**

#### Friday, May 2

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am Rosary**

**5:30 pm Global Compassion Dinner**

#### Saturday, May 3

**4:30 pm Mass**

**Baby Shower Collection**

#### Sunday, May 4

**9:30 am Mass**

**Last C.L.O.W., Last CFF**

**May Crowning after Mass**

**Baby Shower Collection**

**Coffee and Donut Sunday**





### REGISTER BY APRIL 30TH!

**Where:** Cedar Point

**When:** Tuesday, June 3rd

**Time:** Arrive to Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 am, arrive back to Blessed Sacrament at Midnight

**Cost:** \$125 (includes park admission, transportation, and all-day drink wristband)

**Buddy System:** All middle and high school students must be signed up with a buddy & stay with that friends throughout the day.

*Scan the QR code to register today!!*

**We are requiring a minimum of 40 people registered by April 30th to make this event happen!**

**We encourage your teens to invite friends!!**

*If we do not have 40 registered the event will be cancelled and refunds issued.*

**Chaperones:** Adults are needed to serve as chaperones for this trip. Adults selected as chaperones will go for FREE!

**For questions contact Kathy Russell.**



## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### CHILDREN

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Apr. 27</b> | CFF and CLOW                       |
| <b>30</b>      | Wednesday CFF                      |
| <b>May 4</b>   | <b>Last CFF, Last CLOW,</b>        |
|                | <b>May Crowning</b>                |
| <b>7</b>       | Last Wednesday CFF                 |
| <b>10</b>      | First Eucharist Retreat (noon-3pm) |
| <b>18</b>      | First Eucharist Mass, 9:30am       |



**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](mailto:cff@assumptionmidland.org)**

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Middle School and High School Sunday evening Youth Ministry has ended for the year. Watch for registration for the 25-26 year! Also watch your email and the bulletin for YM events!**

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| <b>Apr. 26-27</b> | Y2Y Retreat (HS)   |
| <b>June 1</b>     | <b>Graduation Mass</b>   |
| <b>3</b>          | <b>Cedar Point</b>   |
| <b>9-12</b>       | Vacation Bible School—<br><i>MS &amp; HS volunteers needed</i> |
| <b>16-21</b>      | YES (Youth Encounter Service) HS                               |
| <b>23-27</b>      | ND Vision (9th-12th grade)                                     |
| <b>July 7-11</b>  | ND Vision (9th-12th grade)                                     |
| <b>Nov. 20-23</b> | NCYC (HS—Save the Date)  |



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

### HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES Save the Date!!!

We would like to celebrate with you on



**Sunday, June 1st  
at the  
9:30 a.m. Mass**

*Followed by a reception for graduates and families.*

*More information will be in the mail next week to all high school seniors!*

We do not send out invitations to our college graduates, but if you are graduating, please call the parish office or email Kathy Russell at [kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:kathyr@assumptionmidland.org).

Let us know where you are graduating from, your degree, future plans and also if you and your family will be able to attend Mass and the celebration following.

## NCYC

**NOVEMBER 20-22, 2025  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN**



What is NCYC? NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers, of high school age. It is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ.

The 2025 theme, I Am | Yo Soy, will reflect on the time God appeared to Moses through the burning bush and explore how the Sacraments are the living story of God's love, uniting us with Him through Jesus and the Church. Through the Sacraments, we encounter the fullness of salvation and the tangible presence of Immanuel—God with us.

**Cost: \$350 for registered families  
(\$150 with registration by April 30th,  
balance of \$200 due Sept. 30th)**

*See the weekly Flocknote for registration or scan the QR code.*

*For questions, contact Kathy Russell  
@ [kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:kathyr@assumptionmidland.org).*



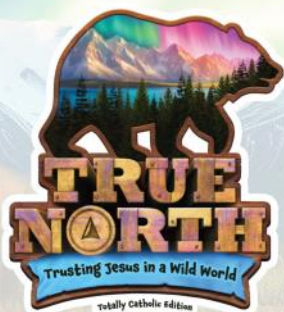


Midland Area Catholic Churches Totally Catholic

# Vacation Bible School

When:

Monday, June 9  
through  
Thursday, June 12,  
9:00am to noon



Where:

Blessed Sacrament  
Church  
(3109 Swede Ave)

Cost:

(Includes True North music CD  
or digital download code)

\$30 for one child

\$50 for two siblings  
in the same family

\$70 for three or more siblings  
in the same family

Register here:

<https://www.blessed-midland.org/events/vacation-bible-school/>  
or using QR code



We need volunteers to make  
this week a success!  
You can volunteer using the  
same link!

Questions? Contact Wendy Graveline  
at (989) 631-4447 or  
[off@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:off@assumptionmidland.org)

Space is limited,  
so register early!  
Deadline for Registration  
and Payment is June 2.

Once again we are sponsoring a



## Mothers' Day Baby Shower Collection

For Life Clinic

Bring In Your Donations  
May 3/4 and May 10/11

### TOP DONATION REQUESTS:

Infant onesies, receiving blankets  
\*Toddler pajamas and clothing for sizes  
24 mo., 2 T, and 4T  
\*Diapers (name brand or store brand) sizes  
4 through 7  
Diaper bags  
Sippy cups  
Baby wash or shampoo  
Desitin or A&D ointment  
Formula—Regular (yellow can)  
and Gentlease (purple can)  
New or gently used infant or children's books  
Rice packs/lotions, breast pads for  
mother's comfort  
\$10 gas only, gas cards  
Cash donations also accepted



\*They have extended their offerings to include  
items for children up to 3 years old and are  
especially in need of these items.



The Knights of Fr. Henry P.  
DuRussel Council 2141 would  
like to extend their thanks  
and appreciation to those  
who supported the council's

Tootsie Roll drive on Palm Sunday week-  
end. The collection of \$465.34 will be  
shared with Special Olympics Area 30  
[Midland County], Tall In The Saddle, and  
The Arc of Midland. Look for the Knights  
giving away Tootsie Rolls at the Kroger  
store in Midland on May 2-4.

## You're Invited!!

Join your fellow parishioners in the Knights  
of Columbus and keep our parish strong!

### K of C Exemplification Ceremony

Wednesday, May 7  
at 7:30pm in DuRussel Hall

For more info, contact Matt Glaccum  
989-430-8622 | [md2141@mikofc.org](mailto:md2141@mikofc.org)

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

May 20-22, 2025



The parish rummage sale for charity, is coming up  
soon, just in time for spring cleaning! This is a great  
chance for parishioners to clean out the clutter and  
other possessions you no longer need.

### DROP OFF SCHEDULE:

**MAY 15-17 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

are the available hours for donating items. PLEASE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*We are unable to accept large pieces of indoor exercise  
equipment (treadmills, stationary bikes, etc.), expired baby items  
like car seats and cribs, non-flat screen monitors or TVs.*

**SALE DATES ARE MAY 20-22**

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND ALWAYS WELCOME!**

*No experience necessary.*

**Help is needed from May 15-22, times are flexible.**

*Sign-up sheets are at the welcome circle at church or  
contact Laura Atton [lauraatton@gmail.com](mailto:lauraatton@gmail.com).*



## Statement from Bishop Robert Gruss on the Death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

### Diocese of Saginaw

"It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, on this April 21, 2025. Trusting in the infinite mercy of God, we commend his soul to the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father, praying that he be granted eternal rest.

As one who was blessed to be appointed Bishop of Saginaw by Pope Francis in 2019, and who personally met him later that year, I was moved by his presence, his humility, and his openness. His candor to the many questions raised by my brother bishops left a lasting impression upon me.

Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to lifting up the poor, the marginalized, and those living on the peripheries of society. His life was a profound witness to the Gospel call of mercy, humility, and compassion. His actions, especially in moments like the Holy Thursday foot-washing of migrants and prisoners, embodied his call for a Church that is merciful, inclusive, and attentive to those most often forgotten.

Throughout his ministry, Pope Francis consistently reminded us of the joy of the Gospel, the importance of care for creation, and the dignity of every human person. His leadership challenged us to build bridges, not walls; to seek peace, not division; and to be a Church that journeys with the wounded and the weary.

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Pope Francis, a humble servant of the Lord and of His people. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace."

*Most Rev. Bishop Robert D. Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw*

*O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Roman Missal)*

### 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

### In Loving Memory of Ginny Baker

Lord, we remember in our prayers Ginny whom you have recently called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with their families.

**"I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die; and whoever lives  
by believing in me will never die."**  
~John 11:25-26

## BLOOD DRIVE

Monday

**MAY  
12**

**1:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

### Assumption Knights of Columbus Council #2141

Blood Drive Location: Holy Grounds  
3516 E. Monroe Rd.  
Midland, MI

Schedule your appointment today:  
-Scan the QR Code OR  
-Call 866-642-5663



Take me out to the ballgame! All attempting donors will be entered for a chance to win two tickets to a Detroit Tigers Game at Comerica Park this summer!\*

Help achieve hospital needs goal of 15+ donations while impacting 45 lives in Michigan Hospitals!



**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.







## *Filled with Easter joy,*

**we remember those who have gone to  
be with our resurrected Lord.**

**Thank you to those who donated to the Easter  
Flower Fund in remembrance of a loved one.**

*In honor of their memory, we list those here  
whom we have been asked to remember.*

**If you have requested an Easter Lily to take home,  
they will be available to be picked up from the  
church gathering space after the Easter octave.**

*Dan & Dorothy Filary  
Deceased of Filary family  
Deceased of Kryszak family  
Steve Fitak  
Dennis Rey  
Ken Kessler  
Frida Brown  
Lou & George Weaver  
Robert J. Dvorak  
Clara & Warren Meylan  
Josephine & Jerome Trojan  
Collin Hagan*

*Elizabeth, Patti &  
Michael Antczak  
Jim Semanco  
Richard & Frances Miller  
Joe & Lois Kearl  
Steve & Patricia Dobrzelewski  
Don Rytlewski  
Virginia, Henry &  
Edward Budek  
Carol Murphy  
Fred & Winifred E. Pawlowski  
Ken & Rose Pakonen*



*Dear God, we lift up our loved ones in prayer  
as we remember their life and the impact  
they had on those around them.*

*Please bring comfort and peace to those  
who mourn their loss, and may they find  
hope in your loving presence and the promise  
of eternal life. Amen.*



## **MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK Wednesday, July 16th**

***We have reached our financial goal to sponsor this July's Food Truck.***

***Thank you so much for your generous support!***

However, we need 80 volunteers for the day, we have 37, **need 43 more.** Please take time to consider signing up to help out with this very important ministry to those in need of food for their table. ***Families are welcomed!*** A great gift that you can pass on to your kids is the gift of volunteering! Questions or to sign-up, please call the parish office at 989-631-4447.

*Thank You, Christian Service Committee*

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!**



Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **June 16-18** (midweek) at Center for Ministry in Saginaw, **Aug. 1-3** and **Oct. 3-5** at Augustine Center in Petoskey, and **Nov. 21-23** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit.

*Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or  
contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at  
517-667-0433 for more info.*

*Give thanks to the Lord  
for he is good,  
his love is  
EVERLASTING.*

### **Special Collection:**

The Diocese of Saginaw announces a special collection to aid our fellow parishioners in the Gaylord area. The devastation that hit the diocese is equal to the damage caused by a category 5 hurricane and resources are needed to help those affected by this terrible storm.

**Contributions can be mailed to the  
Diocese of Saginaw, with 'Gaylord  
MI' noted in the memo line.**


*If you have any questions, please  
contact Maria Coss in the Mission  
Office at 989.797.6646.*



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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|  |   |   |  | 1<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>Scripture Reflection<br>after Rosary                        | 2<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br><b>Global<br/>Compassion<br/>Dinner / 5:30pm</b> | 3<br><b>Mass / 4:30pm</b><br><b>Baby Shower<br/>Collection</b>  |
| 4<br><b>Mass / 9:30am</b><br>Last C.L.O.W.*<br><b>Last CFF class</b><br><b>May Crowning</b><br><b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b><br>after Mass<br><b>Baby Shower Collection</b> | * Children's Liturgy of the Word  | 6<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>followed by meditation<br><b>Monicas / 3:30pm</b><br><b>Pastoral Council<br/>Meeting / 6:30pm</b>                            | 7<br>Open Door / 10am<br><b>Confirmation / 6:15pm</b><br>Last CFF class<br><b>Mass / 6:30pm</b><br>followed by Reconciliation/<br>Exposition 7:15-8:15pm<br><b>K of C / 7:30 pm</b><br>Exemplification<br>Choir Practice 7pm | 8<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>Scripture Reflection<br>after Rosary                        | 9<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am   | 10<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br><b>Mass / 4:30pm</b><br><b>1st Communion<br/>Retreat</b><br><b>Baby Shower Collection</b> |
| 11<br><b>Mass / 9:30am</b><br><b>Happy<br/>Mother's<br/>Day</b><br>(brunch after Mass)<br><b>Baby Shower Collection</b>  | 12<br>Stitch and Prayer<br>9:45am<br><b>Blood Drive</b><br><b>1:30-6pm</b><br><b>Y2Y Reunion</b>  | 13<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>followed by meditation<br><b>Monicas / 3:30pm</b><br>(last one for summer)<br><b>Christian Service<br/>Meeting / 5:30pm</b> | 14<br><b>Confirmation / 6:15pm</b><br><b>Mass / 6:30pm</b><br>followed by Reconciliation<br>and <b>Holy Hour</b><br>for <b>Vocations</b><br>7:15-8:15pm  | 15<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>Scripture Reflection<br>after Rosary<br>Choir Practice 7pm | 16<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am  | 17<br>Serving at Open<br>Door / 10am<br><b>Mass / 4:30pm</b><br><b>Migrant Worker<br/>Collection</b>                                    |
| 18<br><b>Mass / 9:30am</b><br><b>1st<br/>Eucharist<br/>Celebration</b><br><b>Migrant Worker<br/>Collection</b>   | 19  | 20<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>followed by meditation  | 21<br><b>Mass / 6:30pm</b><br>followed by Reconciliation/<br>Exposition 7:15-8:15pm<br>K of C / 7:30pm   | 22<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>Scripture Reflection<br>after Rosary<br>Choir Practice 7pm | 23<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am  | 24<br><b>Mass / 4:30pm</b><br><b>Migrant Worker<br/>Collection</b>  |
| 25<br><b>Mass / 9:30am</b><br><b>Migrant Worker<br/>Collection</b>   | 26<br>Office Closed<br><b>Memorial<br/>Day Mass</b><br>at New<br>Calvary<br>8:30am<br> | 27<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am  | 28<br><b>Mass / 6:30pm</b><br>followed by Reconciliation/<br>Exposition 7:15-8:15pm  | 29<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am<br>Choir Practice 7pm   | 30<br><b>Mass / 8am</b><br>Rosary / 8:30am  | 31<br><b>Mass / 4:30pm</b><br><b>Migrant Worker<br/>Collection</b>  |



Come join your Assumption Parish family!

**You're Invited!**

# Take Mom to Brunch



**Sunday, May 11**

**DuRussel Hall  
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**Sign up in the Gathering Space or call  
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# **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

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## **Pastoral Council Call for Discernment of New Members**

*"The gifts he gave were . . .  
to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
until all of us come the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,  
to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13*

The PASTORAL COUNCIL of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Larkin Township, Midland, Michigan exists in accordance with church law to assist the Director of Parish Life in providing pastoral leadership and direction through a process of collaboration and consensus, seeking to build up a community of disciples that responds to their baptismal call to holiness, witness, and service. The council meets a minimum of 6 times throughout the year.

The first responsibility of the Pastoral Council is to be attentive listeners. First and foremost, prayerfully heeding the Word of God, along with the inspirations and needs of parishioners and the pastoral vision and directives of the Bishop of Saginaw.

The second responsibility of the Pastoral Council is to engage the parish in pastoral planning, discerning and prioritizing specific and measurable long-term pastoral initiatives in the context of parish, diocesan, and civic life. The Pastoral Council assists in the preparation of the Pastoral Plan and is guided in its activity by it.

This summer, we will have a number of open positions on the Pastoral Council. All are asked to pray for the insight of the Holy Spirit as we discern the candidates for membership on the Pastoral Council.

The discernment process begins with a nomination process. We are now beginning the process to solicit the names of nominees for the open seats. You are encouraged to nominate someone who you think would have the qualifications to serve capably on the Pastoral Council. You may also self-nominate.

The following are the prerequisites to serve on the Pastoral Council:

- Registered member of the parish. All are welcome, both new and long-time parishioners.
- Practicing Catholic who regularly participates in parish worship, community, and service.
- Adult (18+)—there is a separate process for youth council members.
- Parish employees and their immediate family members may not be nominated. Spouses, siblings, and parent/(adult)child may not serve on the council simultaneously.

Nominees will be informed of their nomination and asked if they are willing and able to serve on the council. They will then be invited to a nominee orientation this spring. Of those nominees, the current council members and Director of Parish Life will discern which nominees will best fill the available vacancies based on the current needs of the council. The names of nominees not selected will be retained as alternates should a mid-term replacement be needed.

Please contact John Graveline, Director of Parish Life, if you have any questions concerning the Pastoral Council or the nomination and selection process.



### **PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM**

All nominees to our Pastoral Council must be:

- A registered member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish. All are welcome, both new and long-time parishioners.
- Practicing Catholic who regularly participates in parish worship, community, and service.
- Adult (18+)—there is a separate process for youth council members.
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The term of office shall be 3 years with a limit of 2 successive terms (6 years). The first responsibility of the Pastoral Council is to be attentive listeners. First and foremost, prayerfully heeding the Word of God, along with the inspirations and needs of parishioners and the pastoral vision and directives of the Bishop of Saginaw. The second responsibility of the Pastoral Council is to engage the parish in pastoral planning, discerning and prioritizing specific and measurable long-term pastoral initiatives in the context of parish, diocesan, and civic life. The Pastoral Council assists in the preparation of the Pastoral Plan and is guided in its activity by it.

Responsibilities of a Pastoral Council member include attendance and active participation in scheduled Pastoral Council meetings.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ or self

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We are getting closer to our goal. Please give careful consideration about how you will respond. Fill out the pledge card and return it to the Diocese of Saginaw or put it in the collection basket. **Remember, checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, not our parish.** You can also give online on the Diocese website at [www.saginaw.org/appeal](http://www.saginaw.org/appeal), through the weekly Flocknote or scan the QR Code.



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You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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### April 19/20, 2025

Weekly Envelopes ..... \$3,979  
Online Giving (4/14–4/20) ..... \$3,238  
Donations ..... \$0  
Weekend Total ..... \$7,217  
Weekly Goal ..... \$9,231  
Overage/(Shortfall) ..... (\$2,014)

### April 1-20, 2025

Weekly Envelopes ..... \$13,330  
Online Giving ..... \$8,977  
Donations ..... \$300  
Weekend Total ..... \$22,607  
Goal ..... \$27,693  
Overage/(Shortfall) ..... (\$5,086)



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*Please make out a separate check for the special collections.*



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If you have any questions: email Sandy at [sandym@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:sandym@assumptionmidland.org) or call the parish office at 989-631-4447.



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