



Happy Mother's Day

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

May 11, 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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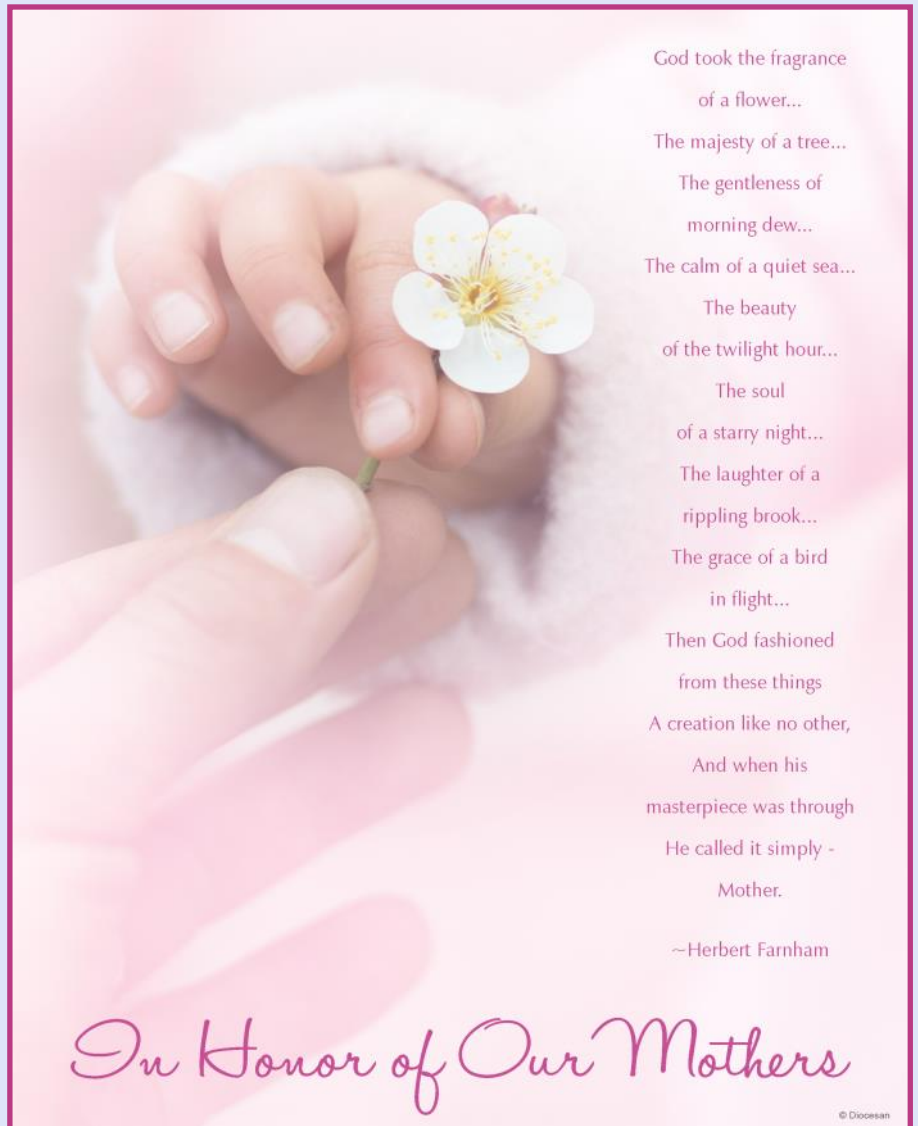
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God took the fragrance
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of

morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty
of the twilight hour...

The soul
of a starry night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his
masterpiece was through

He called it simply -
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

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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



"O praise [God] with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing cymbals. Let everything that lives and breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluia!" – Psalm 150:5-6

As we continue the Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the **Jubilee of Musical Bands**. Everyone loves music. While each person may not like every kind of music or every example of a kind of music, there is something about music that is human at its core. I think of our own "Virginia and Friends" musical group who bring the gift of music to nursing homes and home-bound parishioners. When Virginia and Friends sing those "good ol' songs" you see the joy on the faces of the sick and lonely. Her legacy continues, even two years after her passing on to her reward. That's the power of music.

The Greek philosopher Plato wrote, "rhythm and harmony find their way to the inmost soul and take strongest hold upon it . . . imparting grace, if one is rightly trained." We each have our favorite band that brings us pleasure and helps us make sense of our life's journey. Fr. Rick loves the Moody Blues. My mother-in-law loves the Beatles, and my wife loves Brad Paisley. Classic rock is a favorite in our office. Our new Office Assistant Rachelle loves Aerosmith, and our Office Manager Sandy loves AC/DC. My favorite band is Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band.

For us as Catholics, we have a sacramental worldview where God can use the ordinary things of the earth and human life (such as water, bread, wine, oil, and music) to share his grace with us. We don't believe music has to be explicitly "Christian" or "religious" to nourish us spiritually. For example, in our Lent *Living the Eucharist* small groups, we read and discussed how when we see our own "personal stories—stories of joy and sorrow, struggle and triumph, longing and hope—within the great story of Jesus' death and resurrection, something happens . . . [we] begin to realize that the mystery of redemption is real and relevant to our own lives." This is what Bruce Springsteen does in his song *The Rising*.

The song begins from the perspective of a firefighter ascending the stairs of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. "Can't see nothin' in front of me/Can't see nothin' coming up behind/Make my way through this darkness/Can't feel nothing but this chain that binds me . . . I left the house this morning/Bells ringing filled the air/Wearin'

the cross of my calling/On wheels of fire I come rollin' down here." Between verses we are meant to understand that the towers have collapsed, and the firefighter is carried up with all the souls of the dead. "Spirits above and behind me/Faces gone black eyes burning bright/May their precious blood forever bind me/Lord as I stand before your fiery light." Springsteen doesn't look away from the human reality of death and loss. This is exactly what we do when we commemorate Good Friday and contemplate the Cross of Jesus and the divine love and human sin that put him there.

The song continues with strong biblical resonances, "I see you Mary in the garden/In the garden of a thousand sighs." We think of Mary Magdalen at the tomb of Jesus. We know that death does not have the final victory. Jesus will be raised on Easter Sunday morning. "May I feel your arms around me/May I feel your blood mix with mine/A dream of life comes to me . . . C'mon up for the rising!" While the line "a dream of life" is almost chanted, the song concludes with a collage of images of suggesting death and resurrection, grief and joy. "Sky of blackness and sorrow/Sky of love, sky of tears/Sky of glory and sadness/Sky of mercy, sky of fear/Sky of memory and shadow/Sky of longing and emptiness/Sky of fullness, sky of blessed life . . . C'mon up for the rising!"

While not an explicitly Christian song, *The Rising* is so pregnant with spiritual meaning, connecting the mystery death and resurrection to the national loss and awe for those who sacrificed everything we all felt on September 11. It wasn't a call to arms to attack those who attacked us, an "uprising", but an

invitation to contemplate the meaning of this tragedy in light of Cross, sacrificial love, mourning, and Resurrection. This Easter Season, may we also find the ultimate meaning of our losses and our triumphs, our grief and our hope in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

*"May your strength give us strength/
May your faith give us faith/
May your hope give us hope/
May your love give us love."*

—Bruce Springsteen, *Into the Fire*

This Sunday is also Mother's Day. **We salute and give thanks for the mothers who showed us and taught us faith, hope, and the strength of love.** What is at the heart of being a mother, grandmother, godmother, or maternal figure? I think it may have to do with the willingness to connect their dyings and risings with the dyings and risings of their children. As Megan Smillie, a college classmate of mine has blogged, "we cook and clean, we kiss hurts, both real and imagined, we instruct and admonish, and give and give until we think we may fall apart. And we absolutely do fall apart, only to get up and give some more." This kind of hidden sacrificial love is truly a reflection of God's unconditional love for us.

We also recognize that today can be an emotionally fraught day for those who have lost a mother or mothers who have lost a child, those who would like to become mothers and have not, those who have been hurt by their mothers or who have hurt their mothers, mothers and children who are estranged, et.al. For all of us, we especially remember in this month of May that on his Cross, Jesus gave us the gift of his mother Mary to be our mother. May we all turn in trust to her maternal heart this Mother's Day and always.

John

Memorial Day Mass

Mark your calendars!

The annual Memorial Day Mass in honor of our veterans will take place at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery on **Monday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m.**



Fr. Stephen Blaxton, from St. Brigid will be conducting the Mass. The Mass will take place in the Chapel outdoor parking area. Due to very limited seating attendees are requested to bring their own lawn chairs.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



*"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them and they follow me." John 10:27*

We cannot follow Jesus and spread His love and message for His kingdom on Earth if we do not listen to Him. When we pray, the voice of the Lord can make known to us how He wants us to live and what he wants us to do.

<div>  Worship Schedule </div>	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, May 12 Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	
TUES, May 13 Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	8:00a Mass— <i>Regina Graveline</i> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Reconciliation and Holy Hour for Vocations 7:15-8:15</i>
THUR, May 15 Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, May 16 Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, May 17 Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, May 18 Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35	9:30a Mass <i>First Communicants</i> 

V is for Vocation: Motherhood



We give thanks and pray for all those who have sought motherhood.

Lord God, we pray that all mothers be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love for others. We pray that all might treasure the gift of motherhood and support God's plan for life and love. We pray that children will honor their mothers' many sacrifices by lives of service and virtue. We pray that the Lord will protect all unborn sons and daughters and bring them to a safe delivery. We pray that the Lord grant peace to all married couples who are struggling with infertility, as they hope for the gift of a child. We pray that mothers who grieve and mourn, especially those who have lost a child before birth, may find consolation in God's promise of life. Amen.

(adapted from USCCB)

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 49, **need 31 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.



- This Week -

Sunday, May 11

9:30 am Mass

Happy Mother's Day
(brunch after Mass)

Baby Shower Collection

Monday, May 12

9:45 am Stitch and Prayer

1:30 pm Blood Drive

Y2Y Reunion

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary followed by meditation

3:30 pm Millions of Monicas

(last one for the summer)

5:30 pm Christian Service Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

6:15 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm Mass

followed by Reconciliation and Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, May 15

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary followed by scripture

7:00 pm Choir

Rummage Sale Drop-off

9am-5pm / Thursday—Saturday

Friday, May 16

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, May 17

10:00 am Serving at Open Door

4:30 pm Mass

Migrant Worker Collection

Sunday, May 18

9:30 am Mass

1st Eucharist Celebration

Migrant Worker Collection



Mothers' Day Baby Shower Collection

For Life Clinic

This is our last weekend for the collection.

Some donation requests:

Toddler pajamas and clothing for sizes 24 mo., 2T and 4T

Diapers (name brand or store brand) sizes 4 through 7

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

Diaper bags Sippy cups

Baby wash or shampoo Desitin or A&D ointment

Infant onesies Receiving blankets





REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

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 friend throughout the day.

Scan the QR code to register today!!

We are requiring a minimum of 40 people registered by May 14th 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**



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

We would like to celebrate with you on



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

*Followed by a reception for
you and your family.*

If you are or have a senior in high school, you should have received an invitation to the graduation Mass and reception (parents, too, received a letter!) If you are not able to attend, we would still like to honor you in our graduation insert. Please send a senior photo and information about future plans!

College graduates... We do not send out invitation, but if you or your son/daughter are graduating from college, please email Kathy Russell at kathyr@assumptionmidland.org by May 15th. Let us know the college you are graduating from, your degree, future plans, send a photo and let us know if you and your family will be able to attend Mass and the reception following.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

May 18 First Eucharist Mass, 9:30am
June 9-12 Vacation Bible School
(9am-noon at Blessed Sacrament)

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

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!

June 1 Graduation Mass
3 Cedar Point
9-12 Vacation Bible School—
MS & HS volunteers needed
23-27 ND Vision (9th-12th grade)
July 7-11 ND Vision (9th-12th grade)
Nov. 20-23 NCYC (HS—Save the Date) Register today!!



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

*"Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught
—it is an invitation to a way of life." - Joe Paprocki*

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 Sunday, May 11th,
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.*

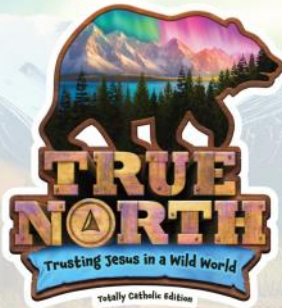


Midland Area Catholic Churches Totally Catholic

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

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

Register here:

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



Space is limited,
so register early!

Deadline for Registration
and Payment is June 2.

Questions? Contact Wendy Graveline
at (989) 631-4447 or
cff@assumptionmidland.org

Benefit Dinner for Donna and Denny Simons

Saturday, May 17th
from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Midland Arnold Center,
400 Wexford Ave, Midland, MI

In August of 2021, Donna and Denny Simons lost their home due to mold poisoning brought on by a faulty roof replacement. They have been displaced from their home since September of 2022. On March 2nd, 2025, Donna was taken to MyMichigan hospital and then transferred to U of M for an 8 hour emergency surgery due to a spinal cord stroke. We are holding a spaghetti luncheon benefit for Donna and Denny to ease their burdens related to housing and her injury and needing 24/7 care. Both Donna (22 years) and Denny (5.5 years) were employed at Midland Family Fare.

*Silent Auction available and you don't
need to be present to win.*

Cost for spaghetti meal with garlic bread and parmesan cheese and a water are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and children under 3 eat free. Dine in or take out.

Contact Kim Johnson at (989) 615-4351
for donation pickups.

June 7 - Emmaus Grief Retreat for Parents of Child Loss

The grief of losing a child to death, no matter what the age, cause, or length of time, is the deepest heartache of all. Parents who are in need of hope, peace, and fellowship with others who are walking the same path are invited to attend the Emmaus Grief Retreat on **Sat., June 7, at Resurrection of the Lord Parish, 423 W. Cedar St., Standish from 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM.** For information or to register, contact Beth Bauer at bbauer@diosag.org or call 989-797-6655. There is no cost to this retreat, but donations can be made to continue this ministry. Please make all donations payable to the Diocese of Saginaw and mail to 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

May 20-22, 2025

The parish rummage sale for charity, is coming up soon, just in time for spring cleaning!

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

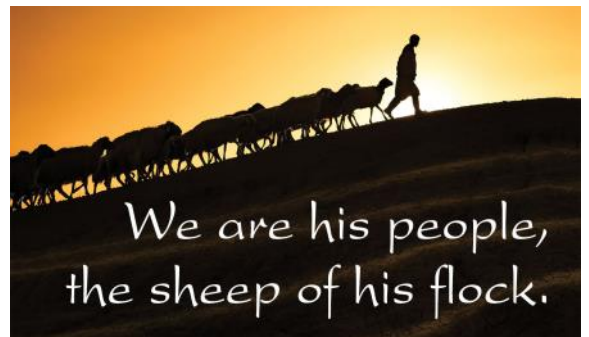
Tuesday, May 20.....9 am – 7 pm

Wednesday, May 21.....9 am – 5 pm

Thursday, May 22 (bag day).....9 am – Noon

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.

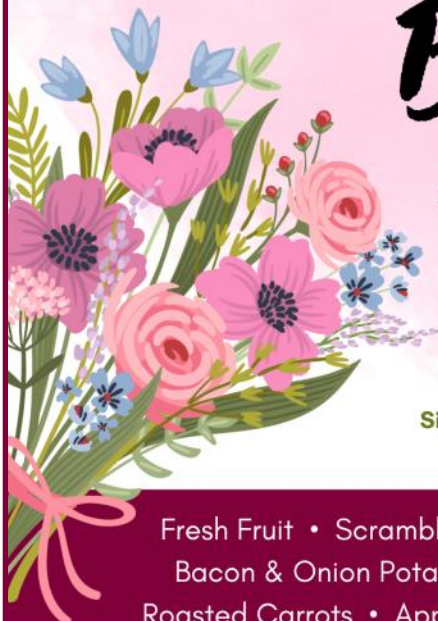


*We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.*

Come join your Assumption Parish family!

You're Invited!

Take Mom to Brunch



Sunday, May 11

**DuRussel Hall
after the
9:30am Mass**

Sign up in the Gathering Space or call
the parish office: 989-631-4447

Fresh Fruit • Scrambled Eggs • Smoked Ham
Bacon & Onion Potatoes • Polish Meatballs
Roasted Carrots • Applesauce • Mixed Greens
Fresh Baked Breads • Assorted Cereals • All the fixin's!!

Meal provided by Assumption Parish and supported by
Knights of Columbus - Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141

Diocese of Saginaw Migrant Collection

Migrant workers are a big part of all those that do the essential work needed to help feed our nation. Some migrant workers have nothing but each other, some clothes, and their faith in God, and yet, are filled with gratitude. The Diocese of Saginaw's Migrant Ministry programs are not possible without help from people like you.

You may drop off food, clothing items, and monetary donations **beginning May 17/18 and concluding May 31/June 1**. This will take the place of our monthly food pantry collection. (* high demand items)

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

White Flour*
Shortening*
Baking Powder*
Cooking Oil
Corn
Pinto Beans
Rice
Cereal
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Salt & Black Pepper
Toiletries
Cleaning Supplies
Baby Diapers
All sizes children's clothing
Men's and Women's clothing suitable for
field work: long sleeve shirts,
jeans/workpants, shoes, socks.

**We will deliver the collected items
to the Diocese June 2nd.**

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.



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

Nov. 21-23
at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr in Detroit
Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy &
Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2024-25

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, through the weekly Flocknote or scan the QR Code.



LADIES of BLESSED SACRAMENT RUMMAGE SALE

3109 Swede Ave, Midland

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS:

Wednesday May 14th – 9 am – 5 pm

Thursday May 15th – 9 am – 5 pm

Friday May 16th (bag day) – 9 am – Noon

All proceeds will go to local charities!



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Weekend Offerings

May 3/4, 2025

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,718
Online Giving (4/28–5/4)	\$3,853
Donations	\$1,500
Weekend Total	\$10,071
Weekly Goal	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$840

Month of April

Weekly Envelopes	\$16,397
Online Giving	\$10,144
Donations	\$2,800
Weekend Total	\$29,341
Goal	\$36,924
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$7,583)



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

Please make out a separate check for the special collections.



Online Giving

It is easy to sign up, just go to our website at:

AssumptionMary.org

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



Monthly Praise and Worship is Thursday, May 15!

Come lift your voice to the Lord in song!
**At Our Lady of Grace Church
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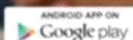
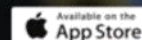
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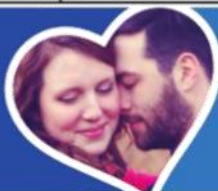
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