

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13*

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

June 8, 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.

### How To Contact Us

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**Website:** [www.AssumptionMary.org](http://www.AssumptionMary.org)

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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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## From our Director of Parish Life



*"There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

As we continue the Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the **Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations, and New Communities**. Ecclesial movements, associations, and communities started forming in the years just prior to Vatican II and have proliferated in the years since the council. These movements are free associations of baptized Christians, usually lay and clergy together, who work to grow in personal holiness and to bring the whole world into greater communion with God and neighbor in love prompted by the Holy Spirit and organized around a particular *charism* (gift or grace of the Holy Spirit) for the good of all. Pope St. John Paul II called these movements "expressions of the new springtime brought forth by the Spirit with the Second Vatican Council." Some of these ecclesial movements include *Communion and Liberation*, *Focolare*, *Legion of Mary*, *Neocatechumenal Way*, *Pax Christi*, *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*, *Life Teen*, *Cursillo & Teens Encounter Christ*, and various Charismatic communities worldwide. Perhaps you have heard of or benefitted from the ministry of one of these associations.

When I worked in the Archdiocese of Washington, the archbishop would have a Mass for members of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday every year. The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception would be nearly filled with those involved in these new movements responding to the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

From a parish perspective, I think that these new Ecclesial Movements and Communities highlight **three things** that we all could benefit from remembering this Pentecost. **First, we need to prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit and remain open to the Holy Spirit doing new things in our lives, in our church, and in our world.** Pope Francis said, "The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, who always surprises us: the God of surprises. God is a living God, who abides in us, a God who moves our heart, a God who is in the Church

and walks with us; and God always surprises us on this path!" **Second, we do not need to wait for approval to do the good things the Holy Spirit puts in our hearts.** We don't need a mandate from the parish staff to share our faith and serve our neighbor. Not every expression of faith needs to happen "officially" through the parish. For example, my grandparents would have their children and grandchildren (and their friends) to their home every week to share their faith. They would include us in their *Legion of Mary* or *Secular Franciscan* ministries. From those sessions in their Essexville home, three men have become priests, and many young people continued to practice their Catholic faith. **Third, we are meant to grow in holiness together.** God has created us as social beings. Our growth in spirituality blossoms when we gather together with other Christians to pray, learn, and serve. This happens in our parish life, but it also can happen whenever any are gathered in the name of Jesus.

This week, we also celebrate the **Jubilee of the Holy See**. The Holy See (*Sancta Sedes*=*Holy Seat*) is often referred to as "the Vatican," where the worldwide Catholic Church is shepherded, led by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. The Pope is the successor to St. Peter who was given the ministry to "bind and loose" by Jesus. (Matthew 16:17-19). The Office of Peter is a sign of the Church's unity in belief, sacraments, and governance.

Our Church needs the gifts both from below (charisms) and above (hierarchy). Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote about both the Marian dimension of the Church (holiness "overshadowed" by the Holy Spirit) and the Petrine dimension of the Church (shepherding the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit). Charisms

must be guided by the pastors of the Church. "No charism is exempt from being referred and submitted to the Church's shepherds . . . not to extinguish the Spirit, but test all things . . . so that all the diverse and complementary charisms work together for the common good." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 801) At the same time, "the Church's structure is totally ordered to the holiness of Christ's members . . . this is why the 'Marian' dimension of the Church precedes the 'Petrine.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 773) In fact, Pope Francis praised St. Peter, the first Pope, for "the courage to be surprised by the novelty of the Holy Spirit" and not hindering the Grace of God in the newborn Church.

This Pentecost, let us as a parish and each of us personally and in association with other Christians open our hearts and lives to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, working together to grow in holiness (communion with God and neighbor in love). Let us be open to the surprises of the Spirit, so we can bring many people of our time and place into a deeper relationship with God just as the first disciples did following the first Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit!

*John*

### Pentecost Sunday



*"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name –*

*he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I taught you." – John 14: 25-26*


**Vacation Bible School**  
**Held at Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**This Week**

**June 9-12, 2025**  
**9:00am to 12:00noon**

*Let's pray for a safe and fun week!*

God the Father not only sent His son Jesus to teach and save, He also sent the Holy Spirit. The original disciples had Jesus to teach them directly and then the Holy Spirit. Although we don't have the physical body of Jesus to guide us today, we have the Holy Spirit. Are you listening to the Spirit.



 Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
<b>MON, June 9</b> Gen 3:9-15, 20 Jn 19:25-34	
<b>TUES, June 10</b> 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
<b>WED, June 11</b> Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:17-19	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15</i>
<b>THUR, June 12</b> 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	8:00a Word & Communion 8:30a Rosary
<b>FRI, June 13</b> 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 5:27-32	8:00a Mass— <i>Regina Graveline</i> 8:30a Rosary
<b>SAT, June 14</b> 2 Cor 5:14-21 Mt 5:33-37	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass— <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUN, June 15</b> Prov 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15	9:30a MOST HOLY TRINITY Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

## V is for Vocation: Fr. Christian Tabares



We give thanks for Fr. Christian Tabares, pastor at St. Agnes Parish in Freeland since 2022 and at St. John Vianney Parish in Saginaw since 2023. We pray for Fr. Christian in his continued dual ministry to the faithful of two parishes. Born and raised in Medellin, Colombia, he moved to the Diocese of Saginaw in June 2008 and was ordained a priest in May 2010. The past two years, Fr. Christian joined the mission trip to Lukulu, Zambia, and serves

on the Love for Lukulu Board of Directors. Learn more about Lukulu and Fr. Christian's 2023 and 2024 mission trips to help the faithful in Africa: <https://www.loveforlukulu.org/about3>

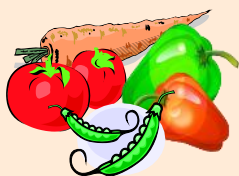
Learn more about vocations: <https://saginaw.org/vocations>

*Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*



## ABVM Parish Garden

The Assumption Community Garden has been prepared and planted for the 2025 growing season. We can't wait to see what God will grow this year!



## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served after the  
9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for Father's Day Breakfast prepared and served by Global Compassion Inc. to honor all the fathers of Assumption Parish.

*Please sign-up at the welcome circle.*

**We welcome volunteers to help us cook, serve and clean-up.**

***Please call the parish office if you can help at 989-631-4447.***



## - This Week -

**Sunday, June 8**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
9:30 am Mass

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**AT BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
June 9—June 12 (9am-noon)

**Monday, June 9**  
6:30 pm Catholicism Clarified

**Tuesday, June 10**  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary  
4:00 pm Rummage Sale Meeting

**Wednesday, June 11**  
6:30 pm Mass  
*followed by Exposition  
and Reconciliation*

**Thursday, June 12**  
8:00 am Word & Communion  
8:30 am Rosary  
6:00 pm Liturgy Meeting  
7:00 pm Choir

**Friday, June 13**  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary

**Saturday, June 14**  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary  
4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 15**  
**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**  
9:30 am Mass  
**Happy Father's Day**  
***(breakfast after Mass)***



2025/26 Faith Formation  
and Youth Ministry Programs  
**EARLY REGISTRATION**

**Why wait until August when you can register NOW!**

Online family registration is now open for both Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry! Next year's theme will be "Treasured" Children's FF will again be using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Middle School YM will be learning about the treasures found within the Catholic faith and all things Catholic. High School YM will be taking a "Road Trip" finding treasures along the way and within themselves. Friends are welcome at all Youth Ministry levels... *ALL are welcome!*

*Please scan the QR code to register today! Watch your emails for more information.*

Cost for CFF and YM will remain the same as last year: 1 child/\$45; 2 children/\$90; 3+ children/\$120

**If you have questions concerning Children's Faith Formation, contact: Wendy Graveline @ [CFF@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:CFF@assumptionmidland.org)**

**Questions about Youth Ministry (6-12th grade) or Confirmation (age 12-14), contact: Kathy Russell @ [Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org)**



## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### CHILDREN

**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 @ [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!**

**June 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)



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

## Congratulations Class of 2025!



From L-R: **Fr. Rick, Dan Schneider, Dominic Griffin, Aloisia Graveline, Julia Edick,** and college graduate: **Allison Leslie**

*Congratulations to all graduates (not pictured):*

Maya Garza, Luke Gracer, Andrew Hudack, Leyton Minuth, Michaela Quinn, Jenna Remacle, Gibson Roberts, Andrea Ross, & Owen Zanotti

**May the Lord continue to guide you on your journey and bless you with every success, happiness, and hope for the future.**





ASSUMPTION PARISH PRESENTS

# Catholicism Clarified

A Summer Series for Catholics

Do you ever hesitate to share your Catholic Faith because someone might ask a question you don't know how to answer? Or have you learned parts of the Catholic Faith without understanding how they all fit together?

Join us for a series of presentations based on Adult Christian Initiation formation to hear the message of our Catholic Faith in a comprehensive way and grow in confidence so you can share it with others!

June 9	Revelation and the Bible
June 16	Creation
June 23	Who is Jesus?
June 30	The Teachings of Jesus
July 7	Liturgy & Sacraments
July 14	Baptism & Confirmation
July 21	Mass & Eucharist
July 28	Sacraments of Service
August 4	Sacraments of Healing
August 11	Faith & Creed
August 18	Christian Living (Morality)
August 25	The Way of Love and Justice



**All sessions held Monday evenings at 6:30 PM**

No sign up required. Drop in for as many sessions as you would like!

Contact John Graveline at [john@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:john@assumptionmidland.org) for more information

## Bishop's Golf Outing and Banquet for Seminarian Education and Vocations

**Bishop Robert Gruss will host his golf outing and luncheon on Wednesday, July 23 at Currie Golf Course in Midland**

**The banquet will take place on Thursday, July 24 at the Great Hall in Midland.** The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 or \$560 for a table of eight.

All funds raised from these two events go to support education of seminarians in the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw and vocation efforts.

Contact Tammy Heinlein at 989-797-6693 or [theinlein@diosaq.org](mailto:theinlein@diosaq.org)

The participation deadline is Wednesday, July 2.

## Having Trouble Making Ends Meet?

Visit the

**MIDLAND COUNTY FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK MOBILE PANTRY**  
and receive free food to help supplement your family's pantry.

**Date: Tuesday – June 24, 2025**

Pre-Registration starts: **on June 17 by calling 989-486-9393 line 1**

Distribution Time: **9:30 a.m.**

Location: **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Please stay in your cars. Registration will be done in your car.

Volunteers will put the food into your car.

Please be patient as we try to keep everyone safe.

No identification or proof of income necessary.

Sponsored by: Blessed Sacrament, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Midland County Food Assistance Network. QUESTIONS? Contact 989-486-9393



In Loving Memory of

## Barb Boulton

Lord, we remember in our prayers Barb whom you have recently called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with her family.

**"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*

## Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund Collection

**Father's Day Weekend  
June 14/15**



Most parish priests dedicate decades to serving the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. Much of the work they do goes largely unnoticed. They have modest incomes during their years in active ministry and many rely on the diocese's Priests' Retirement Fund. This fund assists priests who are currently retired and those who will retire in the future.

*Please carefully and prayerfully consider a donation to this fund. Envelopes for this special collection are in your regular envelope packet or you can donate online through our Online Giving, go to [www.AssumpitonMary.org](http://www.AssumpitonMary.org) or the Diocese website at [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement).*

*See this weekend's bulletin insert for more details.*

## Midland-Based Stove Team

*Rooted in Connection. United by Purpose.*

### Interested in Joining?

If you have a heart for service, there is an annual February mission team that travels to the NW mountain area of Guatemala to serve the Mayan communities. Each year, we're joined by new team members as well as some volunteers who return from previous years. Whether you're new to mission work or a seasoned traveler, there's a place for you here. We invite you to learn more and see if this might be a good fit for you.

<https://www.blessed-midland.org/parish-news/midland-based-stove-team/>





# MIDLAND AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*DIVE IN* and make your way out to Dow Diamond on Friday, July 25th to watch the Great Lakes Loons battle the Beloit Sky Carp. Enjoy the ball game and listen to our very own MACC Choir sing the National Anthem.

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
TIME @ 7:05 PM

## TICKET PRICES

Northern Lights  
Pavilion  
(includes buffet)

\$27.00



You can buy your tickets online this year at  
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/macc25>  
or scan the QR code.

You may also order tickets from Travis Webb at the Loons  
ticket office at 989-837-6173 or email [twebb@loons.com](mailto:twebb@loons.com).

For any questions, please contact your parish office.

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# PLEASE SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAGINAW PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAGINAW AT A GLANCE

11 counties • 56 Parishes • 100,000 Catholics

On any given weekend in the Diocese of Saginaw there are: **143 Masses\***

During any week, there are **164 Masses\***

\*This does not include funerals, Holy Week, other special liturgies, adoration, etc.

### 82 priests

**14** of the 82 are order priests or extern priests living and serving in the Diocese of Saginaw

**29** of the 82 are under retirement age

**39** of the 82 are of retirement age or older

**13** of the retirement-age priests are still in day-to-day active ministry

You may include the form below in the special envelope in your envelope packet and put it in your parish collection or submit in a separate envelope and mail to your parish.

— OR —

You can give online at [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)

You can also access information about matching gifts, stock transfer gifts and qualified charitable distributions gifts on the website: [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund.

Amount of my gift: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I will give online at [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)
- ☐ Cash or check. (Make check payable to your parish.)
- ☐ Credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express)

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security verification (\_\_\_\_)

Signature for authorization to charge credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your generosity. Your support is important to retired priests now and in the future.

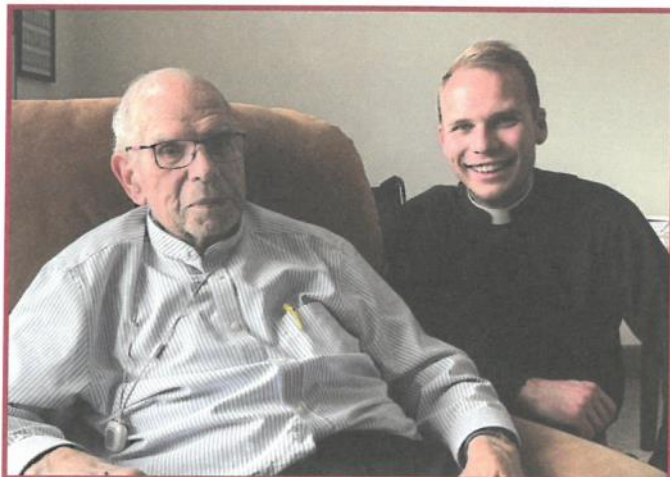
## BROTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERATE OF SAGINAW

All of the priests in the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw are brothers. It doesn't matter your age or where you are from, if you are a priest of the Diocese of Saginaw you are one of the brothers. And the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Association serves all the priests.

Fr. Matthew Gembrowski was ordained two years ago and is our youngest priest. Fr. Richard Jozwiak was ordained almost sixty-six years ago and is our eldest priest. They are brothers in this presbyterate, and they are friends.

Fr. Richard retired twenty-four years ago and has been receiving benefits from the Retirement Association ever since. Fr. Matthew has many years of parish ministry ahead of him, but he too will receive benefits from the Retirement Association when he retires.

Your gift to the Father's Day Collection for the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Association helps to provide retirement benefits to priests retired now and ensures that all the priests who will retire in the future will be able to count on those benefits to help cover their living expenses in retirement.



*Brothers and friends Fr. Richard Jozwiak, the most elder priest in the Diocese of Saginaw, and Fr. Matthew Gembrowski, the youngest priest in the Diocese. Your generosity helps them both — and all of their priestly brothers.*



Thank you for your support and God bless you!

*Fr. Peter J. Gaspeny*

President, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund

Your gift goes directly to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's priests' pension plan, where it is invested and held in a trust account, which is administered by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The pension plan provides for the monthly pension and medical benefits of our currently retired priests and helps fund the future retirement of our active priests.



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**Assumption BVM**  
**Joint Meeting of the Pastoral Council**  
**and the Faith Formation Commissions**  
May 20, 2025

**Attendees:** John Graveline, Linda Brown, Lucy Daykin, Bob Dvorak, Jane Labby, Pat Kosick, Kathy Russell, Marcia Schneider, and Noreen Warrick

**Excused:** Wendy Graveline



*The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. John led the group in an opening prayer:*

John reported on the recent meeting of Bishop Gruss with Vicariate 4 leadership. Bishop Gruss is asking us to be a diocese on mission. The area population has decreased but not at the same rate as parish participation has declined. Bishop Gruss shared that we have been specifically placed by God in this time when people and the church are hurting. John reviewed the packet of information that Bishop Gruss shared with the team. The focus of our meeting this evening is on the third pillar—*Go and Retrieve the Lost Sheep*. This will be the subject of our fall event in which we invite people who are not regularly attending Mass to come and hear the message of the kerygma.

The group discussed plans to host a community party including, e.g., hot dogs, s'mores, fire pit, and simple games for kids and adults. The goal is to identify ourselves as a member of the community who would like to get to know our community members better and present ourselves in a neighborly way. Families can bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Dates set for July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00. We should all encourage our parishioners to invite someone. Tours of the church can be offered. We discussed having trifold and other materials for attendees to take with them, including information on upcoming events like the fall evangelization outreach event.

Bishop Gruss has requested an opportunity to celebrate Mass with each parish followed by a meal during which the bishop will present the diocesan plan. John will propose several dates to the Bishop in October.

The group discussed plans for the fall evangelization outreach events. The group supported October 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> evening events. The evening events will have the following format: a meal, a presentation, and tables with trained facilitators. We will consider offering childcare. The first night will focus on the themes of “created” and “captured.” The second night will focus on the theme of “rescued.” A luncheon and retreat will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the theme of “response.”

John led a discussion regarding the planning of these events. John will invite the people who attended the fall 2024 Diocesan Day of Enrichment and spring 2025 Rescue Day and invite them to serve on this evangelization team. We will set the first evangelization team meeting for the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Faith Formation Commission were excused, and the pastoral council continued their discussion.

John led a discussion of the application for a liquor license. The license will be utilized for three events: Elvis impersonator, PolishFest, and Mardi Gras/Valentines Day. Bob Dvorak made a motion to approve the application, Pat Kosick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried without objection.

John provided an update on the pastoral council discernment process. He received seven nominations. John will reach out to the candidates to determine their interest in serving. John will schedule a formation/discernment evening for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The next pastoral council meeting, including new members, will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

John led the council in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Submitted by: Noreen Warrick*

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 13, 2025

**Present:** John Graveline, Ray Barta, Kathy Conley, Denise Kearl, Linda Brown, Anita Whitney, Jean Krause  
**Absent:** Nancy Boldiszar, Marlena Saotome, Sarah Hocking, Mary Lou Leslie, Laura Atton



*Meeting opened with prayer, led by Ray Barta*

## **Monthly Assistance Fund (John reported)**

April: \$1,942 (includes \$500 Parish Promise -Toni and Trish & \$180 gas cards this month). John noted the need to get better gas card distribution. Working with volunteers to do so. John will be in contact with Toni and Trish house & Care Giving Network concerning the change of Parish Promise recipient coming this July.

## **Monthly Food Drive - Blue Bags**

Food Pantry Collection: In April, \$1,210 in monetary assistance was collected, in addition to the blue bags returned with food items. In May, monetary and food collections will be for the migrant ministry.

## **Food Truck Update (John reported)**

The food truck date is set for Wednesday, July 16th. We have collected \$1,524.25 for the food truck. Any excess funds after the food truck is purchased, minus expenses will be donated to an area food pantries.

## **Community Liaison (John reported)**

John attended the meeting Thursday, May 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church.

## **Befrienders Ministry (Denise reported)**

An information brochure describing the “Befrienders Ministry” will be developed and placed in the gathering space. They hope to begin services to parishioners by October 1st.

## **Caring Cooks (Kathy reported)**

Betty Kielpinski, the long-term recipient, has passed away. Eight other meals were delivered this month.

## **Stitch and Prayer (Jean reported)**

Jean Krause is now a co-leader of Stitch and Prayer, along with Julie Maurer. Jean gave us a report on the total amount of items given in 2024, and it was 2,974 items, recipients of these donations were also reported. Jean also reported March and April donations: March - 121 items, April - 253 items.

## **Coffee and Donuts (Anita reported)**

May coffee and donuts was replaced with celebration of Sharon Worthington’s retirement. Regular coffee and donuts will resume in September.

## **Life Clinic Mother’s Day Collection (Anita reported)**

Ann Gaydos delivered clothing, diapers and other items collected to the clinic. There also were monetary donations of \$260, and a check will be mailed to Life Clinic.

## **Migrant Ministry (John reported)**

Three weekends will be devoted to collections for the migrant ministry in May. The Knights of Columbus will deliver items to St. Boniface/All Saints Parish, Bay City, on Wednesday, June 4th.

## **Open Door (Ray reported)**

Ray is pulling together a volunteer schedule for servers and cooks at the men’s shelter for the next four months. He is also looking for a crew to assist with repair of the porch at the shelter.

## **Prison Ministry (Paul Sery reported)**

Paul presented to the committee the opportunity to partner with Prison Fellowship Angel Tree to help children of prisoners to receive care at Christmas and begin a relationship between the parish and the families. The Committee gave Paul the go ahead to explore this new outreach possibility.

*Respectfully submitted, Linda Morrison Brown, Recording Secretary*





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**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**We are still in need of more volunteers** to unload and distribute the food to those in need. The more volunteers we have the lighter the work and the more fun we will have together!

**Help is needed from 8 am – 12:00 pm, with lunch provided for the event. Everyone's safety will be a priority.**

*You can sign up to volunteer by calling the parish office at 989-631-4447.*



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**Weekend Offerings**

**May 31/June 1, 2025**

Weekly Envelopes .....	\$4,790
Online Giving (5/26–6/1) .....	\$2,971
Donations .....	\$3,000
Weekend Total .....	\$10,761
Weekly Goal .....	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall) .....	\$1,530

**Month of May**

Weekly Envelopes .....	\$15,571
Online Giving .....	\$9,451
Donations .....	\$10,750
Weekend Total .....	\$35,772
Goal .....	\$36,924
Overage/(Shortfall) .....	(\$1,152)



**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.*



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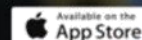
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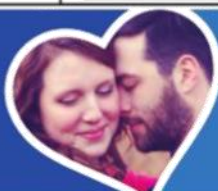
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