# **EIGHTEENTH** Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

August 3, 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**

**Office Hours:** Mon - Thurs / 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m., Closed on Fridays until after Labor Day

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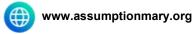
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spirit, for theirs is the

## 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

"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 Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the Jubilee of

Young Adults. When the Vatican speaks of "youth" or "young people" they are usually speaking of people from around the age of 18 through 35. In April, we celebrated the Jubilee of Adolescents and Teenagers. This Jubilee Day is for adults who are attending college or vocational school and beginning their careers and perhaps families of their own. A number of years ago, the United States bishops published a pastoral plan for ministry to and with young adults entitled Sons and Daughters of the Light. They began their plan by addressing young adults, "It is not easy to live as a Christian in contemporary society. The influences of media and some elements of popular culture do not always support Christian values. People can have convictions that are opposed to what we cherish. We are challenged to let the Gospel, rather than society or popular culture, define what it means to live a successful life."

On this Jubilee of Young Adults, I am grateful for the young adults that God has put in my life that inspire my faith and ministry.

Growing up as a parishioner at St. Anthony Parish in Fisherville, I was trained as an altar server by a young man named Joseph Beeckman. Joe was about five years older than me. He had a deep love for Jesus, Mary, and serving daily at Mass. He was always very patient with the younger servers, and he trained us to serve with reverence and dignity. Not much of an athlete, Joe loved science. I remember going to his house and him showing us his latest science kits or transistor radio sets. He was very easy to talk to, and he would share his faith quite readily. He inspired the faith of a number of the younger altar servers at St. Anthony's. 40 years ago this week, on August 9, 1985, Joe fell off his plastic flotation device while at Stratford Woods Park. His asthma had kept him from learning how to swim, and he drowned. He was scheduled to enter the seminary to discern the priesthood just a few weeks after this tragic accident. His love for his Catholic faith and his desire to share it with others still inspires my faith and ministry to this day.

Almost a decade later, during my first

year after college, I was hired to lead a family center in Syracuse, New York. My roommate was a young man about five years younger than me named Brian Bisgrove. Brian had just graduated from a high school seminary but had discerned that he wasn't called to pursue ordination as a priest at that time. Brian grew up in nearby Auburn, New York. He was dedicating a few years to starting clubs for boys and girls to grow in their Catholic faith and in friendship with each other. Brian was very smart, but I don't remember having many deep conversations with him.

He was an athlete and loved sports, a young man of action. He used his love for knowledge. To find the sports and outdoor activities will of God is the greatabout Jesus and forming virtue and character. At age

19. Brian was diagnosed with a sinus tumor. He continued to minister to young people, uniting his sufferings to the sufferings of Christ for the benefit of the adolescents he served. On February 10, 1998, Brian died of his cancer at age 21. His funeral Mass had over 20 altar servers. He asked that the following quote be printed on his funeral holy cards, "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge. To find the will of God is the greatest discovery. To do the will of God is the greatest achievement." Brian's father continued his ministry and now there are numerous clubs for girls and boys throughout North America using his model of youth accompaniment.

In just about a month, on September 7, Pope Leo XIV will canonize Carlo Acutis as a saint. Carlo was born in May 1991 to Italian parents in London, England. His parents were successful in business but not particularly religious. His maternal grandfather died

when Carlo was 3 years old. Carlo believed that his grandfather appeared to him in a dream and asked Carlo to pray for him. Carlo had a Polish Catholic nanny who helped form his early faith. Carlo, like many young people, loved video games like Mario and Pokémon. He learned computer programming languages and over two years built a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He became involved in his parish youth ministry, becoming a catechist to other adolescents. In October 2006, as a high

school student at the Pope "To know the will of Leo XIII Institute in Milan, God is the greatest Italy, he was diagnosed acute promyelocytic leukemia and died later that same to gather young people est discovery. To do the around him, teaching them will of God is the great-his mother were, "Don't be afraid. Since Jesus became est achievement." man, death has become the

> passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life." St. Carlo Acutis has been named the patron saint of computer programmers.

> No matter what age we are, we are called to "not hesitate to make Jesus the center of our lives, the focus of our choices in life . . . through our anxieties, doubts, hopes and dreams of happiness." (Sons and Daughters of the Light) Young people can witness to the joy of redemption in Christ in the midst of suffering just as well as any disciple can. Today, we celebrate and are inspired by the energetic faith of young people. They are not "the Church of tomorrow." They are also the "Church of today." May their faith help all of us to grow in deeper intimacy and communion with God and neighbor in love.

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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

It can be difficult in today's society to not fall into the mindset that the more material things people have, the happier they will be. There-

fore, the world around us tells us that the more you have, the better. But Jesus tells us that the "stuff" is not the key to happiness and joy. But rather when we share our gifts - both those material things like money and possessions and the God-given gifts like love and compassion - we are living as God has called us. That will bring us joy.

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	_	Worship
		Schedule
		ASSUMPTION
MON, August 4		
Nm 11:4b-15		
Mt 14:13-21		
TUES, August 5	8:00a	Mass
Nm 12:1-13		Joseph Beeckman
Mt 14:22-36	8:30a	Rosary
WED, August 6	6:30p	Mass
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14		Followed by Exposition
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36		and Reconciliation
THUR, August 7	8:00a	Mass
Nm 20: 1-13		Joseph Nguyen
Mt 16:13-23	8:30a	Rosary
FRI, August 8	8:00a	
Dt 4:32-40	8:30a	Rosary
Mt 16:24-28		
SAT, August 9	8:00a	
Dt 6: 4-13	8:30a	,
Mt 17:14-20	4:30p	
		People of the Parish
SUN, August 10	9:30a	
Wis 18:6-9		Lee & Dorothy Hartman
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19		
Lk 12:32-48		



## V is for Vocation: Fr. Josepaul Pasala

We give thanks and pray for Fr. Josepaul Pasala, appointed parochial administrator of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Reese and of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Vassar in July 2024. Born in September 1985 in Hyderabad, he was ordained in April 2012 in the Archdiocese of

Hyderabad, located in south central India, west of Mumbai.

Learn more about vocations: <a href="https://saginaw.org/vocations">https://saginaw.org/vocations</a>

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son through lives of loving service to you and to one another. Grant us your assistance as we seek to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## PRODUCE FOR THOSE IN NEED!

Hidden Harvest and The Bridge Store collect food from organizations, churches, and individuals and then distribute it to various food pantries, organizations, and soup kitchens that reach out to those in need.

Once again, we invite you to participate in this worthwhile project of

providing food for people in need. We invite you to bring in vegetables and/or fruit from your garden on: Tuesday or Thursday morning before 9:30 am (please do not leave outside the night **before**). Produce can be dropped off by the office door. Thanks for your support!

For more information on Hidden Harvest, check out their website at www.hiddenharvest.com, and for The Bridge Store go to www.thebridgemidland.com.

We have gotten our first picking last. We harvested broccoli, cucumber, cabbage and beans. And believe it or not, we are just getting started! The season has already been blessed.

## **Mission Office**

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our parishioners of the Diocese of Saginaw as we generously donated \$39,651.00 to our neighboring Diocese of Gaylord to assist with the damage incurred during the ice storm. We continue to offer prayers for our neighbors in Gaylord as they progress in rebuilding one day at a time.

## **Divorce Recovery**

An eight-week support program for men and women in the Midland area who are navigating the challenges of divorce. The next session begins with orientation Tuesday, Sept 2 at 6:30 PM at the Blessed Sacrament.

To register or for questions, call the parish office at **989-835-6777**.

## - This Week -

## Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Mass School Supplies Collection

## Monday, August 4

6:30 pm Catholicism Clarified

## Tuesday, August 5

7:30 am Open Door in Kitchen

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

3:30 pm Millions of Monicas

## Wednesday, August 6

10:00 am Serving at Open Door

6:30 pm Mass

followed by Exposition

and Reconciliation

7:30 pm K of C Meeting

## Thursday, August 7

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

## Friday, August 8

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Parish Office Closed

## Saturday, August 9

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am Mass



## **Texas Flooding Relief**

Recent flooding has devastated parts of central Texas. At least 24 lives have been lost and dozens more are missing. Families are displaced and in urgent need of assistance. Our local Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground, providing essential aid to those affected. In the response to the devastation, the Diocese of Saginaw is collaborating with Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA). Donations may be made to your parish and put in the collection basket or dropped off to the parish office. Please note 'Texas Flood Relief' in the memo line.

Or you may scan the QR code to give online. Please direct questions to Maria Coss at the Diocese at (989)

797.6646. 100% of

donations go directly

to helping survivors recover and rebuild.



Thank you for sending hope in this time of crisis.

## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

## **CHILDREN**

CFF has ended for the year, but please watch the bulletin for other events!

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. Register for the 25-26 year! Watch your email and the bulletin for YM events!

Aug. 14 Middle School Back to School Gathering

Sept. 21 Youth Ministry Kickoff

**Nov. 20-23** NCYC (HS—Save the Date)

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

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!

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 for more information

# 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



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





Assumption would like to welcome our new members who have joined our parish community:

## Diane Kenyon Kathleen Wishowski

We welcome you as we grow in faith together!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our parish community, please call the parish office at (989) 631-4447.



## Cancer Services of Midland Volunteers Needed

Cancer Services provides unique services that help patients, caregivers, and families cope with their cancer emotionally and physically. We count on 150+generous and friendly volunteers to support more than 600 clients a year.

One of the biggest needs we have right now is to find compassionate and loving individuals who can volunteer for the Maria Mencia Cancer Caregiver Support Network (MMCCSN).

No experience is needed to volunteer with us. We take our volunteers seriously, we train them and make sure they are comfortable before they can start working with us.

If you have a few hours each week and are looking to make a difference in people's lives, please give us a call at these numbers and ask to talk with Anila:

Office: 989-839-6254 Cell: 989-750-1004



# Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Holy Day Masses around the area:

## **Thursday, August 14th Vigil Mass**

Assumption: 7:00 p.m.
Patronal Feast & MACC Mass
(ice cream social to follow)

## Friday, August 15th Mass

St. Brigid: **8:00 a.m.**Our Lady of Grace/Sanford: **9:00 a.m.**Blessed Sacrament and St. Brigid: **12:05 p.m.**Our Lady of Grace/Sanford: **7:00 p.m.** 



## Thank you Assumption

Thank you Assumption, Laura Atton—Chair of the Assumption Rummage Sale Committee, the organizers and volunteers for the donation of \$600 to Global Compassion Inc. from the rummage sale proceeds. We were able to drill a bore well in a small village in India from your donation and the donation of \$300 from the Father's Day Breakfast. Thank you!

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## A Simple Way to Invite Others

Imagine that you're new to the neighborhood and searching for a faith community nearby...where would you look, and how would you decide where to go? For many people, this search begins online. If your life has been enriched by sharing in our worship, fellowship, celebration, and ministry, consider inviting others to become part of the Assumption Parish family by leaving an online review! Scan the QR code, visit:

https://g.page/r/CcDmvtKCq0-FEBM/review, or look up our parish on Google Maps and click "Write a Review."



## Diocese of Saginaw Migrant Ministry 2025 Update

A BIG THANK YOU! Gracias for all your contributions to our Diocese of Saginaw Migrant Ministry. Your generous donations of food, clothing, and other items for our Migrant Pantry helped to serve many families, including young parents with children. Because of you, we now have a good supply of most goods and items.

Because of your enduring faithfulness and charity, our Migrant Ministry is now <u>no longer in need</u> of additional donations of food, clothing, toiletries or household goods.

Parishes, organizations, and individuals can always send monetary donations for the Migrant Ministry to the Diocese. If so, please make those funds payable to the Diocese of Saginaw and include "Migrant Ministry" in the memo line and mail or deliver to: Diocese of Saginaw, Attn.: Maria Coss, 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Maria Coss at 989.797.6646 or Deacon Librado "Larry" Gayton at 989.797.6604.







# Fun at the Loons Game









On Friday, July 25th, around 90 MACC parishioners enjoyed an evening at the Loons. We enjoyed special reserved seating in the Northern Lights Pavilion. It was a fun night with food, drinks and, of course, community building. One of the highlights was our very own MACC Choir who sang the National Anthem.



You're invited! Help us celebrate our patronal feast day!

# The Feast of the Assumption



# Thursday, August 14 (Vigil) Mass at 7:00 PM + Ice Cream Social



Our patronal feast day is coming up and we want to celebrate with you! Join the Midland Area Catholic Community for Mass followed by ice cream, cookies, and conversation in the Holy Grounds area!

Not a parishioner? Not a problem. You're more than welcome to join us!



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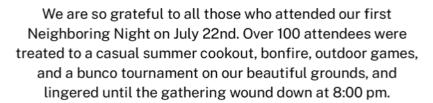






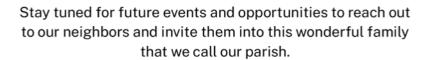








Thanks to all who attended, especially those who invited others to attend with them, those who helped plan and staff the event, and those who lent their impromptu hand during the evening. We offer a special shout-out to Brad Hill for his extra efforts.

















## Let's Go Golfing!

You're invited to

## **Blessed Sacrament's Annual Golf Outing on** Sunday, August 24, 2025

at Currie Golf Course!

Enjoy a fun afternoon with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Team registration is \$320, and all proceeds benefit the Guatemala Stove Team.

Your participation helps provide tools and materials to install safe, efficient stoves and water filters in the homes of indigenous families in Guatemala.

Sign up your team today: https://www.vancoevents.com/us /events/landing/55179?embed



## **Knights of Columbus**

If you need information or want to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact the parish office at 989-631-4447.

Check out the website at: www.KofC2141.org.



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## Weekend Offerings

July 26/27, 2025		
Weekly Envelopes	\$3.672	
Online Giving (7/21—7/27)	\$1,763	
Donations	<u>\$0</u>	
Weekend Total	\$5,435	
Weekly Goal	<i>\$9,231</i>	
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$3,796)	

July 1-27, 20	<u>)25</u>
Weekly Envelopes	\$16,837
Online Giving	\$8,854
Donations	\$2,700
Weekend Total	\$28,391
Goal	<u>\$36,924</u>
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$8,533)



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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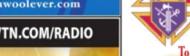


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