NINETEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

August 10, 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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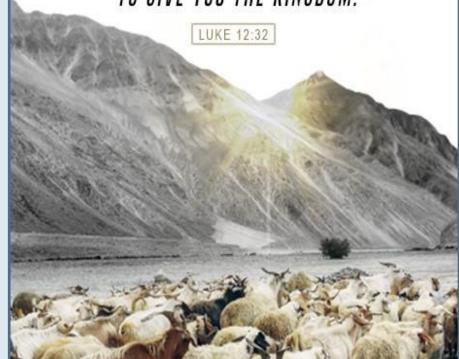
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LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.



BULLETIN DEADLINES:

MONDAY at noon Aug 11 for the Aug 17 bulletin THURSDAY at noon Aug 14 for the Aug 24 bulletin MONDAY at noon Aug 18 for both Aug 31 and Sept 7 bulletin









From our Director of Parish Life



"A woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to [Jesus]. Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said. 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" - Luke 11:27-28

This Friday, August 15, is our parish patronal feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We

have invited the priests and parishioners of all the Midland Area Catholic Community to join us as we celebrate our patronal Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00, followed by an ice cream reception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, a wonderful opportunity for us to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother, and to reconsider what it means to be called Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and how she can inspire us to live our discipleship in a deeper and more vital way both personally and as a parish community.

"And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Mary's core spiritual disposition is always marked by humble receptivity and gratitude, "Let it be done to me." In a society centered around selfaggrandizement, acquisition, consumerism, and hoarding, Mary shows us the way to center our life around to graciously receiving the good gifts of God, stewarding them to fruition, and sharing them generously. Mary received the word of God given to her by the angel Gabriel, she received the Body of Christ in her own body, and she gave birth to Jesus for the benefit of all of creation and each person in it. This is what it means to be "full of Grace." Receptivity is not passivity. It is an active engagement with God, neighbor, and all of creation in love. We are called to see the world as Mary saw it, abundantly graced, and to steward and share all of God's good gifts for the benefit of all, thus giving birth to Christ in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, area, and nation.

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" - Luke 1:46

Mary lived a life grounded in the praise and worship of God. Her first words upon seeing her kinswoman Elizabeth were words of praise, her Magnificat. At the wedding at Cana, she intercedes to her son Jesus on behalf of the newly married couple. She is in the upper room praying with her son's disciples when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "The prayers of the Virgin Mary . . . are characterized by the generous offering of her whole being in faith." (no. 2622) We are also called to be rooted in prayer and worship. This is why Sunday Eucharist is so vitally important for our personal spiritual growth and the common spiritual life of our parish. When worship of God is not central to our spiritual life, we can fall into mere activism, what theologian Romano Guardini called "superficial eventfulness," which burns us out and does not satisfy our deepest longing for communion with God and neighbor in love.

"Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother . . . and the disciple whom he loved standing near. John 19:25-26

At the sight of the greatest tragedy and triumph in the history of the world, the crucifixion of her son, Mary bravely stood at the foot of his cross, offering her heart in union with Jesus' compassionate offering of himself to reconcile us to one another and to God. Our lives on this earth are often a "vale of tears," as we pray in the Marian antiphon at the conclusion of the Church's Night Prayer and of the rosary. We contend every day with the effects of misunderstanding and separation, selfishness and violence, disease and death. We also experience the joy of love and compassion, charity and generosity, solidarity and kinship. Human life consists of daily dyings and risings. We are called to unite our dyings and risings to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' cross and resurrection as Mary did, finding the meaning of our sufferings and joys in Jesus' death and resurrection, making them fruitful: spreading compassion and giving new life.

"[Jesus'] mother said to the servants. 'Do whatever he tells you." John 2:5

These are Mary's last recorded

words in the Bible. Through them, she points us to her Jesus. Her example will always lead us to deeper faith in and closer discipleship of her son. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith." (no. 148) As people of faith and as a community of faith, we are called to listen to the teachings of Jesus and put them into practice in our lives. We are called to have the courage to let the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ change and transform us, so that we can be the change and transformation that this world desperately needs. We are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, helping others to listen better to the Lord's call in their lives and inviting them into the communion of eternal life and love which is the Church.

May this week's patronal feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary be an opportunity for each of us personally and also as a parish family to renew our commitment to Christian discipleship, following the example and asking the intercession of Mary our patron, so that we can truly be the Light of Christ in Larkin Township and throughout the Midland area community, shining before all so that all can see in our parish a credible witness of Christ fully alive in our midst and give glory to God!

John



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:

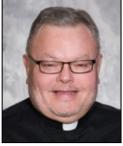
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Our Lady of Grace/Sanford:

7:00 p.m.

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		ASSUMPTION
MON, August 11 Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27		
TUES, August 12 Dt 31:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	8:00a 8:30a	Mass Rosary
WED, August 13 Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20	6:30p	Mass—Louis Waskevich Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation
THUR, August 14 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28	8:00a 8:30a 7:00p	Mass—Regina Graveline Rosary Assumption Vigil Feast Day Mass
FRI, August 15 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56		
SAT, August 16 Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15	4:30p	Mass People of the Parish
SUN, August 17 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53	9:30a И	Mass Villiam & Loretta Demers

V is for Vocation: Fr. Thomas J. Fleming



We give thanks for Fr. TJ Fleming who has served as pastor of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Essexville since July 2024. We pray for Fr. TJ for his ministry to the faithful and in his role as Regional Vicar for Vicariate 2. Fr. TJ had spent the previous five years at St. Hubert Parish in Bad Axe. He has noted that he has "always had a special affinity for the Thumb and planned to retire here." Or-

dained on April 28, 1985, Fr. TJ recently was honored as a jubilarian along with six other priests at a special Mass held this past August 4. Fr. TJ gave the homily for that Mass which you may access using this link: https://youtu.be/ IFaCmy2E5M8?t=1345

Lord, through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters and deacons. Keep them close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women to be witnesses to your gospel. Amen. (USCCB)

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Once again, thanks for your generosity with our collection of school supplies for North Midland Family Center.

What a blessing you are to the young people in our community!



"When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you".

"Matthew 6:2-4

Mobile Food Drive

St. Brigid Catholic Church will be hosting a Mobile Food Drive on:

Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:30am-12:00pm

Preregistration for food is required by calling (989) 486-9393 and press 1.

Distribution begins at 9:30am and registration will be done from your car.



- This Week -

Sunday, August 10 9:30 am Mass

Monday, August 11

6:30 pm Catholicism Clarified

Tuesday, August 12

8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Rosary

5:30 pm Christian Service Mtg

Wednesday, August 13

6:30 pm Mass

followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Thursday, August 14

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Middle School—back to school event

Assumption Vigil Feast Day
Mass at 7 pm
Ice Cream Social after Mass



PRODUCE FOR THOSE IN NEED!

Hidden Harvest and The Bridge store collect food from organizations, churches, and individuals and then distributes 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.

Friday, August 15 No morning Mass

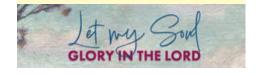
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 16

10:00 am Serving at Open Door

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 17 9:30 am Mass

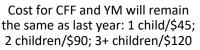


2025/26 Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs THE TIME TO REGISTER IS NOW!!

If you have not yet registered your child(ren)... online family registration is now open for both Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry! This 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.



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+), contact: Kathy Russell @ Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org



October 4th: Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

Are you a parent who has lost a child and would appreciate support? Whether it happens through miscarriage, stillbirth, or later in life, the death of a child is a deep and tragic loss for parents - and for their hopes and dreams for the future. No matter what the age, cause of death, or how much time has passed, the grief over the loss of a child weighs heavily on the hearts of parents. On Saturday October 4th, 2025, a one-day Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents will be offered at Holy Spirit Parish in Saginaw. There is no cost to attend (a free will offering will is optional to help cover catering and the cost of materials). The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends by 7:00 p.m. During this spiritual retreat, everyone is free to participate at their comfort level.

For information or to register, call Deacon Gary Patelski at 989.295.5849 or email us at gapatelski@aol.com.

The deadline for registration is Sept 29th.

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

Pilgrims of Hope: Summer Scripture Seminar with Fr. José Cabrera

The year before his death, Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Year of Jubilee centered on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." It is now Pope Leo XIV who continues the journey of hope with the Church on earth. In this August's Summer Scripture Seminar, join Fr. José Cabrera for an exploration of Scriptural passages which invite us to see ourselves as "a pilgrim people" — as well as biblical passages that relate to theme of hope.

This is a perfect opportunity to reinvigorate the spirit of the Jubilee halfway through this special year.

Join us Monday, August 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Held at the Center for Ministry Cost is \$10



Pictorial Directory UPDATE!

Our pictorial directory is in production and should be shipping this week. So hoping to get them very shortly. Thank you so much for your patience!

In Loving Memory of

Steven Davis

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

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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WELCOMING New Members

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

Edward and 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

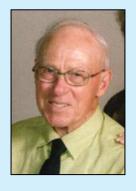
Happy Birthday!

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Bartos
August 9th / 90 years

Leonard
Ostahowski
August 9th / 92 years







Diocesan Marriage Prep Class

Preparing for a Covenant marriage between God, and an engaged couple provides a solid foundation for moving forward as you journey together as husband and wife with Christ at the center of your relationship & marriage. Engaged couples in need of marriage preparation are invited to attend this one

day event which will offer you time to hear presentations by other couples and a Priest on:

Marriage as a Sacrament and the Catholic Wedding ceremony, Family of Origin, the 5 Love Languages & 4 Temperaments, Conflict, problem solving, finances, Intimacy and Natural Family Planning.

When: Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Where: Center for Ministry

Cost: **\$90**

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

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

review! Scan the QR code, visit:



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.

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

It is easy to get caught up in the mode and mindset of building up our worldly 'treasures.' The

world tells us that happiness comes from accumulating property, material possessions and having the financial status to keep gathering more of those things. But Jesus reminds us that our true happiness is in heaven, and He tells us to invest in our treasure in heaven. That may mean getting rid of some of our earthly treasures.





Stav awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Weekend Offerings

August 2/3, 20	025
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,552
Online Giving (7/28-8/3)	\$3,587
Donations	
Weekend Total	. \$11,139
Weekly Goal	
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$1,908

Month of July

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Weekly Envelopes	\$16,837
Online Giving	\$8,854
Donations	\$2,700
Weekend Total	\$28,391
Goal	. \$36,924
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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If you have any questions: email Sandy at sandym@assumptionmidland.org or call the parish office at 989-631-4447.





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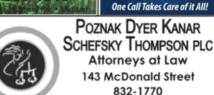
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