

# Feast of the Exaltation *of the Holy Cross*

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

September 14, 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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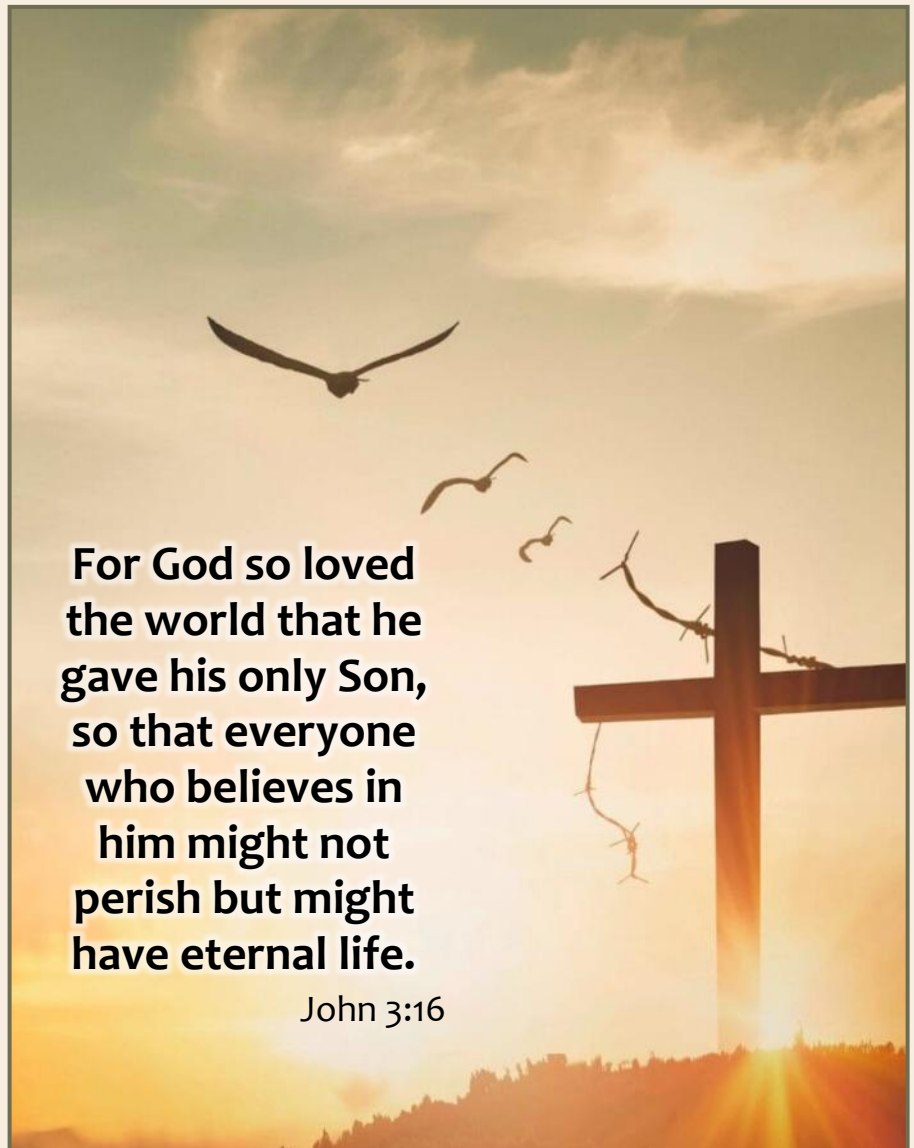
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For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his only Son,  
so that everyone  
who believes in  
him might not  
perish but might  
have eternal life.

John 3:16

#### **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



*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me, far from my prayer, from the words of my cry? O my God, I cry out by day, and you answer not; by night, and there is no relief for me." – Psalm 22:2-3*

Today, we commemorate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. This year, we liturgically celebrate this feast under the shadow of the tragic events just a few weeks ago at Annunciation Parish and School in Minneapolis, where in an act of sinful hatred and violence, children were attacked, wounded, and killed while participating in the Eucharist.

One of the most profound kinds of prayers is the **prayer of lament**. We talk about prayers of praise, adoration, and petition more often because we naturally tend toward experiences, even spiritual experiences, which are pleasurable rather than those that are painful. But according to Mark Vroegop, author of the book, *Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament*, "the practice of lament talks to God about pain. It has a unique purpose: trust. It is a divinely-given invitation to pour out our fears, frustrations, and sorrows." About one-third of the Psalms in the Bible are classified as laments, and Jesus prayed a lament, Psalm 22, while he hung dying on his cross. Lament is a dialogue with God in the midst of suffering where our very lives become a question "thrown at" God. God is never threatened by our honestly laying bare our hearts in prayer. But in the end, every prayer of lament concludes with an act of trust in God, even in the moment of our greatest distress.

*"Jesus answered them, 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: Father, save me from this hour? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'" – John 12:27-28*

There is no philosophical or theological reason to the question of suffering, why bad things happen to good people or why those acting immorally seem to prosper, why children suffer violence and disease. As we were reminded in last weekend's reading from the

Book of Wisdom, "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" God's answer to human suffering and death cannot be reduced to a logical argument. It is the gift of his eternal Son, Jesus, who did not grasp at his divinity, but humbled himself to *suffer with us (com-passio)*, becoming obedient unto death, death on a cross. (Philippians 2: 6-8) The obedience and compassion of Jesus undoes the selfishness and violence of sin, precisely by displacing himself from comfort to suffer with us all the violence, mental and physical, that we humans daily commit against each other. Thus, Jesus becomes the reconciliation between God and human beings and between humans. As expressed so beautifully by theologian Romano Guardini in his book, *The Lord*, "God followed us into the no man's land which sin had ripped open. God not only glanced down at us and summoned us lovingly to return, he personally entered into that vacuous dark to fetch us . . . God alone can 'handle' sin. Only God sees through it, weighs it, judges it with a judgment that condemns the sin but loves the sinner. Attempting the same, we would break. This then is the Love, re-establisher of justice . . . known as Grace." In the face of the ugliness, violence, and hatred unleashed at Christ's Passion, the glorious triumph of the Cross is the triumph of compassion over selfishness, obedience over pride, and non-violent love over the machinations of human power.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." – Matthew 13:45-46*

As we continue the Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the **Jubilee of Consolation**. Consolation ministry is when we, united with and in Christ, displace ourselves out of our comfort zones and compassionately accompany those who are experiencing loss, illness, violence, or abuse. Over the past year, two of our parish-

ioners, Denise Kearl and Marcia Schneider, have been participating in a leadership formation process to bring this kind of ministry to Assumption Parish. **BeFriender Ministry** is an active listening ministry, a ministry of consolation to those who are undergoing times of illness, grief, or loss. They provide the nonjudgemental presence of Jesus to those who need to talk about their trials and suffering; not counseling or giving advice but loving through confidential listening. This weekend, Marcia and Denise will witness before Masses and be commissioned for their ministry. Our next step is for them to call forth the gifts of compassion in our parishioners, inviting us to be trained in this ministry of mercy and training a core group of BeFriender ministers. When these volunteers are formed, we can begin offering this service to our neighbors in need, hopefully in early 2026. Please open your hearts to their appeal for volunteers and discern in prayer if God is calling you to move beyond your comfort zone to accompany our sisters and brothers in need.

May we as a parish community honestly and courageously receive the uncomfortable benefits of lament, standing in prayerful communion beneath the glorious Cross of Christ, so that each one of us may find healing, reconciliation, and peace while accompanying as compassionate servant ministers those in pain and grief, bringing them consolation in the midst of their suffering.

*John*



### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16*

This familiar passage illustrates God's immense love for us and all in the world. He gave the gift of His Son for our salvation. This is at the core of the Catholic faith. How do we return that love to God through our words and actions?

**Singles Late 50s & Above:** Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is on Oct 31-Nov 2, 2025 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. For more info, go to [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org) or call (517) 323-7012.

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
<b>MON, September 15</b> 1 Tm 2:1-8 Jn 19:25-27	
<b>TUES, September 16</b> 1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	<b>8:00a Word and Communion</b> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
<b>WED, September 17</b> 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	<b>6:30p Mass</b> <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
<b>THUR, September 18</b> 1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50	<b>8:00a Mass</b> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
<b>FRI, September 19</b> 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	<b>8:00a Mass</b> 8:30a Rosary
<b>SAT, September 20</b> 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	<b>4:30p Mass</b> <i>Daniel Lincoln</i>
<b>SUN, September 21</b> Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13	<b>9:30a Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>



### V is for Vocation: Fr. José Maria Cabrera

We give thanks for Fr. José Cabrera, pastor at All Saints Parish in Bay City. We pray for Fr. José in his ministry to the faithful and as Vicar for Clergy. Termed a "vocation within a vocation", the Vicar for Clergy's primary responsibility is ministering to senior priests; Fr. José has served in this role since August 2020. In July 2021, he was named a recipient of the Fr. John B. Zwiers Award by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. This award "recognizes members of the clergy with a strong history of support for faith-based schools."

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

*O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life. Like a wise harvest master, clearly call laborers to reap the harvest of souls. May some become holy priests, formed by the Gospel; may some find their way to religious communities filled with love for You. Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of life and share the work of Your Son Who lives forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)*



All are welcome to the Men's Saturday Morning Faith gatherings sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141.

We will focus our discussion on the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass. Guide booklets will be available. Even if you can only make a few of these meetings know that you are always welcome and your presence and contributions will help make the discussions richer for all.

#### The schedule is below and on the parish calendar:

**27 September** 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**11 October** 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**25 October** 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**1 November** 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**15 November** 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**13 December** 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow  
**20 December** 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow

To sign-up please email: [greggzank@mac.com](mailto:greggzank@mac.com) or sign-up at the welcome circle to ensure we have guide booklets for all!

#### Guatemalan Stove Team Mission 2026

The success of this Mission has been possible through the generosity of parishioners who donate to or volunteer in this effort. We've helped 1300+ families in the past decade and have committed to send a team again in February 2026, in partnership with HELPS International, targeting to help another 150+ families.

The water filters and vented stoves provided to the rural poor are truly life changing. The stoves replace a smoky fire pit on the floor of the homes, run with 70% less wood, and save the family hours of work each week or, if purchased, about 40% of their income. The water filters eliminate the risk of waterborne illnesses (e.g. dysentery), a leading cause of death, especially in children.

We hope to raise \$300 for the materials of each family that we serve. If you are interested in helping or being a future volunteer, send information requests to: [Stephanie.Williams511@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.Williams511@gmail.com) or Kevin Shaughnessy at [kmshaug6@gmail.com](mailto:kmshaug6@gmail.com)

### - This Week -

#### Sunday, September 14

**9:30 am Mass**  
**CFF, CLOW**  
 11:00 am Catholic Inquiry



#### Monday, September 15

1:30 pm Blood Drive  
 6:30 pm The Chosen

#### Tuesday, September 16

8:00 am Word & Communion  
 8:30 am Rosary *followed by Meditation*  
 3:30 pm Monicas  
 5:30 pm Faith Form Comm Mtg

#### Wednesday, September 17

1:00 pm The Chosen  
 6:30 pm Mass *followed by Exposition and Reconciliation*  
 6:30 pm CFF  
 7:30 pm K of C Meeting

#### Thursday, September 18

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary *followed by Scripture*  
 7:00 pm Choir

#### Friday, September 19

8:00 am Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary

#### Saturday, September 20

10:00 am Serving at Open Door  
**4:30 pm Mass**

#### Sunday, September 21

#### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

**9:30 am Mass**  
**CFF, CLOW**  
**YM Kickoff**  
 11:00 am Catholic Inquiry



## 2025/26 Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs YOU CAN STILL REGISTER!!

Children's Faith Formation classes have started, but It's not too late! If you have not yet registered your child(ren)...Online family registration is still 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 in 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!

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 (ages 12+), contact: Kathy Russell @ [Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org)



## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### CHILDREN

Sept. 14, 21, 28 CFF and CLOW  
17, 24 Wednesday CFF

If you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Wendy Graveline at [cff@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:cff@assumptionmidland.org)



### YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Sunday evening Youth Ministry will begin September 21st. Registration is now open! Watch your email and the bulletin for YM events!

Sept. 21 Youth Ministry Kickoff  
27 Elvis Night (YM Fundraiser)  
Nov. 20-23 NCYC (HS) Register Now!!!



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

### Frassati-Acutis Canonization

Pope Leo XIV canonized Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at St. Peter's Square in Rome. Together, the two new saints are patrons for youth and young adults. Let's take a quick look at who our newest saints are!

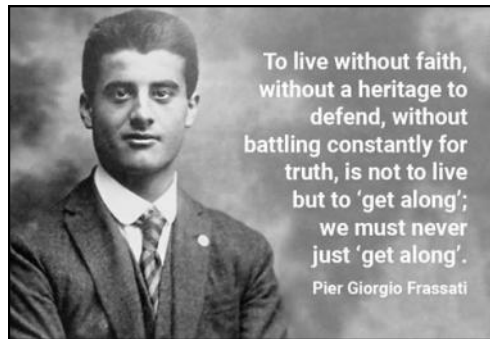
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### YOUTH MINISTRY ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### We Need YOU!

We invite YOU to consider joining us at Youth Ministry this year to help lead our young people as they learn about the treasures of our Catholic faith! We have an awesome Youth Ministry program that meet at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday evenings, and we need awesome volunteers (like you!) to help run our games, activities, and discussions! YM meets from 6-8 p.m. on most Sunday nights from the end of September through March. Volunteers for Confirmation prep, beginning in January are also needed. The great thing about volunteering in Youth Ministry is that there's no guesswork or prep work! Everything (right down to what you'll say to the students) is written and prepared for you and most of the night is led by the Youth Ministers!

But we do need faith-filled adults to accompany our youth in their small groups. Contact Kathy Russell @ [kathyr@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:kathyr@assumptionmidland.org)



live boldly for Christ with joy and generosity.

### Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925)

#### The Man of the Beatitudes

An Italian layman known for his deep faith, love for the poor, and joy-filled spirit. As a college student and avid mountain climber, he devoted his life to prayer, service, and friendship. Beatified in 1990, he inspires young people to

### Carlo Acutis (1991 – 2006)

#### The First Millennial Saint

An Italian teen whose love for the Eucharist and skill with technology led him to create a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles—earning him the nickname "God's influencer." Diagnosed with leukemia at 15, he offered his sufferings for the Pope and the Church, living a heroic yet ordinary life of faith.

Here's the link to the website: <https://www.miracolieucaaristici.org>



"Jesus is my great friend and the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven." ~St. Carlo Acutis

BECOME ONE OF THE  
**MILLIONS  
OF  
MONICAS**

Are you a mother, grandmother, godmother, confirmation sponsor, or aunt with a loved one who has strayed from the Catholic Faith?

Join a growing group of women who meet weekly at our parish to pray for their loved ones' return to the full practice of the Catholic Faith.

**TUESDAYS AT 3:30 PM  
IN THE CLASSROOM WING**

**CHOSEN  
FANS  
LAST SUPPER**

**The table is set for Season 5!**

Come explore the most recent episodes of *The Chosen* TV series and dive into their historical, cultural, and Scriptural depth.

**MONDAYS | 6:30-8:00 PM**

September 8 - November 3  
Off October 13

- OR -

**WEDNESDAYS | 1:00-2:30 PM**

September 10 - November 5  
Off October 15

**PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THE  
WELCOME CIRCLE**

Call Donna Semanco at 989-631-0872 or email [semanco1@aol.com](mailto:semanco1@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT  
CATHOLICISM?**

**ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO (OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO) ...**

- Has wondered "What is my purpose?" or "Why am I here?"
- Has been seeking deeper meaning in life?
- Has wondered if "being spiritual" and "being religious" are really compatible?
- Has wondered if goodness and unconditional love are really possible?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism?
- A Catholic who has been away from church for a while or are looking to update your understanding of the Catholic faith?

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is offering a weekly opportunity for **Inquiry into Catholicism**. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Catholicism.

**Fall Inquiry sessions will meet each Sunday morning at the church from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. beginning September 14.**

Please contact John Graveline, [john@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:john@assumptionmidland.org), for more information.

**Next Blood Drive**

Monday  
**September  
15**

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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

For eligibility questions please call 866-642-5663

**Assumption Knights of Columbus  
Council #2141**

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

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED**

-Call 866-642-5663

-Visit [versiti.org/mi](http://versiti.org/mi)

-Or scan the QR code below

**\*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!**

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets. Donating blood takes about an hour and has the potential to impact up to three lives.



 **versiti**  
Blood Center of Michigan

**IT'S THAT TIME!  
RAFFLE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

**54th Annual Bazaar  
November 8, 2025**

*1st Prize—Handmade Quilt*

*2nd Prize—\$100.00 cash*

*3rd Prize—\$50.00 cash, donated merchandise and craft items*

**Tickets are \$1.00 each**

**Make checks payable  
to Assumption.**

**The winning tickets will be drawn  
November 8th at the Bazaar.  
(need not to be present to win)  
Purchase tickets in the office.**



**The Parish Photo  
Directories are in!**

**If you took a family photo,  
your free directory is in the  
gathering space!**



# POLISH FEST

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**

**6:30PM-10:00PM | DOORS OPEN 5:45PM**  
**3516 E. MONROE RD, MIDLAND, MI 48642**



## PARISH COOKED DINNER

Kielbasa, goląbki (stuffed cabbage), pierogi (potato & cheese dumpling), zupa z dyni (pumpkin soup), plus sauerkraut & much more!  
**Beer & wine available.**



## STEVE DRZEWICKI BAND

Live polka music provided for the entire evening!



## FUN FOR ALL AGES

Includes dancing, family games, and kids zone!

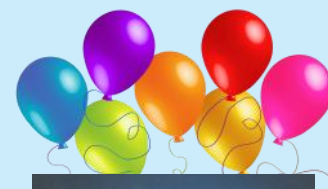


## LIMITED SEATING

Adults | \$20.00  
 Kids ages 5-12 | \$7.00  
 Kids ages 0-4 | FREE!  
**FAMILY DEAL | \$50.00\***  
**(2 adults & 2+ kids ages 5-12)**  
\*Only available at parish office



Buy now!



**Happy 93rd Birthday**  
**Joyce Myers**  
 Saturday, September 13

## St. Brigid Christmas Craft Sale Vendors Wanted!

The 12th Annual Saint Brigid of Kildare Christmas Craft Sale will be held on:

**Saturday, November 22**  
 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 in the Cardinal Hickey  
 Parish Hall

This event takes place the same day as the Santa Parade in Downtown Midland! If you are interested in being a vendor, please request an application by contacting:

stbrigid@stbrigid-midland.org  
**Apply by October 27, 2025**  
**to reserve your spot!**



*Happy Anniversary*

**Ray & Joan Bartos**  
**68 Years**  
 Sunday, September 14th

## Blessed Sacrament

### Looking for Vendors for Season of Giving: A Charity & Craft Bazaar

The Social Justice Committee of Blessed Sacrament is looking for vendors for the **November 9th** Alternative Gift Fair which will be rebranded as the Season of Giving: A Charity and Craft Bazaar featuring the same charitable organizations as in the past and including something new - you! Register to sell your homemade merchandise or artwork side by side with charity organizations in the Midland area. Make connections with local agencies and enjoy using a new venue for your sales. The fee is \$30 for a table and 2 chairs with fee proceeds being donated to a local charity or Catholic Relief Services.

Save your table today! Scan the QR code or call Blessed Sacrament.



## Parish Mission – Jesse Manibusan

St. Thomas Aquinas Church is offering a parish mission featuring Jesse Manibusan from:

**Sunday October 5 –**  
**Tuesday October 7**  
**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Jesse is a Catholic recording artist as well as a catechist, evangelizer, encourager and humorous storyteller. In this year of "Hope" Jesse's songs, prayers and stories will fill your hearts. Free Admission.

*All ages welcome!*





# BIG RAFFLE

**BIG  
Impact**

**BIG  
Prizes**

**Enter Today!**

**1st Prize**  
**2nd Prize**  
**3rd-6th Prizes**

**\$10,000**  
**\$2,500**  
**\$500**

Your participation will help Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish continue to thrive for years to come! Proceeds from the raffle will provide funding for parish ministries and ensure future growth.

**\$50/Ticket** Only 1,000 tickets available!

## EARLY BIRD PRIZES

10 Weekly Drawings  
September 18-November 20  
Thursday Mornings at 10:30 AM  
at Assumption Parish

**\$50 Prize (Winner  
remains eligible for all  
subsequent drawings!)**

## BIG RAFFLE DRAWING

Prize Drawing & Reception  
Saturday, November 22, 2025  
6:00 PM at Assumption Parish



## DON'T WAIT TO ENTER!

- Scan the QR code or visit [www.AssumptionMary.org](http://www.AssumptionMary.org)
- Purchase at the parish office or weekend Masses
- Call the parish office at **989-631-4447**
- Place an order using the form below

The Big Raffle benefits Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642  
For more information, call 989-631-4447

### TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY MAIL:

Fill out the ticket stub at right and mail it with your payment to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642. Please make checks payable to Assumption Parish.

Proceeds from the Big Raffle will provide funding for parish ministries and future growth.

### \$50/Ticket

*Must be 18 years or older to purchase. Individuals need not be present to win. Tickets must be purchased by 3:00 PM the Tuesday before to be entered in that week's early bird drawing. Winner assumes responsibility for federal, state, and local taxes.*

[WWW.ASSUMPTIONMARY.ORG](http://WWW.ASSUMPTIONMARY.ORG)

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☐ CASH

☐ CHECK

NO. OF TICKETS

DO YOU NEED YOUR NUMBERED TICKET STUB?

☐ No

☐ Yes, please use my contact information to send me my stub:

☐ Text me a photo

☐ Email me a photo

☐ Mail my stub



# FALL SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

## at Assumption Parish



Now that we have reached Labor Day weekend, spiritual enrichment opportunities will be available every day of the week! **How might the Lord be calling you to grow in faith throughout the week? Take a moment to prayerfully consider these opportunities!**

### SUNDAY

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- **Children's Liturgy of the Word & Faith Formation:** We partner with parents to help their children better hear and understand the Word of God and grow in knowledge of our Catholic beliefs, liturgy, and moral way of life in an age-appropriate manner.
- **Youth Ministry:** We partner with parents and local Catholic parishes to help our young people deepen their faith through meaningful interactions with God in prayer, discussion with caring volunteer adults and their peers, and service to the community.
- **Catholic Inquiry:** This is an opportunity for anyone to get their questions about Catholicism answered so that they can better discern God's plan for their life.

### MONDAY

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- **Stitch & Prayer:** This interdenominational group uses skills of knitting, crocheting, sewing, and quilting to prayerfully serve the sick, needy, and homebound.
- **The Chosen:** On Monday evenings, Assumption parishioner Donna Semanco will be leading sessions exploring the 5<sup>th</sup> Season of *The Chosen* television program. Many have expressed how their understanding of Jesus and his ministry has "come alive" through this program. **Also offered on Wednesday afternoons.**

### TUESDAY

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- **Morning Meditation:** After morning Mass and Rosary, participants are led on a 20-minute guided meditation on CD written by Mother Teresa. Through this graced use of imagination, participants feel Jesus speaking his words of comfort directly to us.
- **Millions of Monicas Prayer Group:** On Tuesday afternoons, a growing group of women meet to pray for their loved ones' return to the full practice of their Catholic faith. This is not a sharing or discussion group, but an organized way to support each other in prayer.

### WEDNESDAY

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- **Weekly Evening of Encounter with Christ:** We celebrate an evening Mass followed by Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a perfect "halfway" point to the week! Children's Faith Formation is also offered at this time, so parents can recharge their spiritual batteries while their children are growing in their understanding of the Catholic faith.

### THURSDAY

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- **Scripture Study & Reflection:** After morning Mass and Rosary, participants study and reflect upon the Bible readings of the upcoming weekend liturgy, gaining deeper insight into Bible history, context, and spirituality.
- **Music Ministry:** On Thursday evenings, our choir and instrumentalists prepare and practice music for the upcoming weekend liturgies and concerts. Participants develop their gifts and grow spiritually through interaction with sacred music and texts. "The one who sings, prays twice!"

### FRIDAY

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- **Morning Mass & Rosary:** A wonderful start to your day and weekend: gathering to share in prayer and receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament!

### SATURDAY

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- **Men's Awakening Faith Group:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, our Knights of Columbus sponsor a men's faith enrichment group, offering the opportunity to grow in prayer, share discussion, and build community. This group is not just for Knights but is open to all men.

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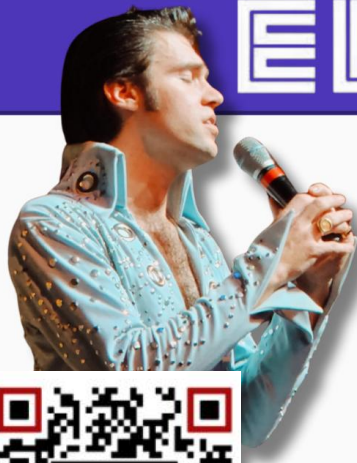
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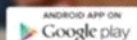
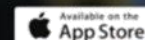
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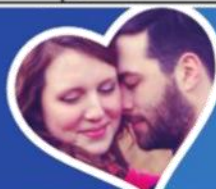
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