



TWENTY-FIFTH *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

September 21, 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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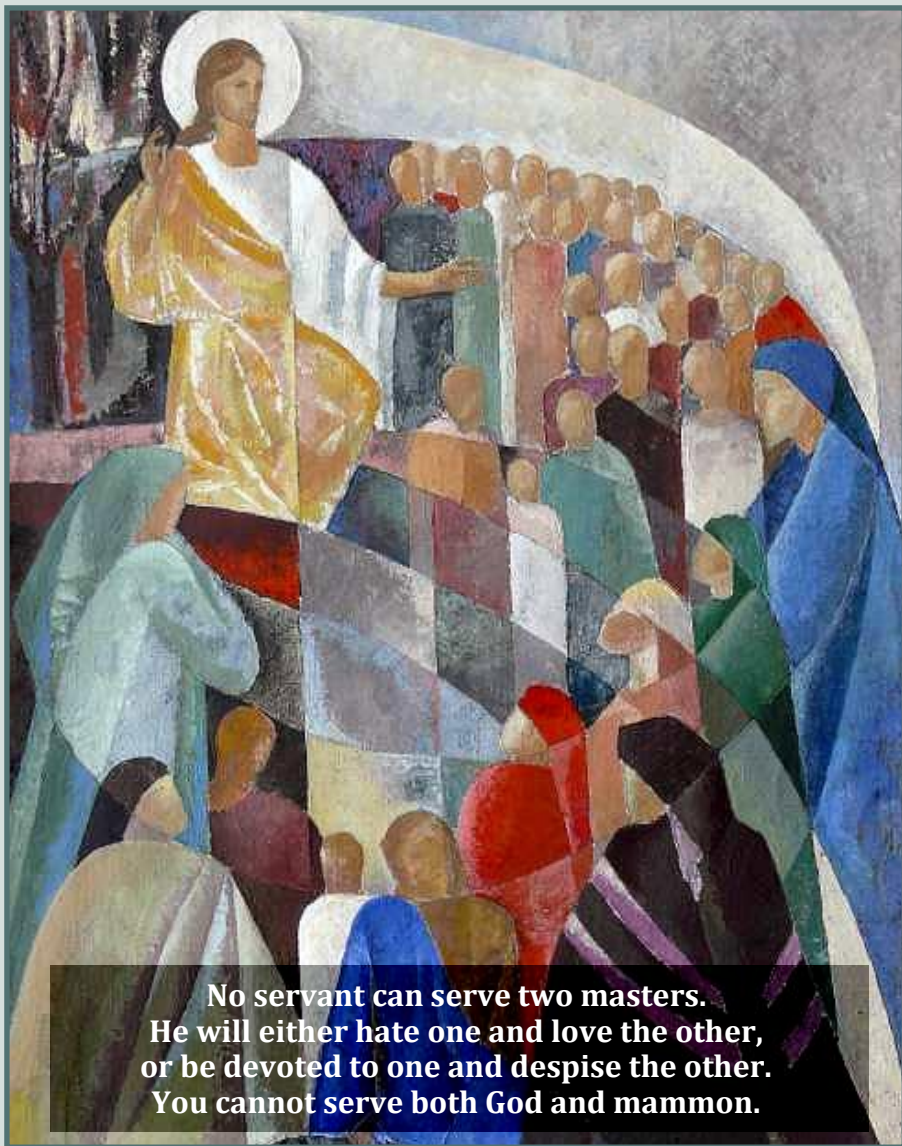
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**No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon.**

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



"Never act out of rivalry or conceit; rather, let all parties think humbly of others as superior to themselves, each of you looking to others' interests rather than your own. Your attitude must be that of Christ." – Philippians 2:3-5

In the United States, today is Catechetical Sunday, and we will commission our parish catechists at the weekend Masses. Next weekend, the Vatican will continue to observe this Jubilee Year of Hope by celebrating the **Jubilee of Catechists**. As I mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago, the word *catechist* comes from the Greek word *katēkhein* which means "to echo down." The role of the catechist is not to teach their own message, but to "echo" our Catholic faith as it has been given to us in the Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. A good catechist is like a midwife, bringing to healthy fruition the eternal life given in baptism.

The ministry of **catechist** is a specific and ancient role in church ministry. In 2021, Pope Francis officially established the lay ministry of catechist as a stable and vital ministry throughout the Catholic Church. **We are very thankful for all those in our parish who "echo" the Gospel of Jesus to those of all ages preparing for baptism and the other sacraments, those in our faith formation programs for children and youth, and those who organize and lead adult faith formation opportunities!**

Pope Francis addressed catechists at the close of the Year of Faith in 2013. He said, "Be careful, I have not said to do the work of a catechist, but rather to *be* one, because it involves all your life. It means guiding towards the encounter with Jesus with words and with life, with your witness." In this sense, all the baptized, each of us in our own way, are called to be catechists with our words (see 1 Peter 3:15), but most of all through our lives (see Matthew 7:21).

So let one of us reflect on this Catechetical Sunday:

Do my words and life "echo" the obedience of Jesus? The obedience of faith is not primarily about doing whatever "the boss" says to do, but rather to

keep our ears and hearts open to listening to truth of God (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 144). Listening is an act of love. Jesus always prayed before the major decision points of his life and ministry, especially the Psalms, which I imagine he learned to pray from his mother Mary, St. Joseph, and the leaders of his synagogue in his youth. Prayer is not about "saying our prayers" but about truly listening to the Word of God, letting it shape our attitudes and the choices we make. Our new BeFriender Ministry is a training in having an obedient, listening heart. Whether or not God may be calling you to serve as a BeFriender, I highly recommend to everyone the BeFriender training that we will offer this winter. This training has helped me to become a better listener as a husband, father, minister, co-worker and work supervisor, and neighbor.

Do my words and life "echo" the compassion of Jesus? So many people feel lonely and isolated. Social media and the "interconnectivity" of the internet promise to expand our social networks, however human beings are both body and spirit. We need to gather together and be with each other to be a truly human community. This happens first and foremost at the Eucharist (Mass) each weekend, but other human gatherings such as our upcoming Evening with Elvis and PolishFest also fulfill this need. Our witness to the compassion of Jesus shines forth most brilliantly through our acts of charity, service, and justice-seeking. When we take time out of our busy lives to alleviate someone's suffering and isolation, when we share the financial given to us as God's gifts to meet their basic needs, we become living icons of Jesus, the eternal Son of God who chose to enter into our suffering in order to bring healing and love (see Philippians 2:6-8). Once again, our new BeFriender Ministry exists to be the compassion of Christ in our society so wounded by isolation and loneliness.

Do my words and life "echo" the peace of Jesus? Our society and nation are so polarized at this time. We are all looking at our own electronic devices, watching our own version of the news from our favorite news outlets, listening to our own podcasts, being given intellectual reinforcement from social media algorithms designed to stoke the fear and outrage that keeps us "doomscrolling." Over the past ten years or so, I have noticed that it has become more difficult to have conversation with family and friends on a wide variety of subjects without the threat of "cancellation." As we pray in the Mass, we believe that Jesus "came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father" for "though the human race is divided by dissension and discord . . . [by his Spirit] enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together." The news over the last month has been filled with stories of violence and conflict. We are called as baptismal catechists to become "echoes" of God's peace and reconciliation, bringing healing to hurting hearts, so that Jesus' prayer the night before he died that "all will be one, as you Father are in me, and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us" (John 17:21) can become a reality in our society, nation, and world.

My prayer for each of us and for our parish this Catechetical Sunday is that we no longer view the ministry of catechist as something only a few of us in the parish do, but as a response in faith, hope, and love to our baptism. May we each in our own way, in our own situations, become an "echo" of Christ's healing and peace through our words, our invitations to God and community, and the way we treat each and every person created in the image of the God who is Love.

John



Next Weekend Food Pantry Collection September 27/28

If you have a blue bag from the parish please use it to bring in your donations. Please pick up a blue bag from the gathering space this weekend if one is needed.

Thank you...

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16:13

This passage may seem difficult in today's culture, and the words "hate" and "love" and "devoted" and "despise" may seem harsh or extreme, but supporting the Church and others in need is part of our call as Catholics. Sharing what we have – which are all gifts from God – is a reminder that He gives us all that we need.

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, September 22 Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	
TUES, September 23 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	8:00a Word and Communion 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, September 24 Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	6:30p Word and Communion <i>Followed by Exposition, No Reconciliation</i>
THUR, September 25 Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, September 26 Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, September 27 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass <i>Barbara Boulton</i>
SUN, September 28 Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

V is for Vocation: Fr. Peter Gaspeny



We give thanks for Fr. Peter Gaspeny, pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Saginaw, and we pray for Fr. Pete in his ministry to the faithful of the parish. Fr. Pete grew up in Saginaw and attended St. Stephen Parish with his family. He has stated that his interest in the priesthood began during his childhood, and, after attending St. Meinrad College Seminary in Indiana and Catholic University in Washington, DC, Fr. Pete was ordained a deacon at Holy Family Parish in Dale, Virginia, in November 1982. Bishop Ken Untener ordained him a priest in May 1983 at his home parish of St. Stephen (now St. Dominic).

Learn more about Fr. Pete's calling to the priesthood:
<https://greatlakesbaycatholicschools.com/news/sacraments-spotlight-40-years-of-priesthood>

Gracious God, thank you for calling us at Baptism to be your people. In response to your call, we again say, "Yes." Keep us faithful to your mission and our vocation. Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm all who dedicate their lives in service to your people. Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion to serve as lay ministers and deacons, sisters, brothers, and priests. Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom to proclaim the Good News and to witness your presence among us. Amen. (USCCB)

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 un-conditional 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. **We will meet each Sunday morning at the church starting at 11 a.m.**

Please contact John Graveline, john@assumptionmidland.org, for more information.



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.

The schedule is below:

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 or sign-up at the welcome circle to ensure we have guide booklets for all!

~ This Week ~

Sunday, September 21

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

9:30 am Mass

CFF, CLOW

YM Kickoff

11:00 am Catholic Inquiry



Monday, September 22

10:00 am Stitch and Chat

6:30 pm The Chosen

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 am Word & Communion

8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation

3:30 pm Monicas

6:30 pm Evangelization Team Mtg

Wednesday, September 24

1:00 pm The Chosen

6:30 pm W&C followed by
 Exposition, No Reconciliation

Thursday, September 25

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, September 26

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, September 27

8:30 am Rosary

Men's Faith Study after Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

6:30 pm An Evening with Elvis

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am Mass

CFF, CLOW, YM

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 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 an 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

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



Thank you Catechists!

On this Catechetical Sunday, we thank all of our catechists for their dedication and commitment to our Assumption children and youth. May you witness to Christ with clarity, compassion, conviction, and hope! **Join us in prayer!**



A Prayer for Catechists

Oh God, we thank You for the gift of our catechists who give of their time and talents to share Your Word with the children and youth of Assumption. May the Holy Spirit guide them and give them wisdom as they share the Love of Jesus. May You bring them strength and perseverance in their role as teachers of the Catholic faith. Amen.

A Prayer for Children and Youth

Oh God, pour forth Your light upon the children and youth as they learn about our Catholic faith and Your Love. May the Holy Spirit help them understand Your Word, grow in faith, and love You more each day. May You bring them strength, courage and peace. Amen

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Sept. 21, 28 CFF and CLOW

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 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)
28 YM
Oct. 5 No YM
12, 19, 26 YM



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

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)

Catechetical Sunday
September 21st



The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

The word "catechesis" means "to echo, or resound." Our catechists teach the faith to our children and youth in the name of the Church. Parents and guardians are also catechists - the first and primary teachers of the faith for their children.

"Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life...her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (CCC no. 7)

We are reminded of a call to missionary discipleship that we all share as Catholics. May we each rededicate ourselves to the mission of handing on the faith and as a witness to the Gospel through our words and actions.

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, golqski (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



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS!!!!

Reminder.....

There are Children's Worship Bags to use during Mass.

Please be considerate and *take only one bag per family*. There are three books, an activity bag (felt or magnetic boards), one plush or two figures, two lacing cards and a ring of cards for your children to share. Please check to see you have returned all materials to the bag and place it back on the shelf as you leave Mass.



I hope your family and little ones enjoy the bags.

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.



Happy 97th Birthday
Betty Morrison
 Thursday, September 18th

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!

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!

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
if you have any questions.



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**

Jail Ministry

Inviting those who are interested in visiting Jesus through the inmates at the jails located within the Diocese of Saginaw. The depth of faith is alive in the incarcerated. The seeds sown are in need of laborers to nourish the harvest for the Lord. Training is provided. Please call Beth at 989.797.6655 if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.



**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

Immigration Through the Eyes of Christ

Immigration issues are in news headlines. We are called by Christ to honor the human dignity of the immigrant and the refugee. **Join us on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30-8:30PM in the Parish Center of Blessed Sacrament Church of Midland** at 3109 Swede Ave. as we welcome **Fr. Wayne Dziekan**, Vicar for Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Gaylord. Fr. Dziekan will share insights into the root causes and on-the-ground realities of our broken immigration system and discuss the Catholic position on comprehensive immigration reform. Questions will be answered following the presentation.

All faiths and denominations are welcome to join this community discussion. Light refreshments provided.

Awakened

RIISING TO NEW LIFE IN CHRIST RIGHT HERE AND NOW

*The Gospel isn't just a story from the distant past or a hope for a far-off future.
It's a message of healing and transformation for the present moment.*

Join us for a three-part series exploring the Gospel message and its power to heal our wounded world—especially those wounds in our own hearts and homes.

All are invited! You don't need to be an Assumption parishioner or a member of any faith community to attend.

Each session will include a meal, speakers, small group discussion, reflection, and an opportunity for prayer ministry. *Childcare will be available.*

SESSION 1:

Tuesday, October 14
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SESSION 2:

Tuesday, October 21
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SESSION 3:

Sunday, October 26
Mass at 9:30 AM
Retreat 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*There's a seat for you at the table, and you're more than just welcomed—you're warmly invited!
Come as you are and experience the transformation and new life that Christ offers to all!*

Free Event

The East Region Council of Catholic Women
will hold their Fall Meeting on Wednesday, October 15,
at the K of C Hall in Ruth (7121 E. Atwater Rd.).

Registration & refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated, and lunch will be served. Cost is \$12. An NCCW convention report will be given and a presentation on a Mission Trip to Africa will be shared. All women of the Diocese are invited! *Please RSVP to Linda Schumacher at 989-864-3210 or Rose Lilly at 810-359-7610 before October 12.*

October 11—Equipping the Faithful, Discipleship in the Workplace

Join us on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, for an inspiring event that focuses on discipleship in the workplace. Discover practical ways to live out your faith in your everyday work life. This engaging presentation will provide best practices and offer unique strategies you can use to share the good news at work. The event is from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (check-in begins at 8:00 AM), and will take place at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast. **The deadline to register is Mon, Oct 6, 2025.** To register, go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UTGatWork> or call Amy Dore at 989.797.6654.

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 or call (517) 323-7012.*



Please join

Global Compassion Inc's Fall Harvest Fundraiser Dinner for Ukraine

DINNER MENU:

Chicken Chili, Vegetarian Chili, Corn Bread, Harvest Salad, Roasted Butternut Squash, Cauliflower, Red Potatoes with Kale Pesto drizzle and Yabluchnyk (Ukrainian Apple Cake) prepared by Chef Sergey Pokanevych and Global Compassion volunteers!

**Assumption DuRussel Hall
on October 18th at 5:30pm**

Let us get together to share our abundant blessings with compassion and generous hearts to support our ongoing projects in Ukraine since 2023.



Donations will be accepted at the time of dinner or if you are not able to attend, please mail it to:

Global Compassion Inc
3910 Concord St, Midland, MI 48642

Please RSVP on our website at:
globalcompassioninc.org, email to
hope@globalcompassioninc.org
or call 989-835-1127.

WELCOMING New Members

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

Phillip & Jamie Cieplinski Jr.
Virginia Reno

*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.



BIG RAFFLE

**BIG
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**BIG
Prizes**

Enter Today!

1st Prize | **\$10,000**
2nd Prize | **\$2,500**
3rd-6th Prizes | **\$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
- 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.

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH BIG RAFFLE

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☐ CASH

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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

Assumption Church

54th Annual Bazaar

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale Update

Saturday, November 8th

8:30 am — 3:30 pm



VENDOR TABLES – The Bazaar has over 60 vendors and has expanded with some bigger vendors in classrooms. *Be sure to come and shop!*

RAFFLE – Tickets are on sale for \$1 each. Prizes include—handmade quilt, \$100 Cash, \$50 Cash and also donated items you might win!

DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE WELCOME ANYTIME.

BAKE SALE – Please bake some of your special homemade goodies and drop them off for the Bake Sale on Thursday or Friday. The more baked goodies donated, the more the Bake Sale can sell!

NOODLES – Learn how to make egg noodles with some of the best cooks at Assumption! Lots of fun, laughter and conversation. *No experience necessary.*

CINNAMON ROLLS – Roll, twist, and sugar, bake and share the best aroma of freshly baked cinnamon rolls. *No experience necessary, lots of fun and fellowship!*

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP – Come and learn how to make it from scratch, the best soup you will ever have with wonderful conversation, and friends. *Everyone welcome!*

SLOPPY JOES – Another secret recipe shared with those who help and an opportunity for fun, fellowship and conversation.

DECORATING – Setting up tables, chairs, table decorations, and signage for the Bazaar. A little help with the planning for this is also needed.

ADVERTISING – Help distributing flyers and putting up signage.

How can you help?

Pray for a Successful Bazaar
By Donating Baked Goods
By Donating Raffle Items
By Volunteering
By Coming to the Bazaar and Shopping



Volunteers Needed!

Call or come and help!

This weekend through November 8th
(sign-up sheets are out this weekend)

Please contact Val Rossi at 989-631-4447.

Mon, Nov 3rd

8am – noon

Making Egg Noodles for the Bake Sale

Thurs, Nov 6th

Starting at 9am

Bagging Noodles

Thurs, Nov 6th

1pm – 4pm

Making Chicken Noodle Soup and Sloppy Joes

Thurs & Fri, Nov 6th & 7th

8am – 4pm

Bake Sale Donations Accepted

Fri, Nov 7th

8am – noon

Making Cinnamon Rolls

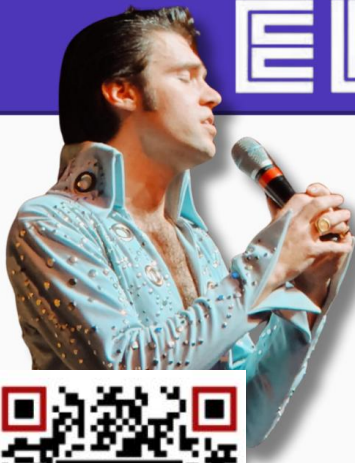
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Helping with Table Set-up

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Thank You!

We continue to collect cans and bottles for Youth Ministry, events and service projects. **Thank you all for your continued support of our Youth Ministry program!!** ~Kathy

Weekend Offerings

September 13/14, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$4,171
Online Giving (9/8-9/14) \$1,739
Donations \$1,118
Weekend Total \$7,028
Weekly Goal \$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$2,203)

September 1-14, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$9,041
Online Giving \$5,380
Donations \$2,118
Weekend Total \$16,539
Weekly Goal \$18,462
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$1,923)

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

Please make out a separate check for the special collections.



Online Giving

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

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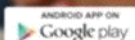
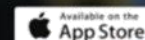
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