



TWENTY-SIXTH *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

September 28, 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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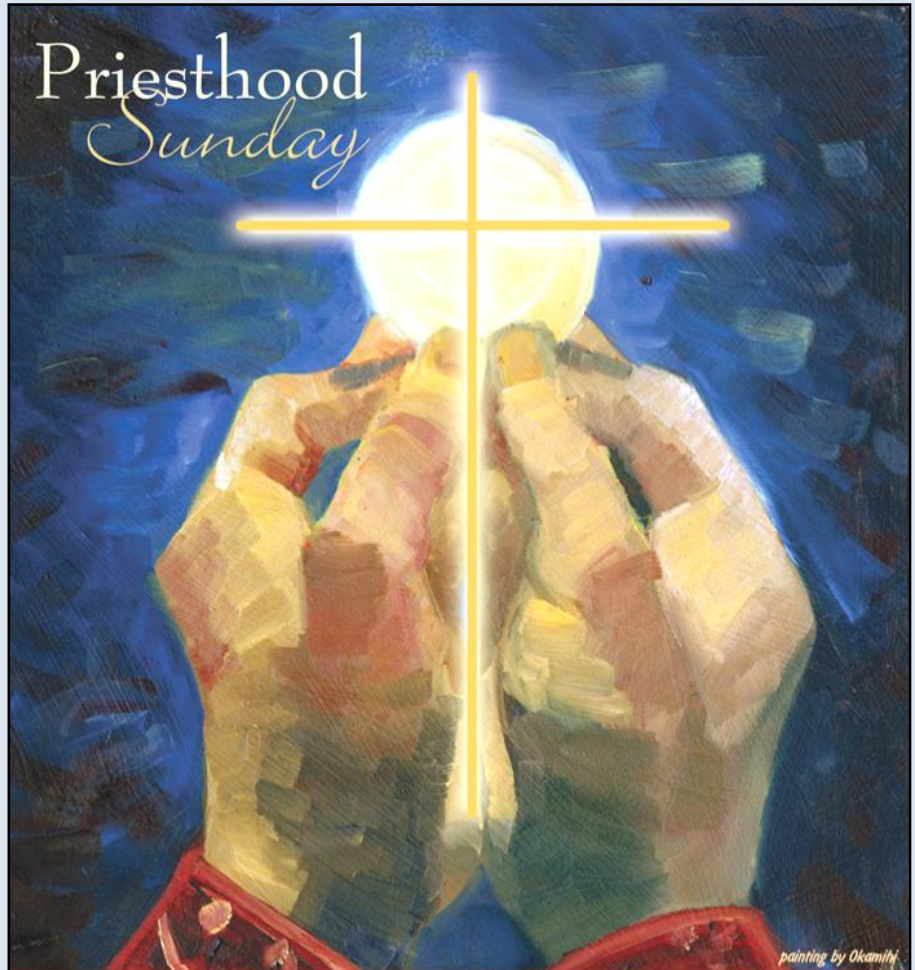
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How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Lord, I am your servant.

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



"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid . . . let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:14,16

Think of the last time that you saw a movie that really moved you or a television program that had you so engrossed that you had to "binge" it straight through, or perhaps the last time that you attended a really great concert or read a great book that you found helpful or very entertaining, or maybe you tried a new restaurant or tried a new recipe that was so delicious that the taste and/or presentation experience was "next level." What was your first impulse afterward? If you are like me, you couldn't wait to share your experience with friends, co-workers, and family and recommend it to them, encouraging them to experience it for themselves.

This is how I have felt since becoming part of the Assumption Parish community. This community of faith in Larkin Township is like a precious jewel at the crossroads of the city of Midland and its rural and suburban environs. We definitely "punch above our weight" as the smallest of the three Catholic parishes in Midland! We offer Mass and spiritual enrichment/prayer opportunities every day except Monday. Our music ministry adds beauty and spiritual depth through our liturgical choir/musicians and periodic sacred music concerts. We offer unique faith formation opportunities for every age; from our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children, to collaborative youth ministry that addresses the goals, themes, and components of comprehensive adolescent outreach, to adult bible study and catechetical screenings of *The Chosen*. We meet the material needs of our Midland County neighbors through our parish tithe which assists those in need of financial assistance

for housing, electricity, or gas; through annual Food Truck, our parish garden, monthly food collection, and supplying of volunteers at Open Door; through our various clothing collections (such as our upcoming children's winter boot collection); and much more (check out our Christian Service Commission minutes)!

Those who are involved and invested in our parish life know how vibrant a parish we have; how we are all blessed by our connection to Assumption Parish and how we pass those blessings to others! If you, like me, feel blessed by your connection to Assumption Parish, I would like to encourage you to share that good news the same way that you would about a movie, concert, or restaurant, by inviting someone you know to experience for themselves the riches to be discovered here. Here are some suggestions for you:

- First and foremost, **attending Mass every weekend is the source and summit of our parish vitality. This is especially important during the month of October**, when our Mass attendance is reported to the diocese. Folks at the diocese aren't here every day or week. They don't see all the good work done here. Often, our October Mass attendance is one of the only numbers seen at the diocese that gives them insight into the health of our parish life. Our October Mass attendance numbers were down last year. I'm hoping that this October will reverse that trend.
- Second, strongly consider **attending and inviting someone to join you at our three Awakened events this October**. We will have a good meal together, hear spiritually enriching

reflections, and discuss where faith meets real life in an atmosphere of hospitality and friendship. This is a unique opportunity for you to share with someone about what God is doing in the lives of the people of Assumption Parish and letting them experience it for themselves.

- Third, please support our parish **"Big Raffle"** by sharing it with friends, family, neighbors, etc. The good work that is being done at this parish and the dream of what we can do together in the Grace of God takes an investment. This raffle is a way to raise the funds that will allow us to continue to generously respond to the Holy Spirit's call to spread the Kingdom of God in our area.
- Finally, please support, attend, and invite others to experience the unique community spirit of Assumption Parish through the PolishFest dinner in October, the 54th annual Fall Bazaar in November, our Handel's Messiah Christmas Concert in December, and other social/community events. One of the hallmarks of this parish community is hospitality. These kinds of social events give us an opportunity to let our light shine to our neighbors, in an atmosphere of fun and inclusion.

October 7 will mark Assumption Parish's 109th anniversary. From the founding generation of Polish and Slovak farmers through over a century of faith and service in Larkin Township which now includes parishioners of diverse nationalities, backgrounds, and occupations, we recognize our heritage of grateful acceptance of God's gifts, stewarding them to increase, and blessing the lives of our neighbors. This is our hour on the stage, calling us to be thankful for what we have received in this parish and to lay the groundwork for the continuation of its unique mission in our time and place. We stand on the shoulders of giants. May future generations of Assumption parishioners see in us what we thank God for in the faith, hospitality, and stewardship of those who have gone before us!

John

We're Throwing a Party and We Need Your Help!!

PolishFEST is coming up fast and volunteers are needed to prepare for the parish's anniversary bash on **October 11!**


HELP IS NEEDED....

with preparing food the week before, setting up for dining, dancing, and games and family fun, and cleaning up afterward.



Please call the parish office if you are able to help at 989-631-4447.

Many hands make light work and it's a great way to meet new people or reconnect with old friends. A time for fellowship and fun!!

 Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51	
TUES, September 30 Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, October 1 Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, October 2 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Mt 18:1-5, 10	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 3 Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 4 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, October 5 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10	9:30a Mass <i>Leon Stanley</i>

V is for Vocation: Charles Warner



We give thanks for Charles Warner, currently studying in Rome at the Pontifical North American College in his Fourth year of Theological studies. Growing up in St. John Vianney Parish in Saginaw, he spent this past summer residing at the St. Brigid of Kildare rectory under the supervision of pastor Fr. Stephen Blaxton. We pray for Charles as he prepares to be ordained a Transitional Deacon on October 2 in Rome. Charles has stated, "My encouragement would be for young men to open their hearts to the option of the priesthood."

Learn more about Charles' experiences with the universal church: <https://greatlakesbaycatholic.com/seminarian-charles-warner-march-2024>

God our Father, you will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth. Send workers into your great harvest that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

54th Annual Bazaar November 8, 2025

1st Prize—Handmade Quilt

2nd Prize—\$100 cash

3rd Prize—\$50 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 or
after Mass on the weekend.

You're Invited!!



Join your fellow parishioners
in the Knights of Columbus and
keep our parish strong!

K of C Exemplification Ceremony

**Wednesday, October 15th
at 7:30pm in DuRussel Hall**

For more info, contact
Membership Director Matt Glaccum
989-430-8622 | md2141@mikofc.org

~ This Week ~

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am Mass

CLOW, CFF, YM

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

Monday, September 29

6:30 pm The Chosen

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 am Open Door in Kitchen

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary *followed by Meditation*

3:30 pm Monicas

Wednesday, October 1

10:00 am Serving at Open Door

1:00 pm The Chosen

6:30 pm Mass *followed by Exposition and Reconciliation 7:15-8:15*

7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, October 2

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary *followed by Scripture*

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, October 3

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, October 4

4:30 pm Mass

K of C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am Mass

CLOW, CFF, No YM

COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY

K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION

& TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is dedicated to honoring and expressing gratitude for priests in the Catholic Church. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the ordained priesthood to teach, lead, and sanctify in the life of the Church.

Thank you Fr. Rick for your dedication to serve God and the People of God at Assumption Parish. You are an inspiration and gift to us all.

Let us PRAY for all Priests today, Priesthood Sunday and every day to see their vocation as a blessing, and strive to live out their calling to be CHRIST to all!



Youth Ministry

What's happening in YM this
Sunday, September 28th...

Middle School...A night for youth to continue to get to know one another. The night will end in the church with a scavenger hunt where the youth will fill their treasure box with items representing the treasures of our Catholic faith.

High School...A night for teens to have fun, get to know one another, and strengthen existing relationships through games and activities that unpack the importance of living in the truth.

All are welcome...bring a friend!

Sacramental Preparation



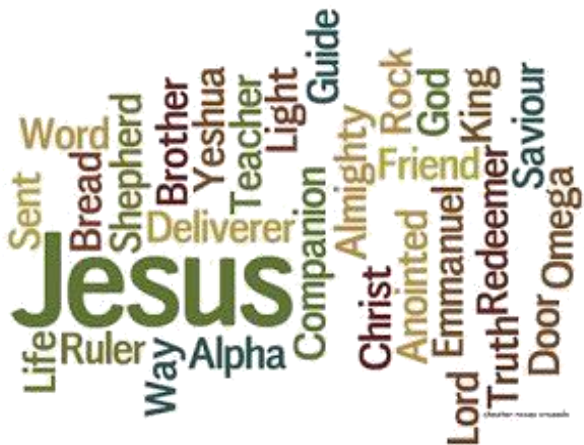
Our first mini-retreat will be
October 19th
3:00-4:30 pm

These are designed for the child and at least one parent. Please plan on attending as these sessions are required as part of our Sacramental Preparation program, in addition to Sunday Faith Formation classes and weekly Mass attendance. Thank you!

2025/26 Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs

It's never too late to register your child(ren) for either CFF or YM. Your children are always welcome at either CFF or YM. Registration is important so we have the materials on hand that is needed for the students. It also provides us with pertinent information like allergies & emergency contact.

If you have any questions about either CFF or YM please contact Kathy or Wendy.



Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Sept. 28	CFF and CLOW
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	CFF and CLOW
19	Sacramental Prep Mini Retreat / 3-4:30pm



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 meet on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament from 6-8 pm. Watch your email and the bulletin for YM news and events!

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



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



YM Kickoff Last Sunday evening we had our Youth Ministry kickoff!

What fun was had by all!! Old fashion relay games, community building, ice cream, and a bible scavenger hunt finding treasures along the way!



All middle school and high school students are invited to YM on Sunday evenings from **6-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament.**

YM combines students from Assumption, Blessed Sacrament and St. Brigid all in one place on Sunday evenings. *All are welcome!!*

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



Buy now!



This weekend is
 our monthly
**Food Pantry
 Collection**

September 27/28

Please remember to bring
 back your blue bags of
 donations. *Thank you!*



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 Parish Hall

This event takes place the
 same day as the Santa Parade
 in Downtown Midland! If you
 are interested in being a ven-
 dor, please request an appli-
 cation by contacting:

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

Immigration Through the Eyes of Christ

Join us on

Wednesday, October 16
from 6:30-8:30pm
in the Parish Center of
Blessed Sacrament

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.

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

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 art-work 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.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Just a reminder
 that we have
 Children's Wor-
 ship Bags available for families with little
 ones that are too young to under-
 stand Mass yet. Please be considerate
 and *take only one bag per family*. There
 are a variety of materials in each bag 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.

If you have any comments or sugges-
 tions for the bags, please send them
 to cff@assumptionmidland.org.
I hope your family and littles
enjoy the bags!



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
- 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

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH BIG RAFFLE

NAME

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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

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

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 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, john@assumptionmidland.org, for questions.

Coffee and Donut Sunday October 5th

Join us for coffee and donuts
after 9:30 am Mass!



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.



Men's
FAITH
Study

All are welcome
to the Men's
Saturday Faith
gatherings.

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!



Assumption of the B.V.M.

October 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Open Door / 10am The Chosen 1pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C / 7:30pm	2 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	3 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	4 Mass / 4:30pm K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
* Children's Liturgy of the Word						
5 Mass / 9:30am CFF, No YM, C.L.O.W.* Coffee & Donuts K of C Corporate and Communion and Tootsie Roll Drive Inquiry / 11:00am	6 The Chosen 6:30pm	7 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:30pm CS Meeting / 5:30pm PC Meeting / 5:30pm Admin/Fin Mtg 7pm Happy 109th Birthday ABVM! Oct 7, 1916	8 The Chosen 1pm W&C / 6:30pm followed by Exposition, No Reconciliation	9 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Liturgy Mtg 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	10 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	11 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm Boot Drive PolishFEST Dinner / 6:30pm
12 Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM C.L.O.W.* Boot Drive Catholic Inquiry 11:00am	13 Stitch and Prayer 9:45am Y2Y Meeting No Chosen	14 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:30pm Awakened 6-8:30pm	15 No Chosen Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C Exemplification 7:30pm	16 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	17 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	18 Serving at Open Door / 10am Faure Rehearsal 10:30am-1pm Mass / 4:30pm Boot Drive Global Compassion Dinner / 5:30pm
19 Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM, C.L.O.W.* WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Boot Drive Y2Y Discernment Day at Assumption Inquiry / 11:00am	20 The Chosen 6:30pm	21 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:30pm Awakened 6-8:30pm	22 The Chosen 1pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	23 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	24 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	25 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm Food Pantry
26 Mass / 9:30am CFF, YM, C.L.O.W.* Food Pantry Inquiry / 11:00am Awakened Retreat Day 11am	27 Stitch and Chat 10am Y2Y Meeting The Chosen 6:30pm	28 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:30pm Faith Form Comm Meeting / 5:30pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7pm	29 The Chosen 1pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	30 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	31 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	



**You Are Invited to Join In Continuing the Mission of Jesus Christ Throughout the
Catholic Diocese of Saginaw and Beyond**

Christ's Mission Appeal has begun throughout the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. The annual appeal is the primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to support one another. It is an opportunity to offer thanksgiving to God for his abundant gifts.

In Bishop Robert Gruss' words: "United in one heart and mind, the Lord Jesus sends us on mission to be the living presence of Jesus in caring for our Church, Christ's Body, and sharing his love and mercy in our world."

The appeal allows the local Church to carry out the work of Jesus Christ throughout the Diocese and beyond through ministries and programs that would not otherwise be possible through one individual or parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's Christ's Mission Appeal.

More information about Christ's Mission Appeal and a message from Bishop Gruss can be found on the diocesan website www.saginaw.org/appeal or you can contact the stewardship and development office at development@diosag.org or 989-797-6679.

One Heart and Mind

*"The community of believers
was of one heart and mind
and no one claimed that any of
his possessions was his own,
but they had everything in
common."*

Acts 4:32

Ways to Give

Secure Online:

Through the Diocese of Saginaw website:
www.saginaw.org/appeal

Click on the "Donate Now" button

This will direct you to options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number. You can opt for reminders for pledged gifts.

In Person:

You also may return the pledge card to your parish office or the chancery office, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

By Mail:

Please complete the pledge card that was included in your Christ's Mission Appeal mailing and return it in the envelope provided in your mailed packet. Please return the pledge card to the Diocese of Saginaw.

Scan the QR Code:

To learn more about the 2025-26 Christ's Mission Appeal, see a video message from Bishop Gruss and make a pledge or contribution online.



Some of Christ's Mission Appeal Supported Ministries

Parish support

- 34.2% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Continuing education for priests
- Assistance and training for parish staff and volunteers in:
 - Finance and strategic planning
 - Human resources services
 - Christian service outreach
 - Parish building evaluations
- Coordination and staffing of all special diocesan liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass, First Friday Masses, clergy funerals and ordinations
- Certification for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Assistance to parishes with construction or renovation projects
- Assistance to parishes in fundraising and communications for major projects
- Training of grief ministers
- Marriage preparation and family life ministry
- Hispanic and multicultural ministries
 - Special liturgies and cultural celebrations
 - Translations and special materials for liturgies and celebrations
 - Assistance to migrant labor populations
- Safe environment training to protect the young and vulnerable

Support for the broader church

- 6.4% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Catholic Family Services: offering mental health and emotional health services in Saginaw and Bay counties, as well as guardianship and conservatorship services in Bay County
- Catholic Rural Life
- Holy See/Peter's Pence
- National Human Life Amendment

Education, faith formation and vocations

- 41.3% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Lay ministry formation
- Youth and young adult programs
- World Youth Day pilgrimage for young people throughout the Diocese
- Training and development for parish youth ministry leaders
- Education and training for faith formation leaders in parishes
- Vocations nurturing through retreats, camps, fellowship events with Bishop Gruss and diocesan priests and other discernment opportunities
- Seminarian support
- Permanent deacon formation

Communications and community outreach

- 18.1% of Christ's Mission Appeal dollars

- Great Lakes Bay Catholic magazine - published six times a year
- Livestreaming of Sunday Masses and other special Masses and liturgies celebrated by Bishop Gruss from the Cathedral
- Event photography and videography, email ministry, the diocesan website (saginaw.org), promotion of ministries and events, social media outreach, printing services and more
- Jail and prison ministry
- Mother Teresa Fund: providing financial assistance to individuals and couples experiencing limited financial resources while awaiting the birth of their child and/or during the initial period following birth
- Programs for assisting local pregnant and parenting women in need

What Christ's Mission Appeal Does Not Support

Christ's Mission Appeal contributions are *not used* and *never will be used* for the legal defense of clergy accused of sexual abuse.



Catholic Diocese of
SAGINAW

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 9, 2025

Present: John Graveline, Ray Barta, Kathy Conley, Linda Brown,
Anita Whitney, Nancy Boldiszar, Sarah Hocking, Denise Kearl
Absent: Marlena Sautome, Jean Krause, Paul Sery, Mary Lou Leslie



Meeting opened with prayer, led by Ray Barta

Monthly Assistance Fund (John reported):

August: \$1,908 including \$500 parish promise and \$180 in gas cards.

Monthly Food Drive (John reported):

August Food Pantry Collection: \$847 monetary assistance, in addition to the blue bags returned.

Caring Cooks (Nancy reported):

In August, 8 meals were served to one family. Breakfast is being served at the Open Door Women's Shelter Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

BeFrienders Ministry (Denise reported):

Denise and Marcia Schneider met with the Saginaw team for Befriender Ministry. Brochures have been printed and will be distributed at the upcoming Masses, September 13-14 at Assumption. Both Marcia and Denise will be commissioned at Sunday Mass, September 14.

Prison Ministry (John reported for Paul):

Assumption Parish has registered with the prison outreach program and has received information on 25 families to help. John and Paul will be meeting to plan details of roll-out.

Coffee and Donuts (Anita reported for Mary Lou):

Coffee & Donuts may be moved to November 9 if there are no conflicts.

Open Door (John and Ray reported):

The parish will purchase a table at the upcoming Dine on the Door November fundraiser. Ray is working on the autumn meal serving schedule at the soup kitchen.

Boot Drive (Sarah reported):

Monetary donations for the boot drive will be collected October 11 - 19.

Sharing Tree (Linda reported):

Trees must be up and tagged by November 8. The Salvation Army will be contacted to obtain tag information.

Rummage Sale (Laura Atton by email):

Proceeds of \$12,235 were distributed to 17 charitable organizations. Goods donated will be reported in a separate document. The next rummage sale will be held on May 19-21, 2026.

Next meeting: Due to parish evangelization activities, the October Christian Service meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 28, 2025

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Morrison Brown, Recording Secretary*

Assumption BVM
Pastoral Council Committee Minutes
September 2, 2025

Present: Lucy Daykin, Bob Dvorak, Heather Fisher, Ann Gach, John Graveline, John Havel, Sam Kearl, Pat Kosick and Noreen Warrick



The meeting began in prayer at 5:35 p.m. John led the council in an opening prayer.

The minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting were approved with minor edits.

John confirmed that all available pastoral council members will be commissioned at Mass on Sunday, September 7.

John reported that September 15 is the Jubilee of Consolation. That weekend, Marcia Schneider and Denise Kearl will be commissioned at Mass as leaders of a new BeFrienders Ministry. The BeFriender Ministry aims to identify and match BeFriending parishioners to accompany people experiencing difficult life events. Training for BeFrienders will begin in the fall. September 21 is Catechetical Sunday, catechists and aides will be commissioned at both Masses.

John reported that Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Faith Formation begin on September 7. He reported that we now have two Level 2 atria. The Level 1 atrium covers preschool and kindergarten, Level 2 atria cover first through third grades, and the Level 3 atrium (beginning Fall 2026) will cover fourth and fifth grades. Until then, we offer a bible-based program for fourth and fifth grade students.

John reported that Youth Ministry will begin on September 21. NCYC (Indianapolis) will occur in November. Students are receiving Y2Y training this weekend. John discussed the re-ordering of the celebration of the Sacraments, with students preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the sixth through eighth grades at the local level. The Midland parishes are planning ways to collaborate.

John reported on planned evangelization events further to the third pillar of Bishop Gruss' diocesan plan (Find the Lost Sheep). Council members shared their views on the Neighboring Night. John highlighted the September Elvis tribute night, the October PolishFest, and the November bazaar. John reported on the fall Awakened evangelization offering which will comprise two October 14 and 21 nights (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) with dinner, teaching, prayer and small group discussion and an October 26 retreat experience (Mass followed by a session from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

John reported that the parish has sought approval from the State of Michigan to host a raffle targeting the sale of 1000 tickets at \$50/ticket. Tickets will be sold via Auctria with physical tickets printed and placed in the hopper. The first-place prize will be \$10,000. The parish plans to host a wine and cheese reception on November 22 after Mass to hold the drawing for the large prizes.

Discussion ensued regarding the October Masses head count. John plans to draft a letter to parishioners regarding Mass attendance, encouraging parishioners to attend Mass at Assumption regularly especially in October and encouraging parents to bring their children to Mass and not just to faith formation.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded with prayer and adjourned at about 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Noreen Warrick

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Weekend Offerings

September 20/21, 2025

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,747
Online Giving (9/15-9/21)	\$1,978
Donations	\$2,500
Weekend Total	\$7,225
Weekly Goal	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$2,006)

September 1-21, 2025

Weekly Envelopes	\$11,788
Online Giving	\$7,358
Donations	\$4,618
Weekend Total	\$23,764
Weekly Goal	\$27,693
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$3,929)

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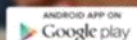
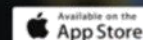
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