



TWENTY-THIRD *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

September 7, 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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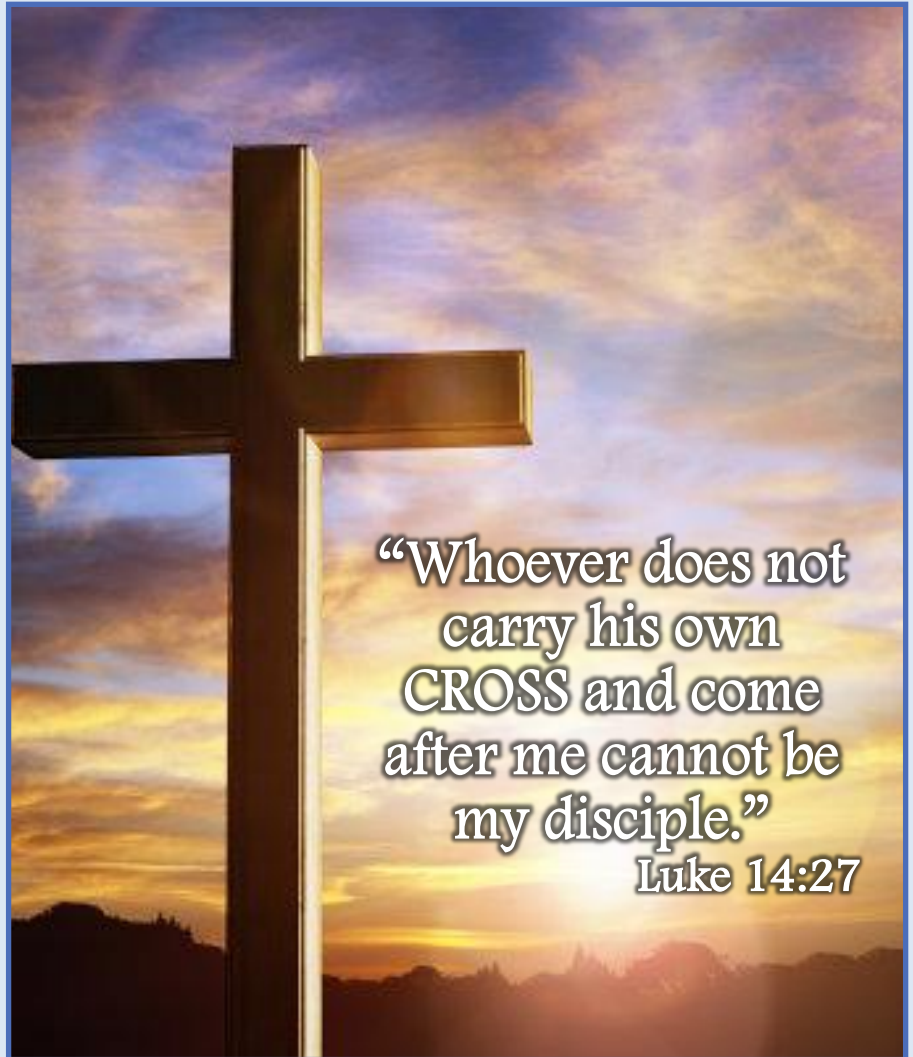
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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, home-bound or hospitalized.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please know that the church doors will be opened from **8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday** if anyone is in need of a quiet place to pray and/or meditate.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon



Kids are back in school, Labor Day is over, and football is back – regardless of when the solstice is or what the forecast says, it's fall! Fall means cool air, cozy sweaters, and pumpkin spice EVERYTHING! Today, fall also means that Children's Faith Formation (CFF) and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) are both starting. I'm so excited, and I know our 5-year-old is too! Just about every week this summer he asked me two things: 1. Do I have to serve? 2. Am I going to my class?

A couple of weeks ago, John talked about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and how its method applies to the pillars of education. Today, I would like to share why CGS is so important to me.

I first fell in love with CGS when our oldest, now 16, was 3 years old; we were living in Grand Rapids at the time, and she went to St. Thomas the Apostle School. At St. Thomas, the preschool teachers are CGS trained, so they had their first experience during class. When I saw the City of Jerusalem, I was hooked. It was a wooden model of the city that they could pick up and work with: the walls, the buildings, the temple, the trees in the garden on the Mount of Olives, the cross atop Calvary, the pools. Everything. Wow. Two and four years later, her brothers joined her.

I remember one day, our second oldest came home and started talking about the Fettuccia and Parousia. What? I'm a cradle Catholic, but I must have missed that week of CCD. Well, Fettuccia is an Italian ribbon yarn, but it's also the very long ribbon that we use to show the History of the Kingdom of God. Parousia is a Greek word meaning "presence" or "arrival". In Christianity, it refers to the second coming of Christ when we will be with Him for eternity. It's not heaven, where one's soul eventually goes when they die (hopefully); Parousia is the beautiful forever at the end of time. This is pretty big stuff, why is my first grader talking about this?

In CGS, we have these beautiful presentations that are all rooted in the Bible and the Liturgy. In Level I (ages 3-Kindergarten), the children learn about the items used at Mass: the chalice, patten, cruets, altar, ambo,

lectern, sanctuary lamp, tabernacle, ciborium, etc. They learn what these items are not because we tell them and show them a picture, but because they get to work hands-on with the items. We don't have plastic adaptations, we have smaller versions of the real items, made of glass and metal. Yes, glass dishes for little kids. We help them learn to make silence, to use careful hands, and walking feet. They can do it! We have vestments for the priest, articles of Baptism (including Holy Water AND fire), and so much more. We also have practical life works that help the child hone their life-skills: pouring, scooping, threading, and weaving, among others.

But the most important concept we help them with has nothing to do with knowing the name of the chalice or the Liturgical colors – it's about a relationship with Jesus. We help them learn how to sit with God, to listen to His call, to recognize and appreciate His gifts, to follow His word. *CGS isn't about learning concrete facts, it's about meeting God.* Too many times, we have heard stories of someone raised Catholic, but they didn't meet Jesus until they went elsewhere. We're trying to change that. We want the children to not just meet Jesus, but to have a relationship with Him. We want them to know He is always there for them and cares for them. He is the Good Shepherd.

Being a catechist in a CGS atrium is also different because we are not there to teach in the traditional sense. We present to the children, then we guide them in additional discovery. We ask them questions such as, "I wonder what Mary was thinking/feeling?" when talking about the various miraculous moments surrounding the birth of Jesus. We present the Gifts to them (the various plants, animals, minerals, and people that God has created for us) and inquire, "Did one of these stand out more than the others? I wonder if you could express or share your idea using some of our materials?" We invite them to copy prayers and verses, trace images, and discover further. We are guides on their journey; the direction they go is up to each of them.

Going through the catechist training is more than I had ever imagined, but in a good way. We have approximately

100 hours of class, reading, and work for each level of CGS (there are three levels). It sounds intense, and it kind of is, but it's beautiful! I try not to be intimidated by remembering that God doesn't call the prepared, He prepares the called.

I am so incredibly thankful that God brought our family to St. Thomas where we were first introduced to this beautiful program. I am also so very thankful that God guided our family here to ABVM to this incredible parish and has blessed us with a growing CGS program. I am thankful for our catechists: Emily, Shannon, Larissa, and Maria; our aides: Grandma Mary, Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Matthew; and the volunteers that have helped with various materials: Gregg, Ken, Dave, Anna, Stitch & Prayer, the previous Level I materials makers, and anyone else I may have missed. I am also thankful for each of you – thankful for your prayers and support for our Children's Faith Formation program and our family. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

If you feel like you might be called to be a catechist or an aide, or even if you just want to sit in on a session and see what it's all about, please contact me! I'd love to hear from you!



**Peace,
Wendy**

Coordinator of
Children's Faith Formation
cff@assumptionmidland.org



"Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught – it is an invitation to a way of life."
- Joe Paprocki

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, September 8 Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23	
TUES, September 9 Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19	8:00a Mass—<i>Mary Phan</i> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, September 10 Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, September 11 Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38	8:00a Mass—<i>Ron Yoder</i> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, September 12 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, September 13 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49	8:00a Mass—<i>Intention of Rev. Jim Chelich</i> 8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass—<i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, September 14 Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	9:30a Mass <i>Richard & Mary Tarchinski</i>

V is for Vocation: Fr. Kevin M. Wojciechowski



We give thanks for Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski, pastor at Holy Name of Mary Parish in Harbor Beach. We pray for Fr. Kevin in his ministry to the faithful of Harbor Beach including the students at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic school. Ordained in May 2021 at Holy Spirit Parish in Shields, he came to the parish in 2023, first as the parochial administrator and then was later assigned as pastor. Fr. Kevin soon found out that he had something in common with farmers: "vocations are not merely jobs."

Learn more about Fr. Kevin's efforts to get to know the folks at Holy Name of Mary Parish with his "Farm Visits with Father" outreach: <https://greatlakesbaycatholic.com/good-shepherd-mayjune-2023>

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)

Men's FAITH Study Fall / Winter 2025

All are welcome to the upcoming 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 at the first meeting. 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:

13 September 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary and Faith Group discussions to follow
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!

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 or Kevin Shaughnessy at kmschaug6@gmail.com

- This Week -

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Mass
CFF & Children's Liturgy of the Word begins (CFF Parent meeting)
Coffee & Donut Sunday

Monday, September 8

9:45 am Stitch and Prayer
6:30 pm The Chosen

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary *followed by Meditation*
3:30 pm Monicas
5:30 pm Christian Service Mtg

Wednesday, September 10

1:00 pm The Chosen
6:30 pm Mass *followed by Exposition and Reconciliation*
6:30 pm CFF Begins

Thursday, September 11

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary *followed by Scripture*
6:00 pm Liturgy Mtg
7:00 pm Choir

Friday, September 12

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, September 13

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary
followed by Men's Faith Study
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 14

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

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

THE TIME TO REGISTER IS NOW!!

If you have not yet registered your child(ren)... online family registration is now open for both Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry! This year's theme will be "Treasured" Children's FF will again be using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Middle School YM will be learning about the treasures found within the Catholic faith and all things Catholic. High School YM will be taking a "Road Trip" finding treasures along the way and within themselves. Friends are welcome at all Youth Ministry levels... *ALL are welcome!*

Please scan the QR code to register today! Watch your emails for more information.



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

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Sept. 7 CFF and CLOW Begin
10 Wednesday CFF Begins
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

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. 10 Deadline to register for NCYC
Sept. 21 Youth Ministry Kickoff
Nov. 20-23 NCYC (HS—Save the Date)



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

NCYC

**November 20-23, 2025
Indianapolis, IN**

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers of high school age.

NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. The 2025 theme, I Am | Yo Soy, will reflect on the time God appeared to Moses through the burning bush and explore how the Sacraments are the living story of God's love, uniting us with Him through Jesus and the Church. Through the Sacraments, we encounter the fullness of salvation and the tangible presence of Emmanuel—God with us.

What teens can expect at NCYC:

JUST ANNOUNCED...Pope Leo XIV will encounter the youth through a real-time digital encounter at the NCYC general session on Fri, Nov 21st!

INSPIRING SPEAKERS...Some of the best speakers in the Catholic space.

MASS & ADORATION...Celebrate liturgy and the Eucharist with tens of thousands, led by our American bishops.

MUSIC & WORSHIP...Praise and entertainment led by award-winning artists.

INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS...Countless games, crafts, obstacle courses, live radio shows, challenges, and so much more.

COST \$700...Family pays \$350/parish pays \$350 (Includes: bus transportation, registration fee, hotel, backpack, and dinner on Friday and Saturday evening.)

Limited spots available.

Scan the QR code to reserve a spot today!

Deadline to register:

Wednesday, September 10th!

For more information or registration forms, contact Kathy Russell at (989) 631-4447 or Kathyr@assumptionmidland.org



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

Dear Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary faith community,



I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the warm welcome and generous hospitality you showed me during my recent visit to celebrate the August 23/24 weekend Masses as a deacon. It was truly a blessing to be among you once again.

Your kindness, joyful spirit, and reverence in worship made me feel right at home. Thank you for the wonderful receptions after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Although the cake on Saturday, and the donuts and muffins on Sunday were absolutely delicious, it was the conversations and moments shared with all of you that truly nourished my heart and spirit.

May God continue to bless each one of you, and may Our Blessed Mother intercede for you always.

*With gratitude in Christ,
Deacon Bob Zondlak*



Next Blood Drive

Monday
**September
15**

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

**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

-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.

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

For eligibility questions
please call
866-642-5663



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Blood Center of Michigan

The Parish Photo Directories are in!

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

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,
for more information.

CHOSEN FANS get ready! LAST SUPPER

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

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.

Sessions led by Assumption parishioner Donna Semanco.



PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CIRCLE.

Call Donna Semanco at 989-631-0872 or email semanco1@aol.com if you have any questions.



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, gołąbki (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

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(2 adults & 2+ kids ages 5-12)

*Only available at parish office



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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

- **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

- **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 5th 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

- **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

- **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

- **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

- **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

- **Men's Awakening Faith Group:** On 2nd and 4th 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.

Please see the bulletin or visit AssumptionMary.org for our full schedule!



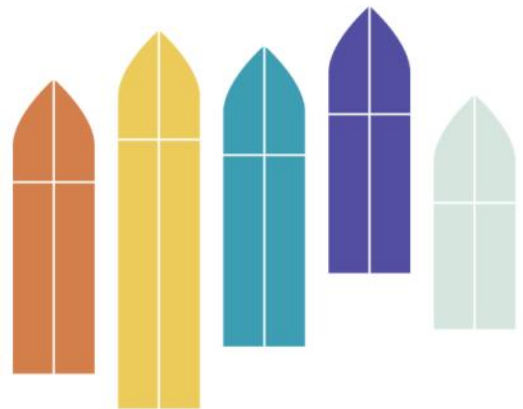
ONE HOUR.
ONE PURPOSE.
OUR CHILDREN.

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**



*This is not a sharing or discussion
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ABVM Faith Formation Commission
Minutes of Meeting / August 19, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Linda Brown, John Graveline, Wendy Graveline, Jane Labby, Anna Martin,
Kathy Russell

Absent: Marcia Schneider

Actions and Discussions:

We opened with the Faith Formation Commission Prayer.

1) Adult Faith Formation – John Graveline

- a. *Catholicism Clarified* has been well attended through the summer. Materials can be used by catechists of an OCIA team.
- b. Preparation for a few baptisms are in progress for late summer and early fall.
- c. Inquiry sessions will be held Sunday morning after Mass this fall.
- d. There are a few people working with John and staff in various phases of the OCIA.
- e. Thursday Scripture reflection starts Sept 4th.
- f. *The Chosen*, led by Donna Semanco, will begin Sept 8th and Sept 10th.
- g. The K of C Saturday morning men's faith study will begin in September, meeting twice a month.

2) Youth Ministry – Kathy Russell

- a. MS & HS YM registration is in progress, but are lagging.
- b. There are five sessions remaining for the current Confirmation preparation group.
- c. The next Confirmation group starts in January for ages 12 years old and up.
- d. Y2Y Team sign-up will be held on Sept 8th.
- e. 12 spots reserved for NCYC, 6 spots remain available.

3) Children's Faith Formation – Wendy Graveline

- a. CFF starts Sept 7th. Registrations are in progress, but are lagging.
 - i. A parent meeting will also be held on Sept. 7th.
 - ii. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 and Level 2 will be offered. 4th-5th graders will have a bible study format.
 - iii. Wendy Graveline completed the training for CGS Level 3. Development will begin on the Level 3 Atrium to be ready for the 2026-27 formation year.
- b. CLOW will start Sept 7th.
- c. Discussed a vision to eventually be a CGS training facility.

4) Future Planning

- a. A fall adult formation opportunity will include an evangelization event series with a focus on the Kerygma.
- b. Two evenings, Tuesday, Oct 14th and 21st, with a retreat day on Sunday, October 26th.
- c. The Evangelization Team will organize the events.

Next meeting: **September 16, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Labby (8/23/2025)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 12, 2025

Present: Ray Barta, John Graveline, Jean Krause, Sarah Hocking,
Marcia Schneider, Kathy Conley, Denise Kearn



Monthly Assistance Fund (John Graveline reported)

July: \$1,616 - includes \$500 Parish Promise grant to Care Giving Network.

Food Pantry (John Graveline reported)

July: \$783 cash plus food donations. (Cash includes surplus Food Truck funds)

Food Truck Update (John Graveline reported)

Approximately 100 households were served.

Backpack Collection (John Graveline reported)

Event was very successful and gifts were delivered to the North Midland Family Center.

Dine on the Door (John Graveline reported)

The parish will purchase a table to support the Open Door soup kitchen.

Caring Cooks (Kathy Conley reported)

- June: 16 meals to families requesting them, 11 breakfasts at the Open Door Women's Shelter.
- July: 5 meals for two families, 13 breakfasts to the guests at the Open Door Women's Shelter.

Befriender Ministry (Denise Kearn and Marcia Schneider reported)

Befriender Ministry brochure was distributed. Denise and Marcia will be commissioned at the September 13/14 Masses and will provide information at the October coffee and donuts.

Stitch and Prayer (Jean Krause reported)

Regular meetings will begin in September after the summer hiatus.

A report will be given in September that will include all donations collected during the hiatus.

Coffee and Donuts (Ray Barta reported)

Mary Lou Leslie and the Knights of Columbus will serve on September 7th.

Speaker from Messiah Lutheran (Ray Barta and John Graveline reported)

Confirmed that a speaker from Messiah Lutheran will come to present information and answer questions. Date is yet to be determined.

Prison Ministry (John Graveline reported for Paul Sery)

Assumption is registered with Prison Fellowship Angel Tree with Paul as the coordinator.

Paul will initiate the program this fall to serve 25 children of incarcerated parents.

Boot Drive (reported by Sarah Hocking and Jean Krause)

Jean and Sarah will coordinate this activity again this fall.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Conley*

AN EVENING WITH

ELVIS



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**TRIBUTE ARTIST
JAKE SLATER**

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6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
5:45 PM SOCIAL HOUR



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Weekly Envelopes \$3,019
Online Giving (8/18-8/24) \$1,353
Donations \$8,250
Weekend Total \$12,622
Weekly Goal \$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall) \$3,391

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Weekly Envelopes \$13,897
Online Giving \$9,466
Donations \$14,750
Weekend Total \$38,113
Goal \$36,924
Overage/(Shortfall) \$1,189

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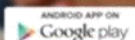
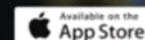
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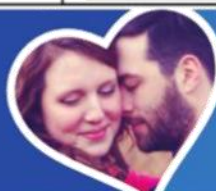
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