

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

October 5, 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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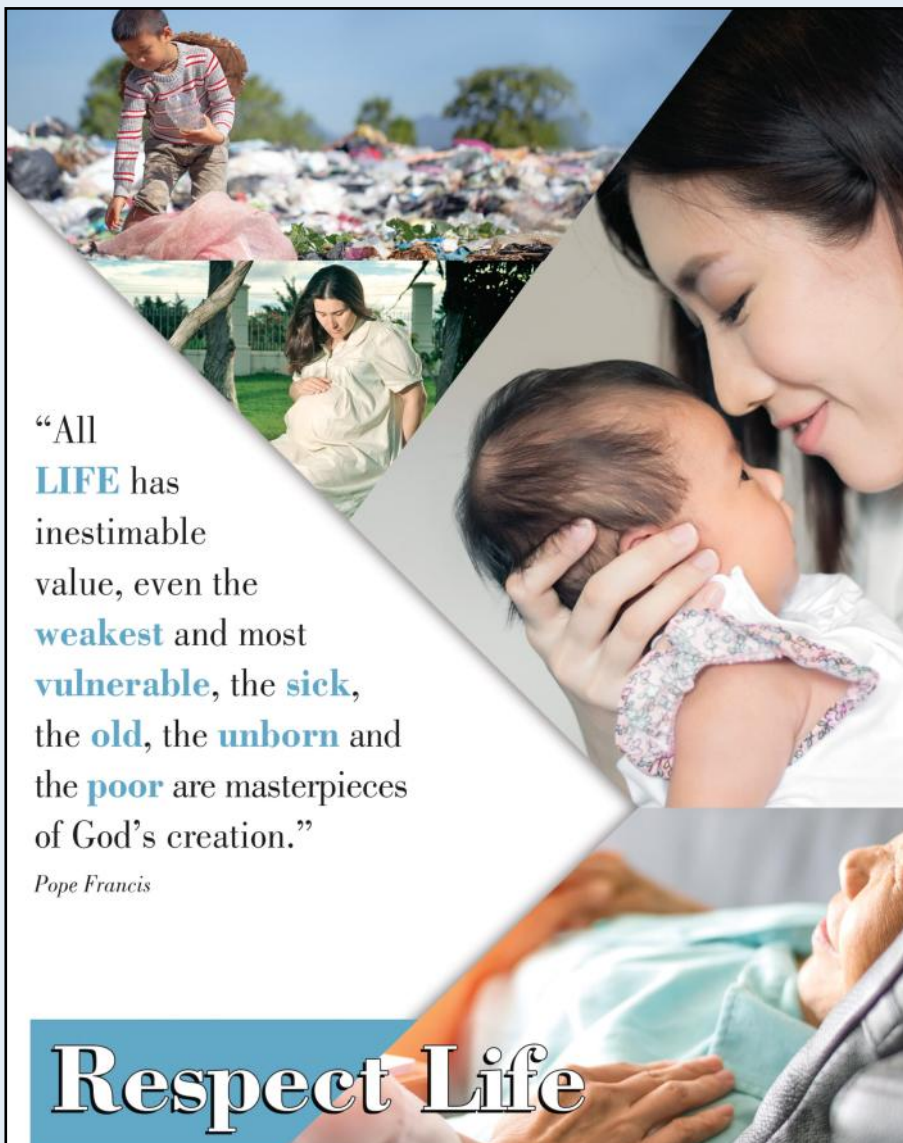
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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, homebound or hospitalized.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon



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From our Director of Parish Life



“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?” And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ – Matthew 25:37-40

As we continue the Jubilee Year of Hope, this weekend we celebrate the **Jubilee of Migrants and the Jubilee of Missions**. In the United States, it is also **Respect Life Sunday**, the kickoff of Respect Life Month throughout October. Finally, it is pledge Sunday for this year’s diocesan **Christ’s Mission Appeal**, our bishop’s annual collection that supports diocesan ministry to parish leaders and volunteers, formation of lay ministers and deacons, help for families in need, assistance for migrants, prison and jail ministry for inmates and their family members, encouragement and aid for pregnant mothers and new mothers, care for divorced persons including assistance seeking an annulment and/or marriage convalidation, spiritual and intellectual formation for high school/college-age young adults and seminarians, and evangelization outreach.

The underlying theme of all these commemorations is the centrality of the Catholic belief in **respect for the life and dignity of every human person**. The *foundational truth about each and every human person*, regardless of age, sex, country of origin, skin color, orientation, material wealth or poverty, health, education level, occupation, marital or relationship status, immigration or citizenship status, political party or opinion, or any other distinction among people, *is that he or she is created in the image of God: loved into existence by God our Creator, called to receive that love with gratitude, worthy of love, and oriented toward putting our lives at the service of God and neighbor through love*. We also share a common destiny; namely, to participate in the eternal life of God through the Grace of Jesus’ Cross and Resurrection, to live completely in communion with God and all people in the “love of

God that has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5) “In Christ, the Lord, the Church indicates and strives to be the first to embark upon the path of the human person, and she invites all people to recognize in everyone . . . above all in the poor and suffering, a brother or sister for whom Christ has died.” (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church*, no. 105)

In April of 2024, the Vatican released a teaching document entitled, *Dignitas Infinita* (in English, *Infinite Dignity*) on Human Dignity in our times. It recalled that our infinite human dignity and all human rights are rooted in the truth that we are created in the image of the infinite God, that Christ the Son of God elevated human dignity by becoming human and offering his life for the salvation of all, and that we are made for communion with the same infinite God and all God’s children. *Each and every person is a gift directly from the eternal heart of God and each and every person is created to use his or her freedom to become a gift of love to God and neighbor*. A human person, from conception to natural death, from every background, is first and foremost a blessing to be received, not a “problem” to be “thrown away.” In our culture which values efficiency and productivity so highly, we can be easily tempted to see an unborn child, immigrants and migrants, those living with disabilities, those convicted of crimes, the elderly and terminally ill as problems to be solved (or rejected) rather than sisters and brothers to be loved and to be cared for compassionately. A human person or group of people can never be reduced merely to a “problem,” much less seen primarily as an existential threat. I was speaking to a parishioner this week who said some-

thing I found very insightful: that almost every problem, either personal or societal, has its roots in a sense that either myself, someone else, or some group of people are “*not worthy*” of love, respect, or compassionate care.

The Vatican document *Dignitas Infinita* was significantly modified before publication “to meet a specific request of [Pope Francis]: namely, he explicitly urged that more attention be given to the grave violations of human dignity in our time” such as extreme poverty; the violence and destruction of war; the rejection of migrants; slavery and human trafficking; sexual abuse; sexism and violence against women; abortion and surrogacy; euthanasia and assisted suicide; marginalization of people living with disabilities; gender ideology and reassignment; and online violence (cyberbullying, pornography, exploitation of human frailty, theft and fraud). “Even today, in the face of so many violations of human dignity that seriously threaten the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every human person, regardless of their physical, mental, cultural, social, and religious characteristics. The Church does this with hope, confident of the power that flows from the Risen Christ, who has fully revealed the integral dignity of every man and woman.”

Thirty years ago, in 1995, Pope John Paul II wrote *The Gospel of Life*. It was profound and challenging (I know that parts of it challenged me and my thinking at the time). In it, he wrote, “The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus’ message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as ‘good news’ to the people of every age and culture . . . When he presents the heart of his redemptive mission, Jesus says: ‘I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’” (John 10:10)

May we, as disciples of Jesus, promote and defend the right to life and dignity of every human person, receiving each person as a gift with infinite dignity the way Mary, our parish patroness, received the gift of new life offered to her by God through the angel Gabriel. (Luke 1:26-38) May we, like her, receive Christ within us and give birth to Christ in our world, so that all people, created in the image of God, may have life, and have it most abundantly!

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, October 6 Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11 Lk 10:25-37	
TUES, October 7 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, October 8 Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4	6:30p Word & Communion <i>Followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation</i>
THUR, October 9 Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 10 Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2 Lk 11:15-26	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, October 11 Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass—People of the Parish
SUN, October 12 2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19	9:30a Mass <i>William Noel</i>



V is for Vocation: Stephen Sebald

We give thanks for Stephen Sebald, a parishioner at Corpus Christi Parish in Bay City, who has been accepted into seminary studies for our Diocese. We pray for Steve as he continues discernment of joining the priesthood while at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit this fall.

Learn more about vocations:

<https://saginaw.org/vocations>

O Lord, help me know your will for me. Let your light shine in the depths of my heart that I may know what you want me to do with my life. Help me believe that you have a special plan for me. Lord, I know I pass through this life only once; help me decide how you want me to make a difference. Like our Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. Above all give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (USCCB)



Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-26

The **2025-26 Christ's Mission Appeal** is **officially underway**. You should have received information from Bishop Gruss. Please carefully review the information and consider your gift to the appeal. *If all parishioners participate, we will hit our parish assessment in no time.* Your support of Christ's Mission Appeal helps to support things like the training of lay ministers who serve in parishes throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. **Your gift helps make this training and formation possible.**

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 or email md2141@mikofc.org

Collection for Midland Family Center's Preschool Winter Boots

It's that time of year when we work together to provide new winter boots for our preschool friends at West Midland Family Center and North Midland Family Center.

Look for the "boot board" in the gathering space filled with envelopes beginning Oct 11th. Each envelope will have a boot label identifying the gender and age of a local preschooler in need of warm, winter boots. **Simply select an envelope, return with your monetary donation to the collection box in the gathering space and we will do the boot shopping for you!**

The average price of one pair of children's winter boots is \$40. Cash or checks are greatly appreciated. Please write checks payable to Assumption BVM.

We would like all monetary donations turned in by October 19th.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide preschoolers in our community with warm, winter boots.

Christian Service Commission



- This Week -

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am Mass
CLOW, CFF, No YM
COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY
K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry

Monday, October 6

6:30 pm The Chosen

Tuesday, October 7

Happy 109th Birthday Assumption
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation
3:30 pm Monicas
5:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg
7:00 pm Admin/Finance Mtg

Wednesday, October 8

1:00 pm The Chosen
**6:30 pm W&C followed by Exposition,
No Reconciliation**

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, October 11

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

BOOT DRIVE

6:30 pm POLISHFEST

Sunday, October 12

9:30 am Mass
CLOW, CFF, No YM
BOOT DRIVE
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry



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.



Live the Gospel of Life

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in our image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Bottle & Can Return



Thank You!

We continue to collect cans and bottles for Youth Ministry events. There is a container by the doors to the DuRussel Hall on the south side of the building.

Thank you all for your continued support of our youth!! ~Kathy

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

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!

Oct. 5 No YM
 12, 19, 26 YM

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



YM Kickoff

We had our Youth Ministry kickoff on Sept 21!

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



*Ladies, you
are invited to
the annual*

LADIES FALL SOCIAL

event hosted by the
 Women's Guild at Our Lady
 of Grace in Sanford
on Tues, Oct 21 at 10:30am.

An elegant luncheon will
 be served at 11:00 and our
 guest speaker will be
 Fr. Julius Milton
 at 12:00pm.

Come and be our guest!

*Please RSVP to Cathy
 Satkowiak at 989-415-8201
 by October 13.*

St. Brigid Christmas Craft Sale Vendors Wanted!

**The 12th Annual Saint
 Brigid of Kildare Christmas
 Craft Sale will be held on:**
Saturday, November 22
from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

Immigration Through the Eyes of Christ

Join us on

Wednesday, October 16
from 6:30-8:30pm
at 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 sys-
 tem and discuss the Catho-
 lic 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

**Weekly
Winner**



September 18th
Sandy Leppek

September 25th
Paul & Sarah Sery

October 2nd
Ann Gach

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!



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**

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

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Happy 94th Birthday
James Erdman
Friday, October 3rd

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! Please sign-up at the welcome circle if you are able to attend! Bring a friend!
Free Event

WELCOMING our Newest Members:

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

The Belk Family

Jamie and Andrea, Naomi, Maximus, Octavia, Adonis and Maizie
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.



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**

Donations will be accepted at the time of dinner or 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.

Thank you, thank you very much!

Elvis has left the building, but we're still feeling the excitement from Saturday, when Assumption warmly welcomed the community to enjoy an unforgettable Evening with Elvis! Conceived by Dan Schneider, one of our young adults, the show brought over 200 guests together on a musical tour of Elvis' hits to benefit our youth ministry program.

Standing ovation goes to Jake Slater, who kept the crowd clapping, dancing, and singing along to favorite songs from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. The Elvis-inspired menu was also a hit, from his famous peanut butter, banana and bacon sliders to the "Moody Blue Hawaii" specialty cocktail.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the show a success, whether you attended as a guest, helped spread the word, or served as one of the many volunteers—we are so grateful for your support of our youth!



Stay tuned for a final update on the fundraiser!





Assumption's 54th Annual

Fall

BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 8TH  8:30AM-3:30PM

Come celebrate the season with us!

HOLIDAY CRAFTS | BAKE SALE | HOT LUNCH

Browse the creations of over 60 craft vendors, plus tasty treats including homemade noodles, cinnamon rolls and other goodies. Then pull up a chair for a hot lunch of homemade chicken noodle soup, sloppy joes, egg rolls and more, served by our Knights of Columbus Council #2141!

PRIZE RAFFLE

1st Prize | Handmade quilt 2nd Prize | \$100 cash

3rd Prize | \$50 cash, plus donated merchandise and craft items

Tickets are \$1 each. Proceeds benefit local charities.

Purchase at the bazaar or in advance at weekend Masses or the parish office.

You do not need to be present to win!

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Feeding Our Faith

Sept./Oct. Issue 2025

A newsletter brought to you by the **Catholic** COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MID-MICHIGAN

Finding Joy in Stewardship

At the Catholic Community Foundation, we believe our work is more than simply management. Our work is first and foremost stewardship: taking care of the gifts you donate, honoring the causes close to your heart, and celebrating the memory of your loved ones. Stewardship really means taking care of the gifts we have been given. To that end, our goal is to ensure the longevity of the Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations in our community.

FAITH IMPACT

OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Data represents 95% of students in Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Schools, as reported by schools



30+ ORGANIZATIONS
served through donations and volunteerism

Adopt a Family, Angel Wings, Area 22 Special Olympics, California Wildlife Recovery, Community Cancer Services, Conservation Association, East Side Soup Kitchen, Emmaus House, First Ward Community Center, Foster Care Alliance, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Huron County Baby Pantry, Iudella County Restoration House, Kaplan's Cafe for Paraplegics, LifeCircus, Mustard Seed, Office of Human Services, Operation Shoe Box, PARADE Cancer Center, Pomeroy for FOST, Road Food Pantry, Residents of Joan Marley Wolfe apartments, Rosebush Food Bank, St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church, Thruway Blessing Box, Toys & Trash House, VA Hospital, Westlaping, 44 North Project and numerous parish food pantries



364 MASSES
Celebrated



8,800 HOURS
of Eucharistic Adoration



9,505 HOURS
of Community Service



40 OPPORTUNITIES
for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



229 HOURS
of Retreats Offered to Students,
Plus 90 Hours of Staff Formation

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Office of Catholic Schools,
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you're a scholarship advisor, donor, or scholarship recipient, or an educator or a school staff member, the Catholic Community Foundation wishes you a joyful school year. We hope you will find new opportunities to share your gifts and talents with others.

To learn more about the Foundation's support of Catholic education, check out the Foundation's first edition of our Quarterly Magazine. A digital copy can be accessed through our website at www.ccfmm.org/publications. If you'd like to join our mailing list, call 989.303.9200 or email ccfmm@ccfmm.org.

In the first edition of our new Quarterly Magazine, we focus on one of the most important aspects of our mission: supporting Catholic education. As fall begins, the Foundation celebrates the end of one school year and prepares for the next as we disburse our annual scholarships awards.

By honoring students and Catholic school staff and educators, we are reminded that at the heart of stewardship is joy. It is easy to experience the joy of giving when we see the names of all of our scholarship recipients and hear their stories of success.

Throughout this September and October, practicing stewardship could be a way to find more joy in your school year. Whether



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FOUNDATION
OF MID-MICHIGAN

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2025 Quarter-At-A-Glance

November 8, 10:00 a.m.
End-of-Life Seminar
Center for Ministry
5802 Weiss Street
Saginaw, MI 48603

Please RSVP by October 24



to reserve your
lunch and provided
materials. Scan the
QR code or call
989.303.9200.

Hopeful Future Dinner

Join us for the 2025 Hopeful Future Scholarship Dinner!

This evening is a celebration of the Hopeful Future Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers who courageously choose life—while continuing their education.

Since 2021,
the Catholic
Community
Foundation has
been stewarding
this fund. The
scholarship
is available
for pregnant
women or new
moms attending
Saginaw Valley
State University
or Delta College.

As part of our
mission to
support students
pursuing higher
education and
living our
Catholic faith,
this scholarship provides women the chance to achieve their dreams,
continue their education, and choose life.

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to sponsor this dinner.

Featured speakers include:

- * Bishop Robert Gruss of the Diocese of Saginaw
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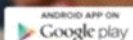
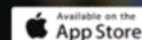
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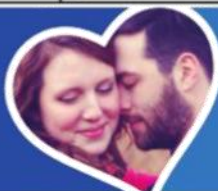
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