



THIRTIETH *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

October 26, 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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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



"They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings: They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." – Isaiah 40:31

As we near the Christmas culmination of this Jubilee Year liturgically celebrating the 2025th anniversary of the birth of Jesus, it might be a suitable time to remind ourselves that this is a Jubilee Year of Hope. Hope is more than a wish or mere optimism. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in God's promises and not relying on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." (no. 1817) Christian Hope is aligning our personal and communal vision with the values of the kingdom of God as proclaimed by Jesus, a new way of understanding ourselves and our world.



The logo of the Jubilee Year gives us some clues to the proper way that we are being asked to celebrate it as we approach its zenith.

The four figures are meant to symbolize people from all four corners of the earth of every ethnicity and culture, coming to embrace Christ. Jesus' hopeful vision of the Kingdom includes all people, and we are called

to live in peace and solidarity with all people. Thus, we see how racism and discrimination throw themselves across (in Greek *diabolos*) God's plan for the solidarity and unity of humanity. Our work this Jubilee year is to work to bring people together in all of our rich diversity, especially reaching out to include in our care the poor, lonely, and vulnerable.

The four figures together embrace the Cross. St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians states that "I speak of nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2) Our salvation and hope for eternal life is founded in the Pascal Mystery of Jesus' cross and resurrection. Is there anyone or anything else in which to place our ultimate hope? Even the best people and institutions are fallible. They will let us down at some point. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, a decisive moment in each one of our lives is "the day on which we become convinced that [Jesus] is the only Friend who will not disappoint us, on whom we can always count." This Jubilee Year is a most opportune moment to entrust our lives to Jesus, our greatest Friend, uniting the dyings and risings in our lives with his Paschal Mystery.

The water under the figures could symbolize a couple of things. Hope (as a theological virtue) is baptismal. Our pledge of eternal life was given to us in the waters of baptism. Baptism is not just a "membership ritual" that is often received as an infant. Rather, we become a "new creation" with an eternal destiny to live in communion with God and neighbor in love in this world and the next. This is symbolized by the white baptismal garment that is given. (Revelation 7:9-17) The baptismal water is a symbol of new, eternal life. However, water is also danger-

ous. As we navigate our lives in midst of life's storms, hope steadies us by keeping our eyes not on the winds and waves of fortune but on the promise of the kingdom of God. The many opportunities for Indulgences during this Jubilee Year gives us an occasion to renew our baptismal commitments, giving us a new impetus to lay hold of our discipleship going forward.

Finally, we notice that the lower extremity of the cross is in the shape of an anchor. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this symbol, "Hope is the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul that enters where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." (no. 1820) There are so many distractions calling for our attention, so many "influencers" claiming to have wisdom. We are called to keep our eyes and ears on Jesus, claiming him as our chief influencer. Our hope is ultimately not in human wisdom, science, or technology (as great as these things are). Our hope is in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and his promise of eternal life. This Jubilee Year is a great time to focus our attention once again on the Gospel of Jesus and rejecting anything that preaches "another Gospel. But there is no other." (Galatians 1:6-7)

As we approach the final stages of this Jubilee Year, may we fully participate in its opportunity to grow in the virtue of Christian hope, and "this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

John

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship



will be served
after Mass
Sun., Nov. 2nd!

Please plan to join in!



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14

It may be easy to fall into thinking that our talents or our treasures are results of our own doing or that our time is of importance only to us, but that is opposite of what it means to live as a good steward of our God's gifts. All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God and we are called to be humble and share those gifts generously.



Worship Schedule

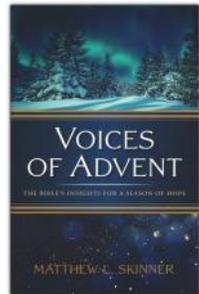
ASSUMPTION	
MON, October 27 Rom 8: 12-17; Lk 13: 10-17	_____
TUES, October 28 Eph 2: 19-22 Lk 6:12-16	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, October 29 Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30	6:30p Mass <i>Robert & Melba Thomas</i> <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, October 30 Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, October 31 Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6	8:00a Word & Communion 8:30a Rosary
SAT, November 1 Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a	ALL SAINTS' DAY 4:30p Mass <i>Parish Family—Living & Deceased</i>
SUN, November 2 Wis 3:1-9 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40	ALL SOULS' DAY 9:30a Mass <i>All the Faithful Departed of Assumption Parish</i>



V is for Vocation: Sister Thomas Miriam White, RSM

We give thanks for Sr. Thomas Miriam White, RSM, who professed her perpetual vows this past August 16 at the cathedral in Saginaw with Bishop Gruss presiding. Raised by Protestant parents, she was received later in life into the Catholic Church in 2012 and became a postulant in 2017. We pray for Sr. Thomas Miriam as she continues her work at the Angelicum Thomistic Institute in Rome. Learn more about her story: <https://catholicreview.org/fait-h-journeys-enrich-religious-communities/>

Father, hear the prayers of your people, and bring to maturity the seeds you have sown in the field of your Church. May many of your people choose to serve you by devoting themselves to the service of their brothers and sisters. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. May those who follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son grow, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. May all the ministers of your Church increase in numbers, and persevering in their prayer, perform their ministry with gentleness and concern for others. Father, keep them all faithful to the call of the Gospel that the world may see in them the living image of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)



Book Study

Join us starting on November 12 for a six-week book study.

We will be reading a book called Voices of Advent by Matthew L. Skinner. This book leads us through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Voices of Advent will help readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian church year, but also as a powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

Sign up at the welcome circle by November 3.

On November 12, you will receive your book and a plan for our study. We will meet for six Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 in Holy Grounds. Our study will end on December 17. Each session will allow time to discuss the chapters and watch brief video clips. This study is led by Mary Smith.

If you have questions, contact the parish office at (989) 631-4447.

Collection for Midland Family Center's Preschool Winter Boots

We are halfway to our goal with one week left!

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. 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 this weekend!

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 26

9:30 am Mass
CLOW, CFF, YM
FOOD PANTRY
11:00 am Catholic Inquiry
11:00 am Awakened Retreat Day

Monday, October 27

9:30 am Stitch & Chat Workshop
6:30 pm The Chosen

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary *followed by Meditation*
3:30 pm Monicas
5:30 pm Christian Service Mtg
5:30 pm Faith Formation Mtg
7:00 pm Admin/Finance Mtg

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

8:00 am Word & Communion
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, November 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY
8:30 am Rosary
Men's Faith Study after Rosary
4:30 pm Mass
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS-set your clocks back!

Sunday, November 2

ALL SOULS' DAY
9:30 am Mass
Coffee & Donut Sunday
CLOW, CFF, YM

Sacramental Preparation



Our next mini-retreat will be **November 9 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! Registration is important so we have the materials on hand that is needed for the students. It also provides us with pertinent information... allergies, emergency contact.

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



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Just a reminder that we have Children's Worship Bags available for families with little ones that are too young to understand 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 suggestions for the bags, please send them to cff@assumptionmidland.org.

I hope your family and littles enjoy the bags!

"Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught— it is an invitation to a way of life."

- Joe Paprocki

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Oct. 26	CFF and CLOW
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23	CFF and CLOW
9	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. 26	YM
27	Y2Y
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23	YM
10, 24	Y2Y
Nov. 20-23	NCYC
30	No YM



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

Youth Ministry

Last week the kids in YM tied all the tags for the Salvation Army Sharing Trees! When you see the trees around Midland County and in our church gathering space, know that the YM kiddos tied the yarn on the tags to hang on the trees!!

What's happening in YM this Sunday, October 26th...

MIDDLE SCHOOL

This weekend the focus will be on **Popes** and how they are chosen. We will hold a conclave and choose a "pope" for MSYM! Keep the treasure box that your child brought home two weeks ago, with items representing the treasures of our Catholic faith, in a special spot as we will be talking about each of the items as the year progresses. Here's the first two items...

The **shamrock leaf** in your box represents the Trinity and the love that exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No matter how big or small your prayer is, remember to begin and end it "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Walk into any Catholic church anywhere in the world and you will find **candles**; the Easter candle, candles around the altar, prayer candles in the chapel, the tabernacle candle... we LOVE candles and for good reason. These candles represent the light of Christ come into the world.

HIGH SCHOOL

The goal of this Life Night is for the teens to understand the importance of the first three commandments and to embrace them as the foundation for a full and happy life.

- * God invites human beings into a relationship with Him. The first three commandments teach us how to love and adore God in response to His invitation.
- * We are called to honor God by trusting in Him alone, respecting His name, and taking time to worship and rest.
- * When we follow the first three commandments, we experience the blessings and contentment that come from a life ordered toward the highest good.

All are welcome...friends invited!



BIG RAFFLE

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Enter Today!

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

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

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

EARLY BIRD PRIZES

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

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

BIG RAFFLE DRAWING

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



DON'T WAIT TO ENTER!

- Scan the QR code or visit **www.AssumptionMary.org**
- Purchase at the parish office or weekend Masses
- Call the parish office at **989-631-4447**

Shop Once, Gift Twice

Do you struggle to find the perfect gift for the person who has everything? **The Blessed Sacrament Season of Giving: Charity and Craft Bazaar** is the perfect way to avoid shopping madness and give meaningful gifts to your loved ones. **Join us on Sunday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center** for this unique event featuring more than 20 nonprofit organizations. You can purchase gifts from around the world or make donations in honor of a family member, friend, or neighbor—each one supporting a worthy cause. Even if you're not shopping, stop by to sign cards for our military and enjoy coffee and donuts. Children can visit the cookie decorating table, with proceeds benefiting the Peanut Butter Project. The Ladies of Blessed Sacrament will have homemade cookies for sale as well as a silent auction for a donated hand-made wood bench. The Knights of Columbus will be selling soup to go. Alternative gifts make a lasting impact—extending the spirit of the season far beyond the holidays by improving the lives of others who may not be on anyone's gift list. Along with our nonprofit participants, this year's event will also include a wonderful selection of traditional art and craft vendors offering their handmade creations.

All are invited!

**Join St. Brigid Catholic Church & School
for an exclusive screening of**

Triumph of the Heart:

***The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe*
on November 1 at 3:15 PM**

at the Grace A. Dow Library Auditorium

What better way to celebrate All Saints Day than by witnessing this inspiring story on the big screen? Seats are limited — get your tickets today: <https://auctria.events/movie>. *All proceeds benefit the St. Brigid School Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund to help make Catholic education available to all families.*





Remember your loved one with a

Christmas

POINSETTIA

Please fill out an envelope indicating:

- Your name
- The name of the person you wish to honor (to be printed in the bulletin)
- Whether you would like to take a poinsettia home after the Christmas season

We are requesting donations of \$20

**Return envelopes to the parish office or
to the donation table at weekend Masses
by November 2**

Questions? Contact Jim Renfer at
jim@assumptionmidland.org

November 15 & 16 after Mass @ ABVM

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**Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-26
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.

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

You can also contact the stewardship and development office at development@diosag.org or 989-797-6679.



54th Annual Assumption Bazaar Saturday, November 8, 2025 • 8:30 am–3:30 pm



OVER 60 VENDORS

VENDOR TABLES – The Bazaar has over 60 vendor tables some new vendors.

Be sure to come and shop!

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

DONATIONS

For the Raffle are welcome anytime.

RAFFLE – Tickets are \$1 each. The Grand Prize is a handmade quilt. 2nd Prize \$100 Cash and 3rd Prize \$50. There are also donated and craft items you might win!

Hot lunch served by the **Knights of Columbus #2141**. Homemade chicken noodle soup, sloppy joes, hot dogs, egg rolls, desserts...

Please see the sign-up board in the gathering space if you are able to help!

HOLIDAY HOPE

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS SEASON

DONATE BLOOD

Monday
November 17

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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

For eligibility questions please call 866-642-5663

Assumption Knights of Columbus Council #2141

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

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

- Call 866-642-5663
- Visit versiti.org/mi
- 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.



Weekly Winner



- September 18th—Sandy Leppek
- September 25th—Paul & Sarah Sery
- October 2nd—Ann Gach
- October 9th—Anne Fitak
- October 16th—Buck Gorges
- October 23rd—Paul Dinh



Supporter Spotlight:

This week, we'd like to recognize one of our top ticket sellers, **Val Rossi!**

Thank you, Val,

for helping us continue to work towards our big goal!

If every parish family sells just 5 tickets, we will meet our goal!

With proud dad Joe and big brother Charlie, last weekend we baptized Geneiveve Bednark.
Congratulations!



Welcome to our Newest Member



This weekend is our monthly Food Pantry Collection

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

St. Brigid Christmas Craft Sale Vendors Wanted!

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

Sat., Nov. 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 vendor, please request an application by contacting: stbrigid@stbrigid-midland.org.



HAPPY 109th BIRTHDAY to Assumption Parish!



Wow! We sold 280 tickets but we are pretty sure we had over 300 on hand for PolishFEST.

Wonderful parish-cooked Polish food, great polka music and more by the Steve Drzewicki Band with lots of dancing and much fun during the course of the evening.

Thanks to all who came out and who worked to bring it to life. Thank you to our parish staff, Knights of Columbus, and to our many, many volunteers who sold, decorated, raffled, baked, prepped, cooked, served, cleaned, and more to help celebrate the parish's anniversary back on October 11th.

Thanks to all who contributed!



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

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

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



If you are not receiving your weekly Flocknote, go to midlandabvm.flocknote.com to sign up online and keep in touch with what is going on at Assumption or text **MIDLANDABVM** to **84576** to get it on your mobile device.

Weekend Offerings

October 18/19, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$2,874
 Online Giving (10/13-10/19) \$2,048
 Donations \$6,000
 Weekend Total \$10,922
 Weekly Goal \$9,231
 Overage/(Shortfall) \$1,691

October 1-19, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$9,825
 Online Giving \$9,027
 Donations \$14,000
 Weekend Total \$32,852
 Weekly Goal \$27,693
 Overage/(Shortfall) \$5,159

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

Please make out a separate check for the special collections.

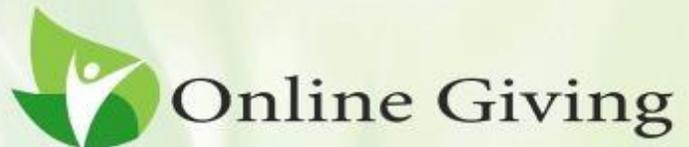


Knights of Columbus



If you need information or want to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact the parish office at 989-631-4447.

Check out the website at: www.KofC2141.org.



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

AssumptionMary.org or scan the QR Code.

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