

THIRTY-THIRD *Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

November 16, 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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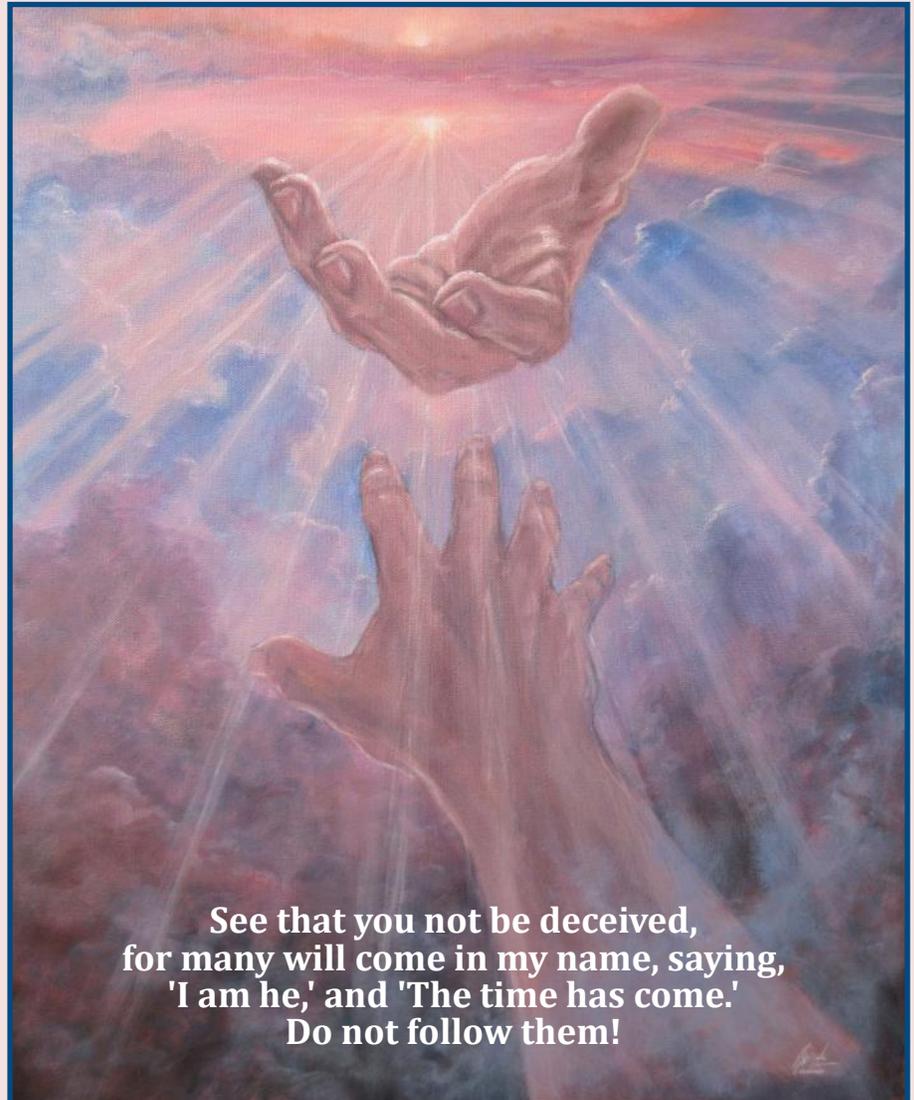
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See that you not be deceived,
for many will come in my name, saying,
'I am he,' and 'The time has come.'
Do not follow them!

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

MONDAY Nov 17th at noon for Nov 23rd issue



For the Thanksgiving Bulletin November 30th issue

If you need to have something in the bulletin for that weekend,
please email the office by noon on Thurs., Nov. 20th. *Thank you.*

From our Director of Parish Life



"Blest are you poor, the reign of God is yours. Blest are you who hunger, you shall be filled." – Luke 6:20-21

As we near the Christmas culmination of this Jubilee Year liturgically celebrating the 2025th anniversary of the birth of Jesus, this weekend we celebrate the Jubilee of the Poor. It doesn't seem to me that poverty is something to celebrate. Almost none of us would choose to live in poverty. We work hard, save, and plan to ensure that we and our loved ones are well-provided for and worry to a greater or lesser degree if we have enough saved for our children's college tuition and/or retirement. For many of us, it may feel shameful to be in the position to ask for financial assistance. However, as usual, Jesus asks us to rethink the conventional wisdom of this world and reorient ourselves according to the wisdom of God.

An appropriate example of this reorientation might be St. Martin of Tours. Martin was born in Pannonia (modern-day Hungary) in the 4th century. His father was a Roman soldier, and he was made a soldier at the age of 15. He served as a soldier in Gaul (modern-day France). One day, near Amiens, he encountered a poor, almost naked man begging for alms. As he watched his fellow soldiers either ignore the man or look upon him with contempt, Martin was moved with compassion. He removed his soldier's cloak, cut it in half with his sword, and gave it to the man. That night, Martin had a dream of Jesus (Martin was not yet a Christian) wearing his cloven cloak. Martin became a Christian and ask to be released from military service to his great humiliation in the sight of Roman authorities. He devoted his life to live apart from others in a life of prayer, begging, and almsgiving. However, his Christlike witness was so powerful that others gathered around

him asking to live the way he did. Eventually, he was elected to be the bishop of Tours by popular demand, against his wish to live a simple life. Becoming a bishop did not change Martin. He still lived in a simple cell and traveled by foot or donkey to visit his parishes. While he steadfastly taught against the heretical teachings of his time and place, he was known for rejecting ever using violence against heretics, instead offering them the medicine of mercy.

Just as St. Martin was called to reorient his thinking and profession to align himself with the truth and compassion of Jesus, I believe that we are being called today to rethink and reorient ourselves concerning how we view and treat those who struggle under the burden of modern-day poverty. As Pope Leo recently wrote, "Christians, too, on a number of occasions, have succumbed to attitudes shaped by secular ideologies or political and economic approaches that lead to gross generalizations and mistaken conclusions. The fact that some dismiss or ridicule charitable works, as if they were an obsession on the part of a few and not the burning heart of the Church's mission, convinces me of the need to go back and re-read the Gospel, lest we risk replacing it with the wisdom of the world." (On Love for the Poor, para. 15)

One of the major principles of Catholic Social Justice is the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church teaches that we are called to, "a *special form* of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity . . . it affects the life of each Christian inasmuch as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ, but it applies equally to our *social responsi-*

bilities and hence to our manner of living, and to the logical decisions to be made concerning the ownership and use of goods . . . [we] cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy, the homeless, those without health care and, above all, those without hope of a better future." (no. 182). This does not mean that God loves the poor more than the rich. However, it means that God always stands with those who have no one else to stand with them, thus we are called to stand where God stands.

In March of 1991, the bishop of Saginaw at the time, Bishop Untener, decreed that all meetings in the diocese over the course of the next three months were to begin with the agenda item: "How shall what we are doing here affect or involve the poor?" Reflecting upon the experience throughout our diocese, he wrote, "now we must see if we will think and act differently. The true measure of success lies in the months and years ahead." In a similar way, as we prepare during this Jubilee Year, in the midst of layoffs and government shutdown, the uncertainty of charitable and governmental assistance to the poor, and the predictable Holiday commercialism and consumerism, to liturgically celebrate for the 2025th time the coming of God among us in a poor, humble manger, perhaps a fruitful spiritual practice would be to ask ourselves in our Christmas preparations: "How is what I am doing right now affecting or involving the poor?" If our Christmas preparations allow for a "preferential option" for the poor, this Advent/Christmas Season could be the one to transform our lives the way St. Martin's life was transformed by a single act of compassionate solidarity with the poor.

John



**Join Assumption Parish
LIVE for the
Big Raffle drawing
on Saturday, November 22!**

With parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors in the running for a first prize of \$10,000, it's a moment you won't want to miss! A wine and cheese reception will be held starting at 5:45 p.m. and we will draw our winners at 6:00 p.m. *All are welcome!*

Can't join us in person? The drawing will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com/@assumptionmidland/ streams or keep an eye out for the link on our Facebook page.



**33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."

-- 2 Thessalonians 3:9

How can you be a model for others? What things do you see in others that you do imitate or would like to imitate? Strive to be a model of faith that you would be pleased to have others see and emulate.



Worship Schedule

ASSUMPTION	
MON, November 17 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43	_____
TUES, November 18 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, November 19 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28	6:30p Word & Communion <i>Followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation</i>
THUR, November 20 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, November 21 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, November 22 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40	4:30p Mass <i>Sue Stanko</i>
SUN, November 23 2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

We Remember Our Good and Faithful Servants
We remember the religious of Assumption Parish who have gone on to Eternal Life. May others answer God's call to consecrated life and follow in their footsteps.



[left to right in order of passing]

Br. Richard Adamcik, C.I.C.M.

Dn. Edward Keblish

Sr. Mary Julianne Strazanac, R.S.M.

Mary Waskevich [former Sr. Mary Camille, O.P.]

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (USCCB)



Altar Server Training Saturday, November 15, 5:30 p.m.

Assumption Parish will be hosting a training for all current and prospective Altar Servers on Saturday, November 15, following the 4:30 Mass. Those who are not currently Altar Servers but have received their First Communion and would like to be part of this ministry are also invited and encouraged to attend. **Pizza dinner will be served at the training!** Please contact John Graveline with any questions.



Discover the Joy
of Angel Tree Christmas

Share the hope of Jesus with a child in the Midland community as you deliver a Christmas present and a personal message of love on behalf of their parent in prison. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree strengthens relationships between incarcerated parents and their children through volunteers like you.



It starts with a gift and opens the door for year-round ministry opportunities.

This is a new program for Assumption Parish. We are so excited about the doors God will open through this exciting opportunity!

To implement this ministry, we need volunteers to help buy gifts for the children. Visit the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree table **starting Saturday, November 15th** in the gathering space to take a tag to purchase a gift or to learn more about the program.

We appreciate your support this holiday season.



"Blessed is the one who cares for the poor."

PSALM 41:1

- This Week -

Sunday, November 16

9:30 am Mass

CLOW, CFF, YM

K OF C EGG ROLL SALE



Monday, November 17

1:30 pm Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary *followed by Meditation*

3:30 pm Monicas

5:30 pm Faith Form Comm Mtg

7:00 pm Admin/Finance Mtg

Wednesday, November 19

1:00 pm Book Study

6:00 pm Messiah Choir practice

6:30 pm Word & Communion

followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation

7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary *followed by Scripture*

7:00 pm Choir practice

**National Catholic Youth Conference
November 20-22**

Friday, November 21

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, November 22

4:30 pm Mass

FOOD PANTRY-MONETARY DONATION

**BIG RAFFLE DRAWING
AFTER MASS**

Sunday, November 23

CHRIST THE KING

9:30 am Mass

CLOW, CFF, YM

FOOD PANTRY-MONETARY DONATION



Confirmation Update

Confirmation preparation will begin in January for all students who are the age of 12 years old, as of September 1, 2025, and older, who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. Letters went out to families last week who have a child that turned twelve by September 1st.

If you have a child who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation and did not receive a letter, please contact Kathy Russell at 989-631-4447 or email kathyr@assumptionmidland.org.

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 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Nov. 16, 23 CFF and CLOW
30 No CFF, No CLOW

If you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Wendy Graveline at cff@assumptionmidland.org



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Nov. 16, 23 YM
24 Y2Y
Nov. 20-23 NCYC
30 No YM
Dec. 7, 14 YM



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

Youth Ministry

What's happening in YM this Sunday, November 16th...

Middle School...Last Sunday the students concluded the lesson on the hierarchy of the church by writing letters to Pope Leo XIV with their questions and concerns about the Church. We also had a teaching on the Community of Saints.

From the Treasure Box...

Incense: In the Gospel of Matthew we read that Magi came and presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Frankincense had practical uses at the time but was also burned as incense at the temple in Jerusalem. It was precious and is believed to have been a recognition by the Magi that Jesus was THE High Priest. We use **incense** at Mass on special occasions and during funerals. It represents our prayers rising to heaven as we read in Psalm 141. Also during those Masses the altar, the priest, the book of the Gospels, the Body and Blood of Jesus and the congregation are incensed as a reminder of the holiness and real presence of God found in the Word of God, the Eucharist and in the people gathered. It's awesome when the priest/deacon bows to us and blesses us with the incense and then we bow in return. It's like we are recognizing the holy presence of God in one another!!! WOW! Try to recognize the presence of God in each person you meet today.

Bowing, kneeling and genuflecting: As Catholics we pray with our whole bodies. At Mass we make the sign of the cross, genuflect, bow, sit, stand, kneel, shake hands, etc. The bowing, kneeling, and genuflecting are postures of honor, a way of saying God is higher and more than me. It shows us being humble and reverent before the presence of God. So when do we bow and when do we genuflect you ask? If the tabernacle is in the main sanctuary at church, you genuflect before you enter your pew. That is not the case at Assumption. The tabernacle is in the back corner to the left of the baptismal font. We genuflect towards the tabernacle in recognition of the real presence of Jesus. When the tabernacle is not present in the main worship space, then you bow in reverence to the altar where we believe heaven and earth touch, where the bread and wine are changed to the Body and Blood of Jesus. We bow to the altar, as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and during the Nicene Creed.

High School..."One Way" Is the title to this week's lesson. This session asks the question: Who is Jesus Christ? Depending on who you ask, you may get very different answers. This lesson aims to show teens that Jesus is not just another good person from history but the only Son of God. By focusing on the titles attributed to Jesus, teens will come to a greater knowledge of who He is and be inspired to cling to Him as the source of salvation.

MAIN POINTS

1. Though Jesus taught about morality, spoke about God, and desired justice for all people, He is more than just a teacher, prophet, or good model. He is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2. Jesus is true God and true man. He is God's superabundant response to the Fall and the only way we attain eternal life.
3. By clinging to Jesus and the Church He established, we can experience the salvation and redemption He won for us.

What is one way your family can help others come to know who Jesus is?

Handel's Messiah

Sponsorship Opportunity

Assumption Parish's sacred concert series aims to bring professional-grade performances of great sacred works of music into church settings for the community to enjoy. Join in as a sponsor to help present Handel's masterpiece just in time for Christmas!

Sponsorship Levels:



\$50 "Shepherd" Sponsor

- Included in program



\$100 "Angel" Sponsor

- Included in program
- Acknowledged on social media



\$200 Sponsor-A-Musician

- Listed in program with musician
- Acknowledged on social media
- Announced at concert

Come Join Us!

Concert held **Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 PM** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Featuring:

- Thomas Heidenreich, organ
- David King, bass
- Jim Renfer, tenor
- Jude Renfer, alto
- Erin Whitfield, soprano
- Chamber orchestra & choir

Directed by
Grace Marra

Free will offerings welcome

Interested in supporting the concert?

To become a sponsor, please visit the parish office or call 989-631-4447. For more information about our concert series, scan the QR code or contact Jim Renfer, Director of Music Ministry, at jim@assumptionmidland.org



Donations must be received by Friday, December 12



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.

We currently have donations and pledges of \$43,323 toward our financial goal of \$80,951.

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. Or scan the QR Code.



Thanksgiving Dinner

THURSDAY **NOV 27** 12:00-2:00PM

**ST. BRIGID PARISH HALL
130 W. LARKIN ST**

You are invited!

A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is prepared by parishioners of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church for the hungry, alone and those in need in our Midland Community.

If you are unable to attend, delivery to the homebound and takeout will be offered. Delivered and Takeout meals will be cold and in need of re-heating.

To request a meal delivery, arrange for takeout, or to make a reservation to dine with us, please call the Parish Office at (989) 835-7121 ext. 31 before 10:00 am Monday November 24th

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

Please bring your food/food baskets to be blessed.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful weekend!



NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION MONETARY DONATION ONLY

Again this year, the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network is requesting monetary donations to purchase food for families at Thanksgiving. They are hoping for our help again with this project.

Donations may be made to the parish (please make checks payable to Assumption) or online no later than Sunday, November 23rd.

Your generosity in helping others celebrate Thanksgiving will be greatly appreciated!



BIG RAFFLE

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

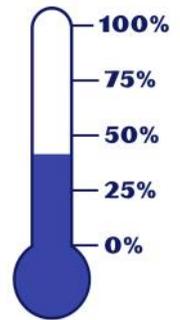
Prize Drawing & Reception
Saturday, November 22, 2025
6:00 PM at Assumption Parish



Weekly Winners

- 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
- October 30th—Bob & Maria Dvorak
- November 6th—Jackie Thorsberg
- November 13th—Herbie Campau

We are just over **40%** of the way to our goal with **one week** left! The proceeds from every ticket we sell now will directly benefit Assumption Parish. Help our fundraiser finish strong!



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

If you would like to take home paper tickets to sell, please visit the parish office or stop by the Big Raffle table at Mass this weekend.

- 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**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

This week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities (*there is an envelope in your packet or you can give online*).

Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd.

I'M GOING TO NCYC



Please keep in prayer all youth and adult leaders they journey to Indianapolis, this Thursday, for the **National Catholic Youth Conference**. This unique event offers Catholic teenagers a powerful encounter with Christ, through prayer, catechesis, and community.

On Friday morning, Pope Leo XIV will address the youth, live, in a digital encounter! This is a first for NCYC!! It is sure to be a memorable experience.

The following youth and adults are participating with Assumption and Blessed Sacrament parishes:

Youth Participants: Maria DeSantis, Brynn Haddad, Roman DeSantis, Dawson Lavender, Addison Duling, Isabelle Mier, Samantha Edick, Anya Stachowiak, Danielle Folkenroth, Ben, Elizabeth and Rina Graveline

Adult Leaders: Melissa Kato and Kathy Russell



Assumption CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HOMEBOUND

It's that time of year when we begin to review our list of those to whom we would like to bring a little joy into their lives by delivering flowers for the holidays. If you know of someone who is homebound or if you would like to represent the parish by delivering flowers to someone, please call the parish office **before noon on Monday, December 8.**

GIFT CARDS

If you know of any parishioners needing a little help this Christmas season, please call the parish office with the following information: *your name, the name of the person/family you are recommending, their address and phone number, along with the number of adults and children in the family.* We do have money allotted for gift cards. Please call the office **before noon on Monday, December 8.**

SHARING TREE



Once again, we are partnering with the Salvation Army and United Way of Midland in the Sharing Tree program to provide gifts to girls & boys, teens, women & men in our community who are struggling. Christmas trees are located in the gathering space. Please stop by and take a tag, shop, and return the gift per the instructions on the tag; **gifts need to be returned to the parish by Wednesday, November 26th** and can be placed by the sharing tree.

Happy Birthday!

Mary Steger

Nov 10th / 89 yrs



Mary Hayden

Nov 19th / 94 yrs



Robert Wishowski

Nov 20th / 90 yrs



Now Hiring: Parish Business Manager Sacred Heart Parish – Mt. Pleasant, MI

This is a **full-time, salaried** position. **Key responsibilities:**

- Parish and academy accounting, budgets and operations
- Process payroll & human resource administration
- Prepare reports for parish, diocesan, state, and federal agencies

To apply:

Send a letter of interest, resume, and references to:
mszymczak@sha.net

Visit: <https://parish.sha.net>
for the full job posting

Handel's Messiah

Part I + Hallelujah Chorus

FEATURING:

Grace Marra
DIRECTOR

Erin Whitfield
SOPRANO

Thomas Heidenreich ORGAN
David King BASS
Jim Renfer TENOR
Jude Renfer ALTO
Chamber orchestra & choir



**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER
21st
at 3:00 p.m.**

**ASSUMPTION
CHURCH**

**Community Concert
Free will offerings
welcome**

Assumption Parish Children's Faith Formation Presents

Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 15 • 6 PM

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642**

Celebrate the joy of Christmas!
Come join us for a special
evening of Scripture and song
that all ages will enjoy.

**Reception with
refreshments to follow**

*Hosted by Knights of
Columbus Council #2141*

***Freewill offerings of nonperishable food items are welcome to
benefit local families in need***



Artwork by Martha Bloch

Winner of the 2024 Assumption Knights of
Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas"
Poster Contest, Ages 8-10

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Annual Financial Report: Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



Dear Parishioners:

Our Fiscal Year 2024-2025 ended with a loss of almost \$39,000. Despite this loss, please be assured that the overall parish finances are very sound. We recently received a disbursement from the diocese related to overfunding of a Loss Prevention Fund within the Michigan Catholic Conference that more than makes up that loss.

Looking at the reasons for this past year's loss:

- On the income side, even though we budgeted what we thought was a conservative increase in Sunday Collections, they actually went down slightly from the previous year.
- On the expense side, we were informed of the high increase in insurance premium rates after we had already set and approved the annual budget. Therefore, insurance expenses were \$8,763 more than anticipated during the budgeting process in the spring of 2024. There was also a special assessment for our Drainage district that had not been planned.
- We experienced unexpected HVAC repairs in the Spring totaling just over \$6,000, affecting the Repair and Maintenance projection. Additionally, truck repairs during snow plowing season, putting us over the budget for Equipment Maintenance.

As a parish, we are primarily funded by our Sunday collections (77% of overall revenues). We are already implementing ways to diversify that income to allow us to respond to economic realities (inflation) and the Holy Spirit's promptings going forward. In fact, you have already seen two of our new efforts in this area: our recent *Evening with Elvis* and *The Big Raffle*.

Looking forward to FY 25/26, our biggest opportunities are to continue to grow as a parish and to diversify our income so that:

- We are able to support the staff needed to meet God's call for evangelization.
- We can respond to Bishop Gruss' call to become a Diocese on Mission, and we are able to respond to the opportunities that God presents to meet to our community's needs.
- We are less dependent on Sunday Collections.

Finally, a sincere thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish. This is a special place!

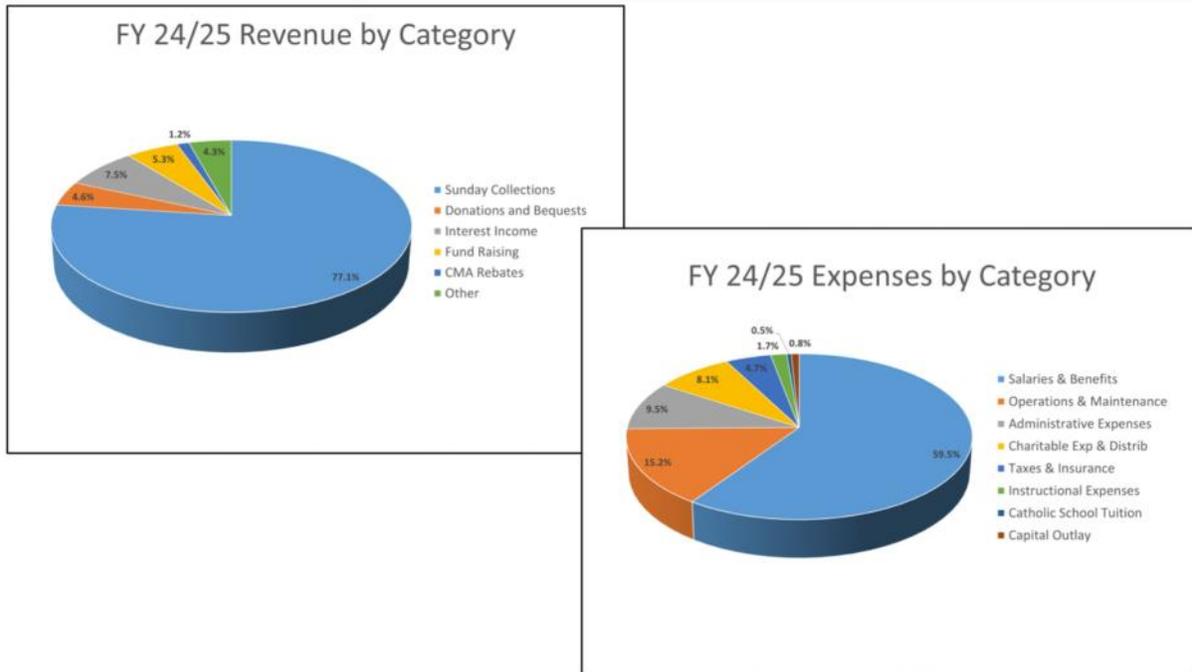
Income	Actual FY 24/25	Budget FY 24/25	FY 24/25 Actual Minus Budget	Actual FY 23/24
Sunday Collections	\$ 464,287.11	\$ 480,000.00	\$ -15,712.89	\$ 468,999.54
Donations and Bequests	27,487.00	35,000.00	-7,513.00	27,119.00
Interest Income	45,285.14	12,000.00	33,285.14	14,620.78
Fund Raising	32,173.21	65,000.00	-32,826.79	40,971.69
Christ's Mission Appeal Rebates	7,450.00	0.00	7,450.00	14,640.01
Other	25,827.07	28,200.00	-2,372.93	31,827.06
Total Operating Income	\$ 602,509.53	\$ 620,200.00	\$ -17,690.47	\$ 598,178.08
Expense				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 382,002.61	\$ 379,737.00	\$ 2,265.61	\$ 340,086.77
Operations & Maintenance	97,296.65	86,670.00	10,617.65	97,306.58
Administrative Expenses	61,010.17	56,870.00	4,140.17	62,464.29
Charitable Exp and Distrib	51,842.82	53,550.00	-1,707.18	57,619.24
Taxes & Insurance	30,262.24	19,938.00	10,324.24	21,951.11
Instructional Expenses	10,797.60	14,240.00	-3,442.40	16,858.32
Catholic School Tuition	3,000.00	5,000.00	-2,000.00	6,250.00
Capital Outlay	5,272.63	4,000.00	1,272.63	1,255.32
Total Expenses	\$ 641,484.72	\$ 620,014.00	\$ 21,470.72	\$ 603,791.63
Excess Income	-38,975.19	186.00		\$ -5,613.55

**Income and Expense for FY 24/25 Actual, Budget and Difference.
FY 23/24 Included for Comparison.**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Annual Financial Report: Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

What did our Income and Expense breakdowns look like:



Parish Statistics:

As of June 30, 2025, we had:

- 505 Registered Households, and
- 1117 Parishioners

Monthly average attendance at weekend masses was:

Month	4:30 pm Saturday Mass	9:30 am Sunday Mass	Total
July/August	112	163	275
September/October	121	168	289
November/December	111	171	281
January/February	111	160	271
March/April*	138	196	334
May/June	105	184	289

* Easter Sunday (April 20) drove this average higher

Sacraments:

Baptisms	18
First Communion	17
Confirmation	4
Weddings	4
Funerals	14

Christ's Mission Appeal for 2024/2025 Participation: 35.6%

Our total paid to the diocese as of October 10, 2025 was \$92,298 which was 96.9% of our Parish Assessment of \$95,236. If that remains unchanged for November, the parish will make up the shortfall.

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

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

Weekend Offerings

November 8/9, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$3,357
Online Giving (11/3—11/9) \$2,694
Donations \$0
Weekend Total \$6,051
Weekly Goal \$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$3,180)

November 1-9, 2025

Weekly Envelopes \$10,335
Online Giving \$6,412
Donations \$1,250
Weekend Total \$17,997
Weekly Goal \$18,462
Overage/(Shortfall) (\$465)

THANK YOU so much for
your continued support
in getting your contribu-
tions into the office.

*Please make out a
separate check for the
special collections.*



Online Giving

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

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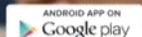
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