

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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



SUNDAY OF THE *Word of God*

January 25, 2026

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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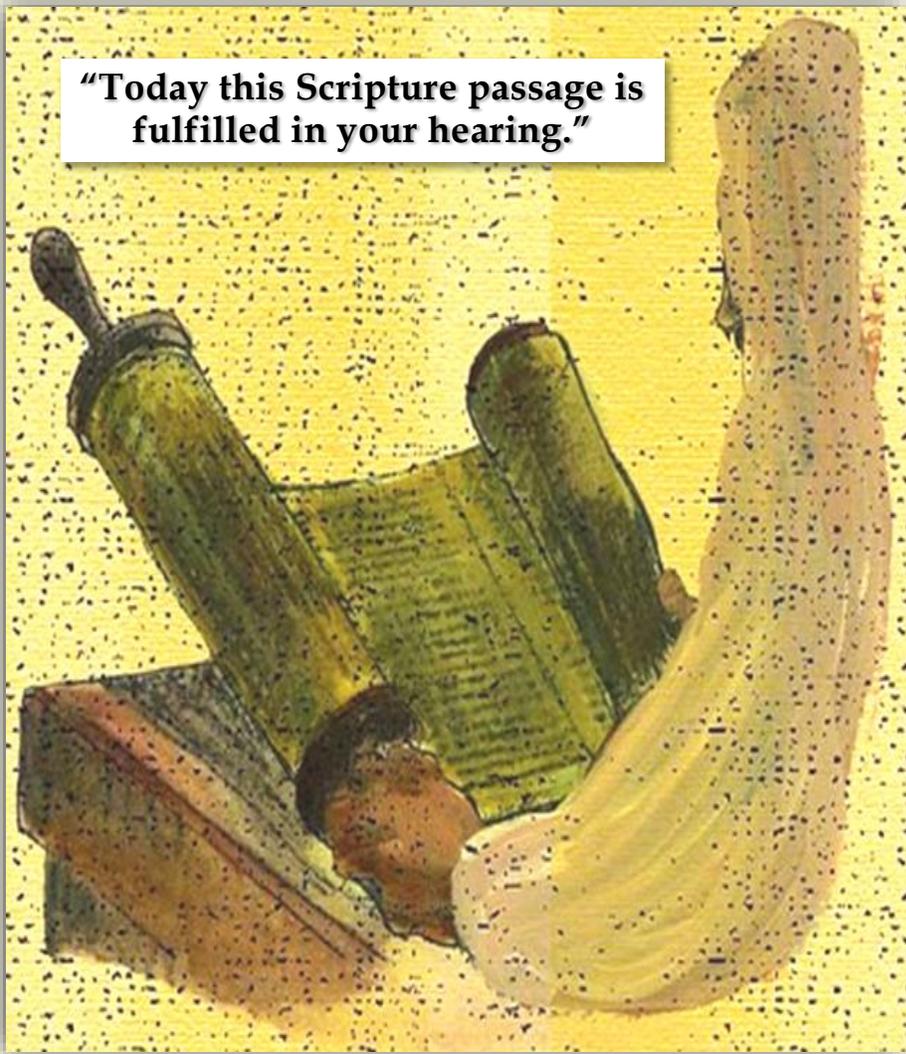
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"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please know that the church doors will be opened from 7:30am – 4:00pm, **Mon thru Thurs** if anyone is in need of a quiet place to pray and/or meditate.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon



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From our Director of Parish Life



"[Jesus prayed] 'I do not pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their word, that all may be one as you Father, are in me, and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.'" John 17:20-21

This Sunday marks the conclusion of the 2026 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. Pope Leo in his address at the beginning of the week invited "all Catholic communities to deepen their prayers for the full, visible unity of all Christians." As St. John presents it in his Gospel, at his Last Supper on the night before he died on the cross, Jesus' main prayer was for unity among his believers. St. Paul echoes this message in his writings as well, "Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all." (Ephesians 4:3-6) Unity has been an emphasis of the pastoral leadership of Bishop Gruss, calling the entire Diocese of Saginaw to be "of one heart and one mind." (Acts 4:32)

This Sunday is also the *Sunday of the Word of God* as established by Pope Francis in 2019 to be celebrated every year on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As Catholics, we recall the centrality of the Scriptures to our faith. We enthrone the Bible in sanctuary and reflect upon the meaning of the Word of God in our lives.

For many years after the Protestant Reformation, the Bible had become a sign of division between Catholics and Protestants. Although never the official teaching of the Catholic Church, many Catholics viewed reading the Bible as "something Protestants do," something to be looked upon with suspicion. Therefore, Catholic homes tended to have a large, dusty "family Bible" where important family dates (baptisms, First Communions, weddings, deaths) were recorded, but no one ever picked

up the Bible and read it. In the 60 years since Vatican II, Catholics have become much more comfortable listening to the Scripture readings in their own language in the liturgy and reading the Bible themselves or in small groups (often with an ecumenical mix of Catholics and Protestants). This is a very healthy fruit of Vatican II, and we pray that this renewed emphasis on the Word of God will be part of God's reconciling work of unity between all Christians.

I would like to propose **three reasons to make the Bible a central part of your spiritual practice:**

First, **we become wise through familiarity with the Scriptures.** One aspect of this is that knowledge of the Bible will help one understand the artistic and literary expressions of Western civilization. So much of the humanities become more intelligible when our minds have been steeped in the Old and New Testaments. On a deeper level, the Bible expresses to us the mind and heart of God. A definition of wisdom that I have found helpful is, "true wisdom is learning to see all of reality the way that God sees it." If this is true, then there is no better place to learn how God views reality than through the writings that God inspired for the sake of fostering an encounter of interpersonal communion with us. Intimate communion in any relationship often hinges upon learning to look together with a common vision. When we listen to the Scriptures, God is inviting us to look at everything through the eyes of our loving Father.

Second, **we encounter the "Word" (John 1:1, 14) through listening to the words of Sacred Scripture.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christianity is not "a religion of the book;" it is "the religion of the Word of God, a Word which is not a written and mute word, but the

Word which is incarnate and living." (no. 108) While this might seem to contradict the importance of the Bible, in fact it raises its importance because every other book expresses the thoughts of its author, but the Bible expresses the living person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh in order to offer us a share in his own divine life. It reminds us that when we listen to the words of Scripture, we encounter the voice of the Word who offers us abundant, eternal life.

Third, **our lives can be transformed through familiarity with the living and effective Word.** (Hebrews 4:12) The Word of God has the power to change us. The same Holy Spirit that was poured into our hearts at baptism is the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures. When we truly listen to God's Word, the Holy Spirit dwelling in us dialogues with the inspiring Holy Spirit. Through the human words of scripture, we enter into the mystery of the Spirit which transcends all human words and expression. As stated by the 20th century French theologian Yves Congar, whose thought was very influential both before and after Vatican II, "the divine Scriptures are regarded as a kind of sacrament: a grace-bearing sign that effectively realizes communion with God," a communion that can transform our hearts and minds, raising us to greater heights of virtue, holiness, and love.

May this Sunday of the Word of God bear fruit. May a deep listening and heeding the words of Sacred Scripture guide us into deeper communion with ourselves and God and between ourselves and all God's people, bringing about the unity the Jesus prayed for on the night before he died to reconcile us to one another and to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

John

END OF THE YEAR TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Statements for 2025 are available for pick-up in the gathering space for those who requested a copy. **If you did not sign-up or call the office to receive your statement, please sign the sheet in the gathering space and it will be available for you next weekend.**

Thank you for your stewardship giving!



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."

– Matthew 4:21-22

Although only few of us would be called to leave our families and livelihood behind to follow Jesus, we all do have a call. That call is different for each person. Are you responding to your call by sharing your gifts freely and generously?



Worship Schedule

ASSUMPTION	
MON, January 26 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:22-30	_____
TUES, January 27 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, January 28 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, January 29 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, January 30 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, January 31 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, February 1 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Please note that if the Midland Public Schools are closed or on delay, weekday morning and evening Mass is cancelled!

V is for Vocation: Fr. James Bessert



We give thanks and pray for Fr. James Bessert, who serves as Sacramental Minister at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Bay City. Ordained in 1980, Fr. Jim grew up in St. Louis, Mich., where his interest in the priesthood began while serving as an altar boy. He graduated from St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md., and has master's degrees from St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Mich., and the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Jim is the former long-time director of the Diocesan Office of Liturgy and the former diocesan chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. With a passion for music and liturgy, he has composed a number of hymns including "This Day in New Jerusalem."

Read more about Fr. Jim's devotion to liturgy and music: <https://greatlakesbaycatholic.com/memories-music-and-serving-gods-people>

Lord, I know you love me and have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. May I take heart while I search openly for what it is you want me to do with my life. Inspire in me wisdom and understanding to see your vision for my life and respond with openness to whatever you call me to be. Show me your way Lord! Amen. (USCCB)



CHRIST RENEWS FOR MEN

MEN - - - it is time to step back from your busy schedule! The Men's Christ Renewals retreat for the Midland Area Catholic Community is going to be held at Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday & Sunday, March 7, and 8, 2026**. This is an opportunity to grow your relationship with God, make some lifelong friends, and have an enjoyable weekend at no cost.

To register scan the QR Code, go to the web page; <https://www.blessed-midland.org/events/mens-christ-renews/>.



Or call Blessed Sacrament at 989-835-6777.

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



Mother Teresa Fund

Having a new baby is a joyous time, but can be very difficult when parents have limited financial resources. The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw provides financial assistance to individuals or couples experiencing limited financial resources while awaiting the birth of their child and/or during the initial period following the birth. The dollars contributed are invested and the interest generated provides revenue for the assistance.

You will find an envelope in your packet for this weekend; or contribute through Online Giving. Thank you!

- This Week -

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM
FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND
K OF C PASTY SALE
Catholic Inquiry / 6:30pm



Monday, January 26

10:00 am Stitch and Chat
2:00 pm BeFriender Training

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation
3:15 pm Monicas

Wednesday, January 28

6:15 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

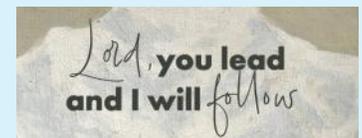
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, January 31

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 1

9:30 am Mass
CFF, C.L.O.W., YM
COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY
3:00 pm Sacramental Prep



In Loving Memory of
Irene Beck

Lord, we remember in our prayers Irene whom you have recently called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with her family.

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”
~John 11:25-26



Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-26

The annual appeal is the primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to support one another.

We are at 91.8% of our goal, only \$6,633 to go.

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

For more information go to:

www.saginaw.org/appeal

You can also contact the stewardship and development office at 989-797-6679.

Or scan the QR Code.



Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria (CSM) is a Catholic summer camp located in Gaylord, Michigan, where **we have spent the last 90 years helping young people build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** and His Church. CSM's mission is to help young people unplug from the distractions of this digital age and encounter the Lord through authentic discipleship, sacramental life, and the beauty of His creation. Learn more or register at CampSanctaMaria.org.

We offer:

- Daily Mass, Confession, and Weekly Adoration
- Adventure activities such as high ropes courses, archery tag, waterfront fun, canoe trips padded weapon battles, and much more!
- Technology-free with close to 100 acres of woodlands and natural beauty
- Infused into all of our adventures and activities is an atmosphere of faith and fun
- Financial aid is available for those who are in need

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Jan.	25	CFF and CLOW
Feb.	1, 8	CFF and CLOW
	1, 15	Sacramental Prep, 3-4:30
	15, 22	No CFF and 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 YM meet on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament from 6-8 pm.

Confirmation Prep meet on Wednesday evenings at Assumption from 6:15-8 pm.

Watch your email and the bulletin for YM news & events!

Jan.	25	YM
	28	Confirmation Prep
Feb.	1, 15	YM
	8	No YM—
		"Souper Bowl" Sunday Collection
	22	No YM
	4, 11	Confirmation Prep
	18	No Confirmation Prep—Ash Wednesday
	25	No Confirmation Prep



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

Youth Ministry

Middle School

Last Sunday we had 11 middle schoolers prepare a meal and decorate pillow-cases for the guests at the Open Door Women's Shelter! Thanks to all who came out and braved the cold to serve those less fortunate! *In the the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* ~ACTS 20:35

Middle School meets at it's regular time and place this Sunday, Jan. 25th, beginning the teaching on the Sacraments...**Treasures** of our faith!

High School

"Merge" is the title to this week's lesson. The goal is to help teens see how sacramental marriage is good for society and to inspire them to support the institution of marriage

Main Ideas

- * Marriage is a sacrament of the Church in which a man and woman commit to love and honor each other for the duration of their lives.
- * Marriage is not just important to Catholics but is the foundation of the family, which is the fundamental unit of society.

~**Why is marriage important for families and society at large?**

Catechism Reference "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." (CCC 1601)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish presents

Sarah Hart

Fruit of the Spirit: Planted, Thriving, Yielding

Two evenings of story and song with Grammy-nominated and BMI-winning contemporary Christian music artist Sarah Hart



**Sunday & Monday
February 15-16, 2026
6:30pm-8:00pm**

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All are invited • No ticket required

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January 26th.**

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**NAMI
Family to
Family Program
Spring 2026**

The NAMI Middle Michigan Affiliate will be hosting their Family to Family Program **beginning Tuesday evenings February 24th thru April 14th, 2026.** Classes are Virtual, and begin at 6:15 p.m., concluding at 8:45 p.m. each evening.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-week educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

NAMI Family-to-Family not only provides information and strategies for taking care of the person you love, but you'll also find out that you're not alone. Recovery is a journey, and there is hope!

Registration is now open. If you are interested in registering or would just like to know more, you may contact our Program Coordinator Dan Corbat at 989.513.2137. Dan's email address is dcorbat57@gmail.com.

Free Tax Assistance for Those Who Need it Most

AARP Tax-Aide offers free, volunteer-run tax preparation for individuals with low to moderate income, with a focus on seniors and basic returns.

Midland Location: Appointments available Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 3, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Greater Midland Community Center.

Call 832-7937 or email taxhelp@greatermidland.org beginning January 5 to schedule.



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

January 24/25

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



**Diocese of Saginaw's
Men's Conference**

The Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference will take place on **Saturday March 14th, 2026 at St Stanislaus Catholic Church in Bay City from 8:00AM – 3:00PM.** The conference will feature talks given by Bishop Robert Gruss, Dr David Anders (EWTN), and Dr Dan Schneider (Franciscan Univ). There will be an opportunity for private confession along with the chance to grow in your faith and build lifelong friendships. Purchase early bird tickets for \$30 by March 3rd at www.eventbrite.com. Walk-up registration starts at 7:30AM, admission is \$35 paid at the door. Premier Event Sponsor: Jolt Credit Union.

For more details call (989) 341-3181 or email: thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com

Faith Formation

It's never too late to register your child(ren) for either CFF or YM. Your children are always welcome! Scan the QR code to register.



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

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

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Make a Positive Impact by Showing Solidarity with the Church in Latin America

Since 1965, Catholics in the United States have built relationships of unity and love with Catholics in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean through their participation in the annual special collection for the Church in Latin America. This weekend, many U.S. parishes will take up this collection in order to support ministries that bring Christ's mercy to prisoners, train catechists in remote rural areas, and build up pastoral programs that address the crucial needs of refugees and victims of natural disasters.

You will find an envelope in your packet this weekend; you can also contribute through Online Giving. Thank you!



February 2026

Assumption of the B. V.M.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF, YM Coffee & Donuts Sacramental Prep 3pm	2 Mass / 8am and Blessing of Candles	3 Open Door in Kitchen / 7:30am Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Pastoral Council Meeting / 5:30pm	4 Serving at Open Door / 10am Confirmation 6:15-8:00pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C / 7:30 pm	5 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	6 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	7 Mass / 4:30pm "Souper" Bowl Collection
8 Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF meets, No YM "Souper" Bowl Collection	9 Stitch and Prayer 9:45am Y2Y Meeting BeFriender Training 2-5pm	10 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Christian Service Meeting / 5:30pm	11 Confirmation 6:15-8:00pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	12 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	13 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	14 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm "Assumption Celebrates Family Night" after Mass
15 Mass / 9:30am No C.L.O.W.* No CFF, YM meets Sacramental Prep 3pm Sarah Hart At Assumption 6:30-8pm	16 President's Day Sarah Hart At Assumption 6:30-8pm	17 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Faith Form Comm Meeting / 5:30pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7pm	18 Fish Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Mass K of C / 7:30 pm	19 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	20 Fish Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm	21 Serving at Open Door / 10am Mass / 4:30pm Food Pantry K of C Pierogi Sales
22 1st Sunday of Lent Mass / 9:30am No C.L.O.W.* No CFF, No YM Food Pantry K of C Pierogi Sales	23 Stitch and Chat 10am BeFriender Training 2-5pm	24 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Y2Y Meeting	25 Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	26 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	27 Fish Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm	28 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm

* Children's Liturgy of the Word

 = days of fast and/or abstinence

Assumption Celebrates Family

Saturday, February 14

Following 4:30 pm Mass

Doors open 5:45 pm | Dinner at 6:30 pm

All are invited! Come join us!

- Homestyle Dinner*
- Beer, Wine & Specialty Drink
- Gameshow-Style Fun
- Silent Auction
- Live Entertainment
- Bingo & Games
- Kids Zone

**Assorted soups, pork, chicken tenders, mac & cheese, baked potatoes & toppings, veggies, salad, desserts, and more!*

Dinner donations appreciated

*Your family...
My family...*

*...OUR family
of faith &
community!*

RSVP at the Welcome Circle or call the parish office at
989-631-4447 by Tuesday, February 10

Our Silent Auction raises money for Assumption Youth Ministry and Children's Faith Formation. *Thank you for your support!*

Assumption BVM
Pastoral Council Committee Minutes
December 2, 2025

Attendees: Bob Dvorak, Heather Fisher, Ann Gach, John Graveline, John Havel,
Sam Kearl and Noreen Warrick

Excused: Lucy Daykin



John called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

John led the council in opening prayer.

1. Review and Approve Minutes of October Meeting

The council approved the minutes of the October 7, 2025 meeting as presented.

2. Council Questions and Perspectives

John solicited questions and perspectives of the council. Discussion ensued regarding the ticket price for the Big Raffle, with feedback received that perhaps \$35 tickets would be better. John reported that St. Brigid is reducing their raffle ticket price this year from \$100 to \$25. Discussion of other fundraising opportunities ensued, e.g., Elvis, Polishfest, bingo night, endowment fund.

In response to a question, John reported that the parish's October 2025 attendance increased relative to October 2024.

3. Review of Evangelization Initiatives and Parish Events in Fall 2025

Favorable feedback was shared regarding the number and quality of events, with the council expressing the view that they are the sign of a vibrant community and are aligned to the three pillars of the Diocesan Plan for Parishes on Mission. The council supported an extension of our neighboring outreach.

4. Update on Diocesan-Mandated Revision of Council By-Laws

John provided an update on the project to revise the pastoral council by-laws. He will send the council the current by-laws and the new norms provided by the Diocese. As one point, we will schedule two joint meetings between the finance and pastoral councils.

John solicited feedback on the presentation of the annual report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Favorable feedback was provided in terms of the presentation at Mass and the written report included in the budget which people felt highlighted the intended points of emphasis. John indicated that if parishioners have questions about the budget or finances to council members that we can direct the parishioners to him; the goal is to answer questions as transparently as possible.

5. New Business & Wrap-Up

Our next meeting is January 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Following a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Noreen Warrick

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 16, 2025

Present: John Graveline, Ray Barta, Mary Lou Leslie, Jean Krause,
Nancy Boldizaar, Linda Brown

Absent: Marlena Saotome, Sarah Hocking, Anita Whitney, Kathy Conley,
Denise Kearl, Paul Sery



Assistance: Monthly Assistance Fund: November \$1,703.14, gas cards \$180.00.

Monthly Food Drive (Blue Bags): Collection (\$3,018) for November went to Midland County Community Assistance/Food Pantry Network.

Caring Cooks: 12 breakfasts were served at the Open Door women's shelter.

Open Door Fund Raiser: Assumption sponsored a table for the event.

Stitch and Prayer: 287 items were donated in November. They are currently working on hot pads for the Guatemalan Stove Team.

Prison Ministry/Angel Tree: All gifts were delivered. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.

Sharing Tree: All tags were taken, gifts returned and blessed at Sunday, December 1st Mass, then delivered to the Salvation Army.

Coffee and Donuts: December coffee and donuts went well. Also, thanks to this ministry for helping with the Big Raffle.

BeFriender Ministry: Training of interested volunteers for the ministry will begin in January.

Holiday Flowers and Gift Cards: Christmas cactuses and gift cards were delivered to shut-in parishioners.

Life Clinic: Baby bottle fund raiser will be January 3-18, 2026.

January Speaker: Ed Doerner, Senior Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, will speak on Gateway Medical Clinic and Elevate Community Ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morrison Brown, Recording Secretary



Happy Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25-31) is a nationwide celebration of the gift of Catholic education, the value it provides to young people and its contributions to our church and communities.

Scan the QR code to see the latest news from

GreatLakesBayCatholicSchools.com



Office of Catholic Schools
Catholic Diocese of Saginaw



Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Weekend Offerings

January 17/18, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,321
Online Giving (1/12-1/18)	\$1,854
Donations	\$3,300
Weekend Total	\$7,475
Weekly Goal	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$1,756)

January 1-18, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$12,013
Online Giving	\$11,386
Donations	\$10,175
Weekend Total	\$33,574
Weekly Goal	\$27,693
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$5,881

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.



Online Giving

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

AssumptionMary.org

If you have any questions: email Sandy at sandym@assumptionmidland.org or call the parish office at 989-631-4447.



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