



Christ is Risen!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

April 12, 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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Sunday of Divine Mercy

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 8:00am — 3:30pm, 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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"His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things had been written of him and had been done to him." John 12:16

Easter is not a one-day event and now it's time to get back to normal. "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of Feasts', the 'Solemnity of Solemnities' . . . the mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time until all is subjected to him." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1169; see also no. 1085) We get a sense of this reality liturgically throughout the 50-day Easter Season.

We sometimes are so used to hearing the story of Jesus, particularly the Easter accounts in the Gospels, that they gradually lose the ability to shock us. Our central Christian claim is that Jesus of Nazareth truly died on the cross and was raised to a new, transformed, eternal, *bodily* life. When his closest disciples first saw him after his resurrection, they "were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. [Jesus] said to them . . . "look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." (Luke 24:37-39) We do not simply claim that Jesus was a wise teacher who spread love and taught us to be good, moral people (he was and did); but that *he is the eternal Son of God, made flesh, who death could not hold, and now lives again nevermore to die.*

This is an astounding historical claim. It is no mere spiritual myth or pious story. In fact, all of Jesus' apostles who ran cravenly from his cross on Good Friday were tortured and put to death in the most gruesome manner rather than recant this declaration before human political authorities. To see their teacher and friend die in a most violent and humiliating way, and then to experience him alive again, his body bearing the wounds of his torture, changed everything. The teachings they heard and the miracles they witnessed during Jesus' mission as an itinerant preacher all needed to be re-thought and re-interpreted in light of his resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything for his first disciples. Which raises the question: **how has the resurrection of Jesus, our**

celebration of Easter, changed us? What has it made us re-think? If we are not different post-Easter than we were pre-Holy Week, why not? What do I see differently because Jesus rose from the dead? What difference does it make if Jesus truly rose from the dead? A little over a year ago, Gregg Zank, who leads our Saturday morning men's group, used his 3D printer to make some keychains for the guys. They simply said, "So What?" It was to remind us as Catholic Christian men that if our faith doesn't change us, move us from sideline spectators to active participants in God's story of salvation and re-creation in Christ, then so what? What does it matter whether Jesus died on the cross or rose from the dead if we don't see concrete changes in our lives?

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his . . . if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."
Romans 6:3-5, 8

Even if we believe that Jesus really rose from the dead, it is not merely another historical fact from the past, like the signing of the Declaration of Independence or Wright brothers discovering how to build flying machines. It is a living reality that we participate in sacramentally through Baptism. Baptism is not merely a ritual that demonstrates that since our parents were Christian, I'm a Christian, or even

a solemn ritual that gives a public witness that I have personally chosen to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior. As St. Paul wrote, **Baptism is our participation in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection, making us a new creation, an adopted daughter or son in the Son.** Once again, if this is true, then how is my life different? How has this reality changed how I relate to those in my household, my workplace, my community, my country? How does it change how I understand and react to the fortunes and misfortunes of life? How does it change how I show compassion to the weak, the poor, the lonely, and the vulnerable?

Near the end of this Easter Season, we will hear Jesus give his disciples what has come to be known as The Great Commission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) But **how can we respond to Jesus' commission if we do not know or cannot articulate what difference Jesus—his teachings, his death, his resurrection—has made in our own lives?** We have time. This Easter Season, let us pray and open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit, giving God permission to heal us, change us, transform us so that we can truly say at the conclusion of our celebration of Easter that we have been changed so that we can go out to transform the dark corners of our world that so desperately need the Light of Christ. (John 1:4-5)

John



Divine Mercy Sunday

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the disciples and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." Acts: 2:42

In the early Church, members prioritized four things – devotion to the teaching of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. They were devoted to those things. As the Church today, we should also have those same priorities. Are there any of these that are not priorities in your own life or your parish? If not, how can you give them greater priority in your life or help to elevate these priorities in your parish?

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
MON, April 13 Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	
TUES, April 14 Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, April 15 Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, April 16 Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, April 17 Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, April 18 Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, April 19 Acts 2:14, 22-33 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

V is for Vocation: Deacon Charles Warner



We give thanks for Dcn. Charles Warner, currently a seminarian in Rome. Growing up in St. John Vianney Parish in Saginaw, he spent this past summer residing at the St. Brigid of Kildare rectory under the supervision of pastor Fr. Stephen Blaxton. We pray for Dcn. Charles as he takes his final steps in preparation to be ordained a priest. Charles has stated, "My encouragement would be for young men to open their hearts to the option of the priesthood."

Learn more about Dcn. Charles' journey and joy in his vocation: <https://saginaw.org/news/podcast-41-deacon-charles-warner-path-priesthood>

God our Father, You will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Truth. Send workers into Your great harvest that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and Your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)

New Here?

Welcome!

We're so happy to meet you.

If you're new or returning to your faith and want to go deeper, or you're looking for connection and a community to call home, there's a place for you at Assumption.



To learn more & get connected, scan the QR code or visit

www.AssumptionMary.org/welcome



EASTER ALLELUIAS would not be possible without the help of so many

- The Art & Environment committee who spent countless hours creating and preparing the environment to enhance our prayer;
- All the liturgical ministers who served in roles of sacristan, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and greeters;
- Musicians, both singers and instrumentalists, whose gifts enhanced our full and active participation;
- The Media Outreach Ministry's livestream of all of the liturgies, including outside at the fire on the Easter Vigil;
- In a special way, Fr. Rick Filary, our parish Sacramental Minister, who presided at our liturgies, preached inspiring homilies, and guided our Holy Week liturgies with his wealth of experience.

All told, over 50 parishioners served in one of the above ministries (some people served in more than one role or served on multiple occasions). The parish family of ABVM is ever so grateful for your generous spirit and the way you live out your baptism in service to all of us!

We truly are blessed! Alleluia, Alleluia!



- This Week -

Sunday, April 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:30 am Mass
C.L.O.W., CFF

Coffee & Donut Sunday
Welcome 5th Grade to YM



Monday, April 13

9:45 am Stitch and Prayer

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by meditation
3:15 pm Monicas
5:30 pm Christian Service Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am Serving at Open Door
10:00 am String Workshop
4:30 pm Mass

Y2Y Retreat Weekend

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Mass
C.L.O.W., CFF



Welcome to Middle School!
An event for 5th grade students
(from any church and any school)
Sunday, April 12th from 6-8pm
at Assumption

Do you have a 5th grader? Is he/she looking forward to middle school? Are there things that he/she is nervous about? Do they have questions about what middle school is like? Then register him/her for our Welcome to Middle School event **on April 12 at Assumption!** All 5th graders are invited to this special event designed to give them a taste of what middle school and Middle School Youth Ministry is like! We'll play games, eat pizza, decorate pillow cases, and have time for students to ask current middle schoolers all about middle school and Middle School Youth Ministry! At YM, students can be themselves.

Middle Schoolers Volunteers Needed!

We need middle school volunteers to help out at this event! If you have a middle schooler who would love to share their experiences in middle school and help the 5th graders to feel more at ease with this transition, please sign them up by registering them for the event!

Register by scanning the QR code.
 Questions?? Contact Kathy Russell




Save the Date
 June 15-18, 2026
 at Blessed Sacrament

Exploring The Nature of God

Damascus Summer Camp 2026

Damascus Summer Camp Great Lakes (formerly known as Catholic Youth Summer Camp) is the perfect mix of fun, adventure, and a powerful encounter with Jesus in His Church.

Middle School Camp:

July 26 - 31, 2026, (the Saginaw Diocese is reserving and subsidizing 20 spots.)

High School Camp:

June 28 - July 3, (the Saginaw Diocese is reserving and subsidizing 15 spots.)

Location: Brighton, MI

Cost: \$295 (includes \$150 subsidy from the Diocese and \$150 from the parish*)

Registration deadline: May 1, 2026

For more information, go to <https://saginaw.org/news/podcast-40-transforming-lives-damascus-summer-camp-life-changing-experience>

For questions or to register, contact Kathy Russell.
 (*subsidies are only good on the listed weeks)

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

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|------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr | 12, 19 | CFF and CLOW |
| | 25 | First Eucharist Retreat |
| | 26 | Last CFF and Last CLOW |
| May | 3 | First Eucharist at 9:30am Mass |



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.

YM has wrapped up for the year. Watch your email and the bulletin for spring/summer YM news & events!

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| April | 12 | 5th grade event 6-8 pm |
| | 18-19 | Y2Y Retreat |
| May | 31 | Graduation Mass |



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



World Youth Day 2027

Join one million young Catholics on pilgrimage from **August 1-9, 2027 in Seoul, South Korea**, along with Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope. Young adults, parish leaders, and 16+ high school juniors and seniors with a parent/guardian are invited. **The cost is \$4,699 (paid in installments). Registration deadline is April 15, 2026.**

Go to the following link, or scan the QR code, for more information and to register: saginaw.org/wyd.

For questions, contact Taylor Piotrkowski, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at tpiotrkowski@diosaq.org or call 989.797.6639.



NOTRE DAME VISION 2026

June 22-26 / July 6-10

Notre Dame Vision is a **5-day experience on the Notre Dame campus designed to help high school students discover and renew God's call in their lives.** Connect with hundreds of other students as you learn from the witness of the saints and develop practices to live your faith. Sharpen your spiritual vision to recognize God's grace at work in your life and immerse yourself in the Notre Dame campus. Sleep in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, and pray at the numerous sacred spaces across campus.

Notre Dame Vision combines the theologically-rich experience of hearing nationally-known keynote speakers with the mentorship of college students.

Cost: \$490 (Family pays \$265*, Parish pays \$225)

*Save \$25 if 5 or more register as a group (scan the QR code to register. In the application, it asks if your registering as an individual or group. Choose group name...Kathy Russell)

For more information or to register: scan the QR code or contact Kathy Russell.





Filled with Easter Joy, **we remember those who have gone to be with our resurrected Lord.**

**Thank you to those who donated to the Easter
Flower Fund in remembrance of a loved one.**

*In honor of their memory, we list those here
whom we have been asked to remember.*

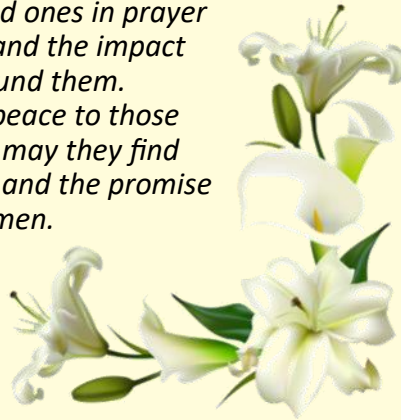
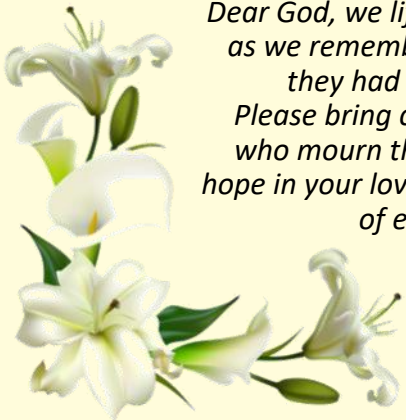
**If you have requested an Easter Lily to take home,
they will be available to be picked up from the
church gathering space after the Easter octave.**

*Michael, Elizabeth &
Patricia Antczak
Irene Beck
HelenAnne Kingsbury
Bourne
Delores Cusick
Dan & Dorothy Filary
Jerry & Doris Havel
Joe & Lois Kearl
Cal Kessler
Kenneth J. Kessler
Marie T. Kessler*

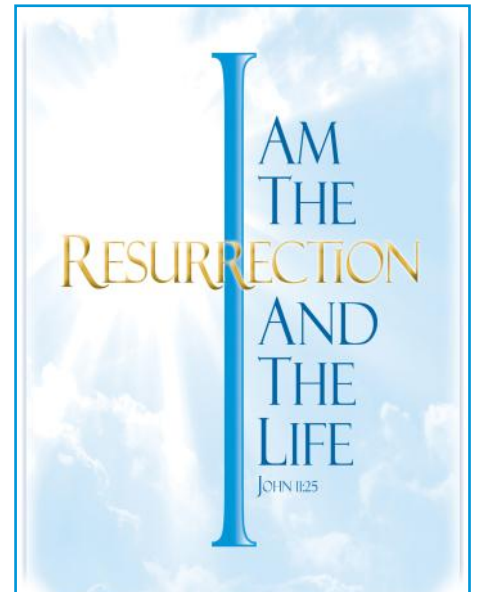
*Kurt & Colleen Kleinhans
Mary Kuchta
Larry Lovely
Richard & Frances Miller
Rex Morrison
Natalie Pfenninger
John & Barb Russell
James Semanco
Richard & Mary
Tarchinski
Mary Lou Turin*

*Dear God, we lift up our loved ones in prayer
as we remember their life and the impact
they had on those around them.*

*Please bring comfort and peace to those
who mourn their loss, and may they find
hope in your loving presence and the promise
of eternal life. Amen.*



Looking for a Treasure?
**Come to
Our Lady of Grace Annual
Rummage/Bake Sale**
Thurs, April 16 / 9:30am – 5pm
Fri, April 17 / 9:30am – 5pm
Sat, April 18 / 8:30am – 12noon
*No early sales...
Our Lady of Grace, Sanford*



Little White Books

Little White
Books are available at
the entrance of church
or sign up at [https://
midlandabvm.flocknote.
com/EasterWhiteBook](https://midlandabvm.flocknote.com/EasterWhiteBook)
and receive daily readings
through Flocknote.



Assumption Parish Music Ministry is happy to host the Canada-based string trio "Infinitus" for an educational workshop for string players on **Saturday, April 18, 10-11:15am**. This workshop will focus on drawing out your creativity while refining your technique. *There will be light refreshments to follow.*

This workshop is geared towards middle/high school students. Participation is open to individuals who have been playing a stringed instrument for at least a year. *No cost to attend.*



To Register: Scan the QR code or visit www.AssumptionMary.org/events
Questions? Contact Jim Renfer at jim@assumptionmidland.org

Call for Musicians

ELIJAH PART I Felix Mendelssohn

This thrilling oratorio for choir and orchestra tells the story of the prophet Elijah's mission to bring the people of Israel back into God's favor. Themes of justice, mercy, and faith are expressed through this dynamic and emotional work. Come join us for a memorable performance!

Sunday, May 17 • 3pm
Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
615 Hoyt Ave, Saginaw, MI 48607

Thursday, May 21 • 6:30pm
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
3516 E. Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642

REHEARSALS:
Saturdays beginning March 7
11am-1pm at Assumption Parish

Some scores provided. Bring your own if you have one!

For more information or to participate, please contact
Jim Renfer at jim@assumptionmidland.org

You're Invited!!

Join your fellow parishioners in the Knights of Columbus and keep our parish strong!

K of C Exemplification Ceremony

Wed, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

For more info, contact Matt Glaccum
989-430-8622 | md2141@mikofc.org

Once again we are sponsoring a

Mothers' Day Baby Shower Collection

For Life Clinic

Bring In Your Donations
May 2/3 and May 9/10

TOP DONATION REQUESTS:

Infant onesies, receiving blankets
*Toddler pajamas and clothing for sizes 24 mo., 2T, and 4T
*Diapers (name brand or store brand) sizes 4 through 7
Diaper bags
Sippy cups
Baby wash or shampoo
Desitin or A&D ointment
Formula—Regular (yellow can) and Gentlease (purple can)
New or gently used infant or children's books
Rice packs/lotions, breast pads for mother's comfort
\$25 gas only, gas cards
Cash donations also accepted



**They have extended their offerings to include items for children up to 3 years old and are especially in need of these items.*



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

May 19-21, 2026

The parish rummage sale for charity, is coming up soon, just in time for spring cleaning! This is a great chance for parishioners to clean out the clutter and other possessions you no longer need.

DROP OFF SCHEDULE: MAY 14-16 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

These are the available hours for donating items. **PLEASE, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

We are unable to accept large pieces of indoor exercise equipment (treadmills, stationary bikes, etc.), expired baby items like car seats and cribs, non-flat screen monitors or TVs.

SALE DATES ARE MAY 19-21: MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND ALWAYS WELCOME!

No experience necessary. Help is needed from May 14-21, times are flexible.

Sign-up sheets are at the welcome circle in the gathering space or contact Emily Richards emily.dale87@gmail.com.

Happy 92nd Birthday



**Henrietta
Zentik**

March 18, 2026

Christ Renews for Women

Christ Renews is an on-going process for personal spiritual renewal of women over the age of 18 that results in the renewal of our faith community. The process begins with a weekend of prayer, talks given by women of our Midland Area parishes, times of silence and reflection, social activities and small group discussion. This is a wonderful time spent exploring our faith and growing in relationship with Christ. It is held at the **Blessed Sacrament Parish Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th and ending about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th, 2026.** Note: This is not an overnight retreat. The renewal weekend is a gift from the women putting on the weekend to the women attending the weekend. Volunteers provide food and service. There is no cost.

For more information & to register, contact Blessed Sacrament parish office at (989) 835-6777 or Jeanthiele@gmail.com



Every Child Matters

New Ministry to Invisible Youth

If you've never interacted with people in jail or detention, it's common to have concerns:

Q: These children have very big problems. Occasional visits won't solve their problems, so why bother?

Yes, many of the children we will be visiting have major life problems but this question misses the point. Only God can solve those sorts of serious problems; the ultimate outcome isn't our responsibility. What IS our responsibility is to show up and be a friend to those in need. Kids in detention generally don't have many reliable adults to support them. One genuine connection might mean a lot.

For more information, contact Julie 989-631-6735 or email maurer.julie@yahoo.com



MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRUCK!

**Wednesday,
July 22nd**

We have reached our financial goal to sponsor this July's Food Truck.

Thank you so much for your generous support!

However, we need 80 volunteers for the day, we have 34, **need 46 more** to assist with: checking in of volunteers, unloading pallets of food, filling grocery carts, unloading the carts in people's vehicles, and traffic control. Please take time to sign-up to help out with this very important ministry to those in need of food for their table. Families are welcomed! Distribution of food will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd; volunteers are needed from 8 am til 12 pm (you can sign-up for any or all of the time); lunch will be provided. Questions or to sign-up, please call the office at 989-631-4447.



*Thank You,
Christian Service
Committee
Let's make this
a day that
truly lives
out the
Gospel
Message:
"For when
I was hungry
you gave me
to eat!"
(Mt 25)*

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Jim Bessert and Deacon John Copes (from Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 2956 E. North Union Road, Bay City) will be hosting a **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** (which includes Rome and Siena) from October 19th 2026, through October 26th, We will be hosting an Informational meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2026, in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 am Mass (approximately 12:30 pm). For more information contact Mark Dyson 913-216-2985 or Mark.dyson413@gmail.com. Mike Dyson 517-719-0727 Mike@mikedyson1.com or Mike Kowatch 517-980-0826 Mikeko2@aol.com from the **ETI CHRISTIAN TOURS.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jail & Prison Ministry Gathering

May 18, 2026

Join other Catholic jail and prison ministers from the Diocese of Saginaw to feed your ministry with prayer and fellowship. This gathering will take place on Monday, May 18, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw.

To register, go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5-18-26> or call Kelly Hadd at 989.797.6655.

Have you ever considered Jail or Prison Ministry? Contact Kelly Hadd to learn more at khadd@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655.

ABVM Faith Formation Commission
Minutes of Meeting / March 17, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Linda Brown, John Graveline, Wendy Graveline, Jane Labby, Kathy Russell, Marcia Schneider

Actions and Discussions:

We opened with the Faith Formation Commission Prayer.

1) **Adult Faith Formation** – John Graveline

- a. Baptism/OCIA Prep – Four (4) people/families are at various stages of preparation.
- b. Thursday Scripture Reflection – 10-12 people are participating regularly. Insightful discussions continue.
- c. Monday Lent Opportunities – 20-30 people per night have been attending.
- d. Book Study continues to be well attended, with vibrant discussions.

2) **Youth Ministry** – Kathy Russell

- a. MS & HS Youth Ministry – Sessions for the year will wrap up this Sunday. The session will include the Stations of the Cross in the woods and discussing the Easter Season.
- b. Confirmation
 - i. Four people that completed the pilot Confirmation preparation are ready for Confirmation. The parish is waiting for a response from the Bishop's office.
 - ii. Four classes remain for the 1st year of preparation for the 34 people in the first Confirmation group to utilize the new curriculum.
- c. Y2Y - Theme: "Jam Out With Jesus" is set for April 18-19th. Registration is in progress.
- d. 5th Grade "Welcome to YM" to be held Sunday, April 12th.
- e. Summer event information (NDVision, ACTS (989), etc.) continues to roll in and will be posted soon.

3) **Children's Faith Formation** – Wendy Graveline

- a. CFF and CLOW – Four more sessions for the school year, which wraps up the last Sunday in April.
- b. "Liturgy of the Light" for CGS will be held the first Sunday after Easter.
- c. Four students receiving First Eucharist. The retreat and Mass will be held in April.
- d. The First Reconciliation Retreat and service will be held this weekend.

4) **Future Planning**

- a. Review and update the charter for the Faith Formation Commission.
 - i. We need to understand the purpose for this commission and update the charter to more accurately reflect the role within the ABVM parish.
 - ii. Consider the Bishop's call to pray to understand what is needed, giving more time for prayerful consideration, rather than focusing on tasks.
 - iii. We need to re-engage with the Parish Council, in order to understand how we can most effectively support the parish from a faith formation perspective.
 - iv. Kathy Russell will gather information about the other commissions so we have a better understanding of what they do so we can understand how we can best collaborate and support faith formation opportunities for the parish.
- b. The April meeting will focus on updating the charter. We will begin with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Labby

Next meeting:
April 28, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

East Region Council of Catholic Women

The East Region Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Meeting on:

Wednesday, May 20,
at St. John Church /Good Shepherd Parish
4476 N. Washington St., Ubyly.

Registration & refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated, and lunch will be served.

Cost is \$15. Speakers will be Fr. Ron Wagner with the topic of "Prayer Dialogue with the Lord" and Tony Szygiel, who will speak on the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. All women of the Diocese are invited! *Please RSVP to Rose Lilly at 810-359-7610 / lillytad310@gmail.com. before May 17.*

LifeClinic Community Resources

Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center in Midland
Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 – 9:00pm

Join LifeClinic Community Resources for our 2026 "For Such a Time as This" Gala – an inspiring evening celebrating how God is restoring hope, removing barriers, and empowering life-affirming choices across the Great Lakes Bay Region. Enjoy a meaningful meal, exciting ministry updates, and a powerful keynote message from Claire Culwell as we reflect on all God has done and look ahead to the work still to come. This is LifeClinic's primary fundraising event of the year, helping us meet the growing needs of the women and men we serve. Doak Stolz has sponsored a table and has 10 seats available for this year's event. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office or Kathy Russell.

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Weekend Offerings

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Weekly Envelopes	\$6,607
Online Giving (3/30-4/5)	\$2,973
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Donations	\$2,400
Weekend Total	\$21,980
Weekly Goal	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$12,749

Month of March

Weekly Envelopes	\$21,965
Online Giving	\$11,475
Donations	\$11,400
Total	\$44,840
Weekly Goal	\$46,155
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$1,315)

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