



FOURTH SUNDAY of Easter

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

April 26, 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.

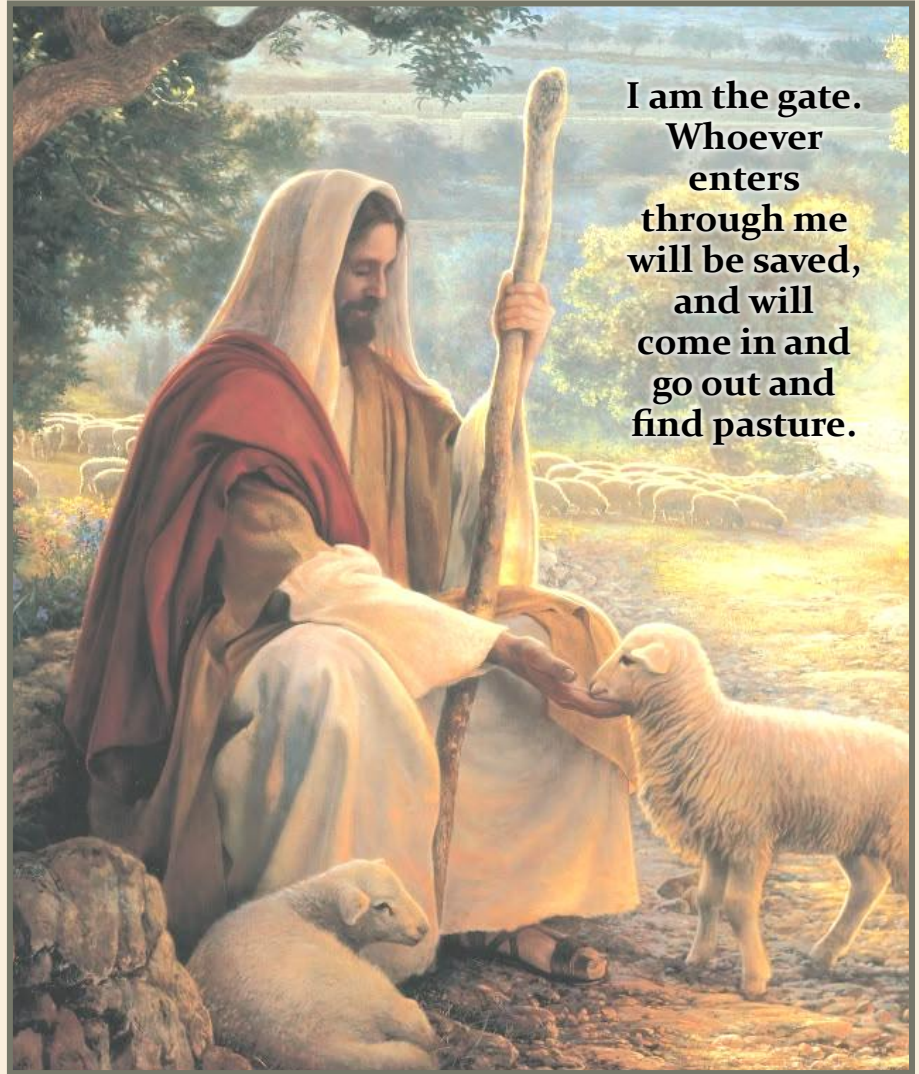
See inside the bulletin for the weekday schedule of worship services.

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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

From our Director of Parish Life



"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive in God in Christ Jesus." – Romans 6:9-11

Being present at the moment of birth. Being present at the moment of death. The wonderful time that we had at a wedding, celebrating the love of family and friends. The compassionate presence and touch of a loved one during a time of grief or a health crisis. A great meal, with delightful food and drink and conversation with great company. A moment of sacrifice, when someone puts their immediate concerns or even their life on hold to save someone else. When a parent, child, teacher, or coach lets you know that they are proud of you and support you. Moments of deep intimacy, such as a honeymoon. When we take accountability for our faults and someone offers us forgiveness, or the times that we have extended forgiveness in our deepest hearts even if the offender will never know. These are the moments that we remember throughout our lives. So many days and months will pass by and never be remembered. But these moments carry deep meaning within our hearts and endure in our memories.

Over the past month, we have experienced liturgically the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, the meaning of his saving death and resurrection, the greatest moment of human history. This is good, but what do these 2000-year-old stories of Jesus have to do with us, living our lives in Midland, Michigan, USA in 2026?

"Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld." – Revelation 1:17-18

We call the Gospel "Good News" because Jesus rose from the dead. When he did so, he destroyed the power of sin, selfishness, alienation, and death forever. Most importantly, we Christians believe that **Jesus Christ is Alive!** Not just in our hearts and minds, but really alive today in his body. We can encounter the living presence of the risen Jesus right here and now as surely as Jesus' disciples experienced him on the road to Emmaus in last weekend's Gospel passage. (Luke 24:13-35)

This passage is vital to us as Catholic Christians in our particular place and moment in history in that it shows us three ways in which Christ Jesus, risen and alive, is present to us here and now, seeking a deep spiritual friendship with us: through the Bible, through the Sacraments, and through the believing and beloved community of the Church. This corresponds to three central aspects about what it means to be human: that we have intelligence and reason

(language), that we are composed of both matter (body) and spirit, and that we are social by nature, in an symbiotic network of relationships that define us, nourish us, and enable us to survive. Let's examine this threefold reality more closely:

- The Scriptures. God reveals the truth about himself, about ourselves and other people, and all of creation through human stories and language. There are many wise books and teachers. But the Bible is unique. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, it has the power to change us—to transform our hearts and lives. The saints have experienced this. True wisdom comes from seeing God, ourselves, others, and our world the way God sees them and to live according to that vision with integrity. That is why knowing the scriptures is essential, why we see Jesus sharing the understanding of the scriptures with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. To know the Scriptures is to know the living and effective Word of God, who is Jesus. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 108)

- The Sacraments. We are body and spirit. Sacraments are a continuation of Jesus' saving work in our world. Jesus enters into our most sacred moments: birth and death, marriage and family, sacrifices and meals, moments of illness, healing, and reconciliation. As human beings, we learn things through our senses. We need not just the words of God, but also his touch through the sacramental symbols of water, oil, bread, wine, etc. This healing touch of Jesus encounters us right here and now, communicating his eternal life to us in the midst of our busy and messy lives, our questions and doubts such as Jesus

encountered the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Having experienced his touch sacramentally, we are called to bring that compassionate, healing touch of Christ to everyone we meet.

- The Church community. Americans tend to prize their individualism and self-reliance, but the deepest truth is that we are intimately connected with and interdependent upon one another. None of us can survive physically, emotionally, or spiritually in isolation from others. We are created through a communion of love and we are destined to find our deepest meaning through giving ourselves away as a gift of love. This is why love is the foundation of all creation, it is the goal of all freedom and morality, and it will be the final culmination of the new creation established by the resurrection of Jesus. Even though the disciples on the road to Emmaus were walking away from the church in Jerusalem, they immediately returned to the rejoicing community after their experience of the risen Jesus.

When Jesus disappeared from sight at the end of the story of Jesus' encounter with his disciples on the road to Emmaus, he didn't abandon us. He remains alive and continues to do his healing and saving ministry now through the ministry of the Church in Word, Sacrament, and Community. We can encounter him in a privileged way through these gifts that he has given us for our healing and redemption. May we always gratefully receive these gifts of Christ's presence, grow in our relationship with Jesus through them, and bless others by our witness of compassionate love.

John



BRING A FLOWER FOR MARY

We will be honoring our first *Follower of Jesus* in the month of May by crowning her with flowers after our Mass on **May 3rd**. Feel

free to bring your own flower to Mary, our most blessed mother.

Vases will be provided around our statue in the church.

**Hail Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for Us!**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whom-ever the Lord will call." Acts 2:38-39

St. Peter urged people to be baptized and accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They were to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As baptized people, do we follow in Christ's footsteps? Are our hearts and minds committed to our role as baptized Catholics? Pray about how you might better follow in Christ's footsteps and how you might assist in others doing so.



Worship Schedule

ASSUMPTION	
MON, April 27 Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18	_____
TUES, April 28 Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, April 29 Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, April 30 Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, May 1 Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	8:00a Mass 8:30a Rosary
SAT, May 2 Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	11:00a Carl Zupic Funeral Mass 4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, May 3 Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12	9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

V is for Vocation: Fr. William J. Rutkowski



We give thanks for Fr. William Rutkowski, Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Saginaw and Vicar General and Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of Saginaw. We pray for Fr. Bill for his ministry to the faithful as well as for his duties in the diocese including the College of Consultors and the Presbyteral Council. A native of Ubyly in the Thumb, Fr. Bill received a BA degree in Philosophy from Saint Mary's College, Orchard Lake, in 1983 and a Master of Divinity degree from Saint John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, in 1987. He has served at twelve different parishes in the diocese over the years since his ordination in November 1987. What is God calling you to do?

Learn more about vocations: <https://saginaw.org/vocations>
God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is Your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the church as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen. (USCCB)

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 **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)*

This weekend is our monthly Food Pantry Collection April 25/26



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

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

will be served after
Mass on

Sunday, May 3rd!

Please plan to join in!



~ This Week ~

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Mass

**Last C.L.O.W. & Last CFF
Food Pantry Weekend**

Monday, April 27

10:00 am Stitch and Chat

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary followed by meditation

3:15 pm Monicas

5:30 pm Faith Formation Comm Mtg

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

7:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture

Friday, May 1

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rosary

Saturday, May 2

11:00 am Carl Zupic Funeral Mass

4:30 pm Mass

Baby Shower Collection

Sunday, May 3

9:30 am Mass

1st Eucharist Celebration

May Crowning

Coffee and Donut Sunday

Baby Shower Collection



HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE GRADUATES



We would like to celebrate with you on

**Sunday, May 31st
at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**

Followed by a reception for you & your family.

If you are or have a senior in high school, you will be receiving an invitation this week to the Graduation Mass and reception (parents, too, will receive a letter!) If you are not able to attend, we would still like to honor you in our graduation insert. **Please send a senior photo and information about future plans!**

College graduates...

We do not send out invitations, but if you or your son/daughter are graduating from college, **please email Kathy Russell at kathyr@assumptionmidland.org by Wednesday, May 20th.**

Let us know the college you are graduating from, your degree, future plans, send a photo, and let us know if you and your family will be able to attend Mass and the reception following.

Congratulations to all graduates!

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

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 and to register, scan the QR code.

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



Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Apr 26

Last CFF and Last CLOW

Thank you for a great year!

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!

May 31

Graduation Mass

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



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.

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.





your kindness save a life

Donate Blood

Monday
May

11

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 Community Blood Drive

Multi-Purpose Room
3516 Monroe Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

- Call 866-642-5663
- Visit versiti.org/mi
- Or scan the QR code below

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

Help achieve hospital needs goal of 15+ donation while impacting 45 lives in Michigan Hospitals!



Open Door

Once a month, you could find a half dozen women in the church kitchen early in the morning. The grocery shopping has already occurred. They are preparing a meal to be served at Open Door. The meal provides



lunch to 75-100 people. Another group of parishioners serves lunch also.

This Assumption ministry, reaches out and provides nourishment to members of our community in need.

If you would financially like to give, you can give online through Our Sunday Visitor portal at <https://www.osvhub.com/assumptionmary/giving/funds>, you can scan the QR code or drop a donation into the collection basket with "Open Door" written on the memo line.

Thank you to all our volunteers for helping those in need and to our generous donors for your financial contributions!

If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact the parish office.



The Knights of Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141 would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to those who supported the council's Tootsie Roll drive on Palm Sunday weekend. The collection of \$496.26 will be shared with Special Olympics Area 30 [Midland County], Tall In The Saddle, and The Arc of Midland.

You're Invited!!

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

K of C Exemplification Ceremony

Wednesday, May 6
at 7:30pm in DuRussel Hall

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



Save the Date

June 15-18, 2026
at Blessed Sacrament

LADIES of BLESSED SACRAMENT RUMMAGE SALE

3109 Swede Ave, Midland

RUMMAGE SALE HOURS:

Wednesday, May 20th / 9 am – 5 pm
Thursday, May 21st / 9 am – 5 pm
Friday, May 22nd (bag day) / 9 am – Noon

No Public Pre-Sale!!!

All proceeds will go to local charities!



THIRD ANNUAL



DIocese OF SAGINAW CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION BANQUET



Thursday, May 7, 2026

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Parish

3516 E. Monroe Rd

Midland, Michigan

Cost: \$35
For Questions or RSVP
clergydinner2026@gmail.com

Hosted by:

**Knights of Columbus, Assembly #2974
& Council #2141 of Midland, MI**

Proceeds: Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma



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.

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.*

Diocese of Saginaw Migrant Collection

Migrant workers are a big part of all those that do the essential work needed to help feed our nation. Some migrant workers have nothing but each other, some clothes, and their faith in God, and yet, are filled with gratitude. The Diocese of Saginaw's Migrant Ministry programs are not possible without help from people like you.

You may drop off food, clothing items, and monetary donations **beginning May 16/17 and concluding May 31st**. This will take the place of our monthly food pantry collection. (** high demand items*)

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

- White Flour*
- Shortening*
- Baking Powder*
- Cooking Oil
- Corn
- Pinto Beans
- Rice
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Salt & Black Pepper
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baby Diapers
- All sizes children's clothing*

Men's and Women's clothing suitable for field work: long sleeve shirts, jeans/workpants, shoes, socks.



ASSUMPTION PARISH

A SACRED MUSIC CONCERT:

ELIJAH

Approaching the Solemnity of
PENTECOST

Assumption Cathedral &
Assumption Parish
present the monumental
Oratorio "Elijah"
by Felix Mendelssohn.

The performance will feature
choir, soloists,
chamber orchestra with organ.

First Performance:

3 PM, SUNDAY
MAY 17TH, 2026
Cathedral of Mary
of the Assumption
615 Hoyt Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Second Performance:

6:30 PM, THURSDAY
MAY 21ST, 2026
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
3516 E. Monroe Rd.
Midland, MI

Free Admission | Freewill Offering



Come join your Assumption Parish family!

You're Invited!

Take Mom to Brunch

Sunday, May 10

**DuRussel Hall
after the
9:30am Mass**

**Sign up in the Gathering Space or call
the parish office: 989-631-4447**



Fresh Fruit • Scrambled Eggs • Smoked Ham
Bacon & Onion Potatoes • Polish Meatballs
Roasted Carrots • Applesauce • Mixed Greens
Fresh Baked Breads • Assorted Cereals • All the fixin's!!

Meal provided by Assumption Parish and supported by
Knights of Columbus - Fr. Henry P. DuRussel Council 2141



Assumption of the B. V. M.

May 2026

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Phone: 989-631-4447
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Mass / 9:30am May Crowning 1st Eucharist Celebration Coffee & Donut Sunday Baby Shower Collection	4 Y2Y Reunion at Blessed Sacrament 6pm	5 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm	6 Open Door Prep 8am Serving at Open Door 10am Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C Exemplification 7:30pm 25th Anniversary Church Dedication	7 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm K of C Clergy & Religious Appreciation Banquet w/Bishop	8 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	9 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Elijah Rehearsal 11am-1pm Mass / 4:30pm Baby Shower Collection
10 Mass / 9:30am Happy Mother's Day (brunch after Mass) Baby Shower Collection	11 Stitch and Prayer 9:45am Liturgy Meeting/10:30am Blood Drive 1:30-6pm	12 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Christian Service Meeting / 5:30pm	13 Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	14 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	15 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	16 Serving at Open Door / 10am Mass / 4:30pm Migrant Worker Collection
17 ASCENSION Mass / 9:30am Migrant Worker Collection	18 BeFriender Meeting 1-2:30pm	19 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation Monicas / 3:15pm Faith Form Mtg/5:30pm Finance Meeting/7pm	20 Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	21 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Mendelssohn's Elijah Concert / 6:30pm	22 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Global Compassion Dinner / 5:30pm	23 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary PENTECOST VIGIL Mass / 4:30pm Migrant Worker Collection
24 PENTECOST Mass / 9:30am Migrant Worker Collection	25 Office Closed Memorial Day Mass at New Calvary 8:30am (Assumption to host)	26 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Monicas / 3:15pm (last one before summer break)	27 Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	28 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Choir Practice 7pm	29 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am	30 Mass / 4:30pm Migrant Worker Collection
31 HOLY TRINITY Mass / 9:30am Graduation Mass Migrant Worker Collection	Rummage Sale Drop Off 9am-5pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday					
Rummage Sale 9am-7pm Tues / 9am-5pm Wed / 9am-12noon Thurs						



ABVM Administration/Finance Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

Present: John Graveline, Dave Vickery – Chairperson, Barbara Junga,
Sandy Martinski, April Timm, Paul Brown, Sean Richards
Absent: Brenda Gordert



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

John Graveline led the group in prayer.

The meeting minutes from February 10, 2026 were approved.

New Member

- We welcomed Sean Richards as a new member of the Council. He is also on the Pastoral Council and will act as our liaison there.

Administrator's Report

- Our CMA goal has been met for the year.
- Historically, what is returned to the parish from excess has gone into the Education account. That account is currently low.
- Additionally, St. Brigid's per pupil assessment will be increasing.

Finance Council By-laws

- The new Finance Council By-laws were approved during a zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. John, Paul, Barb and Dave were present at the meeting and provided a quorum for the vote. The highlights of the changes were briefly reviewed. The only question asked was on the term limits and tracking. John answered that we will start formally tracking terms on the Council with the start of the new fiscal year. We will stagger the official start dates to manage turnover of members. The new By-laws go into effect July 1, 2026 – the start of our new fiscal year.

Establishing Parish Capital/Endowment Fund

- The information shared by Kristin Smith, the Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan, on the typical setup of the Capital/Endowment Fund campaign structure and responsibilities was shared. The next step is to fill the roles for the campaign. Dave will get with John to make a first pass proposing people for roles. The council members were asked to share any suggestions.

Finance Review FY 2025-2026

- The January and February statements were reviewed. Overall, the parish remains in a good position for the year. Much better than this time last year.

Building and Grounds

- Two roof leaks have started. John has had them looked at. Further plans are being made to address the leaks.
- John shared preliminary Pre-Design & Pre-Construction proposal from Three Rivers for the school wing restroom renovations. The Council approved moving forward with the Schematic Design and Pre-Construction aspects. There will be a \$6,700 fee for that work, but it will be applied to renovations costs if we go with Three Rivers.
- Discussed potential donation to CMU Focus Retreat.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by David Vickery

Future Meeting Dates:

April 21, 2026 May 19, 2026

Free Concert

The Midland Community Orchestra will be performing a FREE concert on:

Sunday, April 26th
at Bullock Creek High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our country and saluting our military troops and families. The concert will feature American composers. Clarinetist, Louis Huang and violinist, Sarah Ryden, will be featured.

Author Visit for I Surrender, A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975

Author Kathleen Osberger is coming to the Blessed Sacrament parish center on May 6th at 6:30 to discuss her book and answer questions about her memoir of her time in Chile in 1975. In the book, the author recounts her experience at the young age of 22, when she was drawn into the work of religious women and clergy who courageously stood up to the Pinochet dictatorship to defend the lives of dissidents. Her story illuminates the continuing struggle for human rights especially as it relates to Catholic Social Teaching which is why the Social Justice Committee of Blessed Sacrament is supporting her visit.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

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.



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Weekend Offerings

April 18/19, 2026

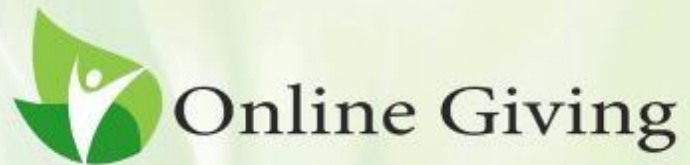
Weekly Envelopes \$2,880
 Online Giving (4/13–4/19) \$2,550
 Donations \$0
 Weekend Total \$5,430
 Weekly Goal \$9,231
 Overage/(Shortfall) (\$3,801)

April 1-19, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$13,920
 Online Giving \$8,737
 Donations \$12,400
 Total \$35,057
 Weekly Goal \$27,693
 Overage/(Shortfall) \$7,364

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