



# Happy Mother's Day

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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

May 10, 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.

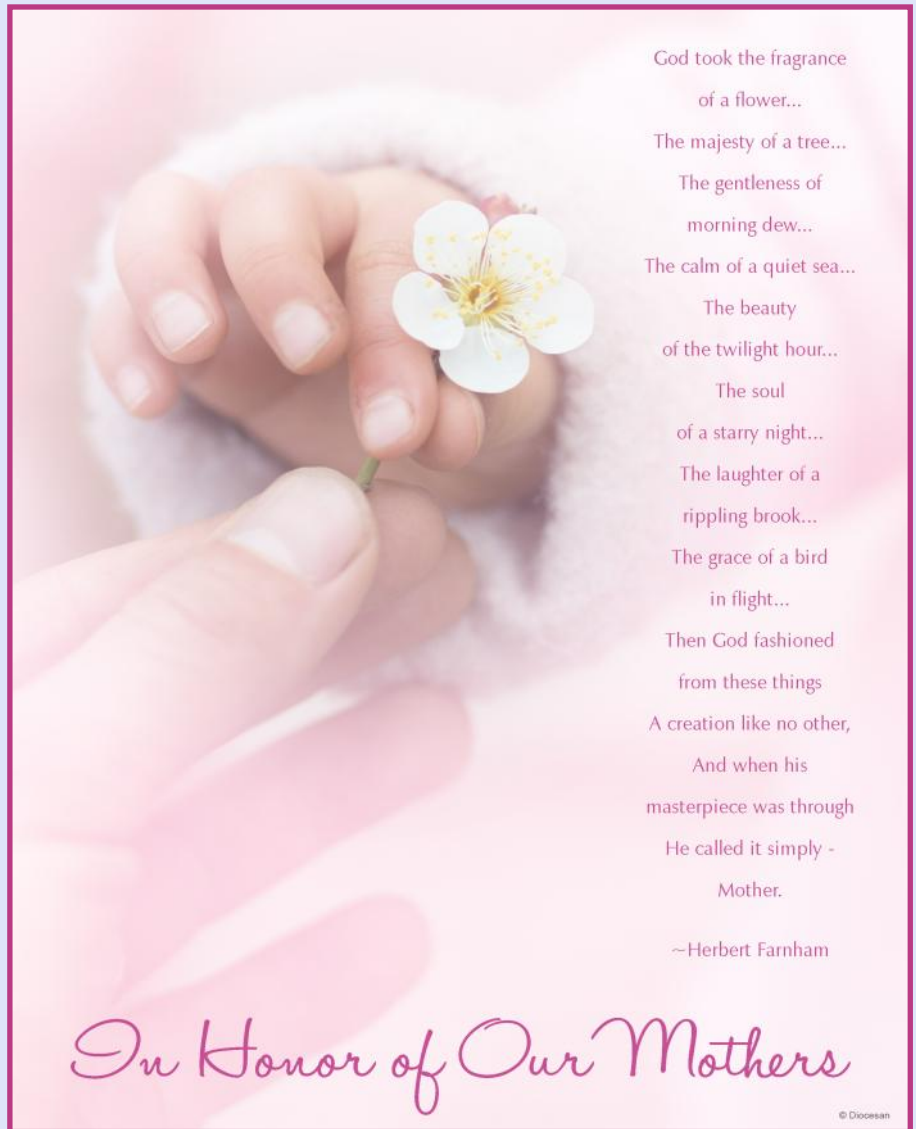
See inside the bulletin for the weekday schedule of worship services.

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God took the fragrance  
of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of  
morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty  
of the twilight hour...  
The soul  
of a starry night...  
The laughter of a  
rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird  
in flight...  
Then God fashioned  
from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his  
masterpiece was through  
He called it simply -  
Mother.  
~Herbert Farnham

*In Honor of Our Mothers*

#### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to surgeries, hospitalizations, or because of health concerns are asked to please contact the parish office. Otherwise, please notify the parish office if you or a family member is ill, homebound or hospitalized.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY at noon**



*"Faith of our mothers/Faith and pray'r/Shall win all nations unto thee . . . Faith of our mothers, holy faith/We will be true to thee till death." – James G. Walton, adapted for the hymn Faith of our Fathers by Frederick W. Faber*

Some quick thoughts this week:

• **Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, and maternal figures!** Our hearts are filled with gratitude for you every day, but especially on this day when we commemorate the love that you have given us and the sacrifices that you have made so that we can become all that God has created us to be. I know that I would not be who I am and would not be blessed to serve this faith community without the faith of my mother, grandmothers, and all the women who have inspired, taught, and mentored me. May God bless you always!

• This past Wednesday, May 6, we commemorated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our current worship space. Once again, we are filled with gratitude for those who planned, built, gave sacrificial offerings, and have cared for this house of God and God's people. According to theologian Walter Kasper, to be *church* (*ekklesia* in Greek and *qahal* in Hebrew) is to be a people who have been gathered together by the Holy Spirit, around the Eucharist, through which we become the Body of Christ. It is truly a blessing to have such a dignified and beautiful church building in which we, as a people, can be and become *church*. We will continue to celebrate this anniversary throughout the year, and we will discuss as the year goes on how we can best steward this precious gift with which we have been blessed.

• As the weather gets better and the school year winds down, I would like to encourage us all to participate in the Eucharist every week, no matter where our summer leisure plans will take us. At Mass, we encounter Jesus in a privileged manner, in God's Word and at the Eucharistic table. Every week, we have the opportunity to deepen our Communion with God in a sacramental way. It can be tempting to put Mass on the "back burner" in the summer; however, let's make the commitment to keep our connection to God and God's people at the forefront this summer.

• In a similar vein, we often see not only a decline in attendance over the summer, but also a decline in weekly tithes. Taking advantage of our online giving option has been a blessing for our family. Family gatherings and celebrations, vacation, and other summer activities can mean that sometime worship at another Catholic parish. But our online giving ensures that our tithes continue according to our budgeted plan. I would encourage you to sign up for online giving using our website or bulletin before summer begins. This would be a blessing for us, and a blessing for you, helping keep our hearts grateful for the many blessings with which God has blessed us.

*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." – Isaiah 66:13*

Finally, I was asked to share this message with the parish family from parishioner Mark Bassett. Please continue to keep the Bassett family in your prayers. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

*John*

*To the parishioners of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish,*

Everyone has a different definition of a miracle. My wife Mary is very generous with her use of the term, which is one of the reasons I love her and need her. She sees the work of God's hands in her everyday life which is a beautiful way to see the world. I, on the other hand, tend to be much stingier with my use of the term, a true "Doubting Thomas." I've searched back in my life many times and I've had one maybe two events that meet my bar for the definition of miracle. There are many times I wish I could see the world through Mary's eyes.

As some of you know, our family has had to deal with an unbelievable tragedy. Despite that, we've had blessings and also something that meets my definition of a miracle. Jaclyn, our son Matthew's wife, was 7 1/2 months pregnant when her uterus suddenly ruptured. Tragically our granddaughter Lilianne didn't make it through the

event and Jaclyn was without a pulse for roughly 55 minutes as they performed CPR in the ambulance and the emergency room while undergoing an emergency C-section. She also had a minor stroke. When they were finally able to restore a weak pulse, the initial prognosis was that IF she survived, statistics show that <1% of people survive after having CPR that long, there was a very good chance that she would have permanent and severe brain damage.

At that point, we reached out to people all over the country asking for prayers. The way people responded was amazing and true blessing to me. It reminds me of the ending sequence of *It's a Wonderful Life*. We were also blessed with the opportunity to meet and hold our beautiful granddaughter Lilianne before they had to take her away. We will forever cherish the opportunity to hold, kiss, and speak to her and I know she's in heaven praying for all of us. The true miracle is what has happened with Jaclyn. Not only has she survived but her prognosis is miraculous. The doctors now believe that she will return to full health with no severe damage. I want to thank Father Rick, John, and the people of this parish for their prayers and support. I know without a shadow of a doubt that they were heard, and God blessed us by saving Jaclyn. Even my cynical eyes can see the work of God's hand through all of this. Thank you again to all of you who kept our family in your prayers through this crisis.

*Sincerely, Mark Bassett*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



*"... sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." 1 Peter 3:15*

Stewardship is a way of living – not just an action or many actions. It is embracing a stewardship way of life. It is in one's heart and therefore part of a steward's words and actions. Knowing that all you have and all your talents are gifts from God is the reason for hope.

Worship Schedule	
ASSUMPTION	
<b>MON, May 11</b> Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a	_____
<b>TUES, May 12</b> Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	<b>8:00a Mass</b> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
<b>WED, May 13</b> Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	<b>6:30p Mass</b> <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
<b>THUR, May 14</b> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	<b>8:00a Mass</b> 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
<b>FRI, May 15</b> Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	<b>8:00a Mass</b> 8:30a Rosary
<b>SAT, May 16</b> Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	<b>4:30p Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUN, May 17</b> Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20	<b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b> <b>9:30a Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>

## V is for Vocation: Motherhood



*We give thanks and pray for all those who have sought motherhood.*

Lord God, we pray that all mothers be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love for others. We pray that all might treasure the gift of motherhood and support God's plan for life and love.

We pray that children will honor their mothers' many sacrifices by lives of service and virtue. We pray that the Lord will protect all unborn sons and daughters and bring them to a safe delivery. We pray that the Lord grant peace to all married couples who are struggling with infertility, as they hope for the gift of a child. We pray that mothers who grieve and mourn, especially those who have lost a child before birth, may find consolation in God's promise of life. Amen. *(adapted from USCCB)*



## Sacraments of Initiation



Congratulations to our parishioners who have received Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Season (photos on the left)! Our neophyte, Issac Feng, received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at this year's Easter Vigil. The Cuesta family (parents Henry and Virginia and their children Eden and Elijah) were welcomed into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church on the Third Sunday of Easter. Four of our Good Shepherd young disciples (Eden, Hadley, Hailey, and Henry) also are receiving their First Communions during the Easter Season. The entire faith community is inspired by the faith and devotion of our young disciples and their families.



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*Please keep them in your prayers.*



## ~ This Week ~

**Sunday, May 10**  
9:30 am Mass

**Happy Mother's Day**  
(brunch after Mass)

**Baby Shower Collection**



**Monday, May 11**

9:45 am Stitch and Prayer  
10:30 am Liturgy Meeting  
1:30 pm Blood Drive

**Tuesday, May 12**

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

**Wednesday, May 13**

6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

**Thursday, May 14**

8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture

**Rummage Sale Drop-off**  
9am-5pm / Thursday—Saturday

**Friday, May 15**

8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Rosary

**Saturday, May 16**

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

**Egg Roll Sale after Mass**

**Migrant Worker Collection**

**Sunday, May 17**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

9:30 am Mass

**Migrant Worker 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](mailto: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!**

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

*- Joe Paprocki*

### Catholic Communication Campaign

Support the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Saginaw to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message by making your checks payable to Assumption with the memo line "**Catholic Communication Campaign.**" There is an envelope in your packet or you can give online at Our Sunday Visitor.

*If you have any further questions, please contact Maria Coss in the Mission Office at [mcoss@diosaq.org](mailto:mcoss@diosaq.org) or call 989.797.6646.*

## Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

### CHILDREN

June 15-18 Vacation Bible School  
Being held at Blessed Sacrament



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](mailto: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**  
June 16-19 Acts (989)



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

# ACTS (989)

## SERVICE RETREAT

### SERVE THE CITY ENCOUNTER THE SAVIOR

JUNE 16TH-19TH, 2026  
NOUVEL HIGH SCHOOL, SAGINAW  
OPEN TO YOUTH ACROSS THE DIOCESE  
ENTERING 9TH GRADE TO GRADUATING SENIORS



ACTS (989) is the new service retreat for the Diocese of Saginaw that is open to youth across the diocese (entering 9th grade to graduating seniors). During the day, students will serve throughout Saginaw, and in the evening will experience a high-powered retreat with fun, speakers, Adoration, worship, and more.

**Date: June 16-19, 2026**

**Cost: \$50**

**Location: Nouvel Catholic High School, Saginaw**

**Registration deadline:**

Friday, May 29, 2026

**Register by scanning the QR Code**



## Happy 25th Anniversary

This past Wednesday, May 6, marked the 25th anniversary of the dedication of Assumption's new church, our current worship space. As we celebrate this milestone, we gratefully recall the generosity and commitment of the Assumption parish family, who raised this building through their volunteer labor and faith-filled support. May God continue to bless our church, and all who gather here, throughout the years to come!



*Pictured left: Bishop Ken Untener blesses the church doors and the congregation during the dedication of Assumption's new worship space on May 6, 2001.*



*The dedication took place at Sunday morning Mass, with Bishop Untener officiating and Father Robert Davey concelebrating.*

## 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.*

## Help Newcomers Find Community

**Imagine that you're new to the neighborhood and searching for a church to call home...where would you look, and how would you decide where to go?**

For many people, this search begins online. If being part of Assumption Parish has enriched your life, consider helping newcomers discover our faith community by leaving an online review: Scan the QR code or search for our parish on Google Maps and click "Write a Review."

*Thanks for giving our online visitors a warm welcome!*



## 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 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
Cathedral of Mary  
of the Assumption  
615 Hoyt Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

### Second Performance:

6:30 PM, THURSDAY  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026  
Assumption of the  
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## Knights of Columbus



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

Check out the website at:  
[www.KofC2141.org](http://www.KofC2141.org).

## 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](http://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!



## 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 41 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.

*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)*

### Marriage Preparation Workshops

The Saginaw Diocese offers four, one-day Marriage Preparation Workshops each year. These sessions are meant to provide formation for couples coming forward for the Sacrament of Marriage that can either compliment what is done through the parish (Couple-to-Couple programs) or stand alone. The workshops feature presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private discussion, and prayer. To register go to the Saginaw Diocese website, navigate to the Events section, and sort on Marriage Classes/Workshops/Prep: [Diocese of Saginaw | Events](http://Diocese of Saginaw | Events). Workshop costs is \$90. **The workshops are held at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Upcoming dates: Saturday, July 18, 2026, Saturday, October 17, 2026.**

Questions, please contact Kelly Hadd at 989.797.6655.

### 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.

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

May 19-21, 2026



The parish rummage sale for charity, is coming up soon, just in time for spring cleaning!

#### DROP OFF SCHEDULE:

**MAY 14-16 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

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

Tuesday, May 19.....9 am – 7 pm

Wednesday, May 20.....9 am – 5 pm

Thursday, May 21 (bag day).....9 am – Noon

**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](mailto:emily.dale87@gmail.com).

*May 16 after Mass @ ABVM*  
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# RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

## Midland Area Catholic Churches Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School

*Where:* Blessed Sacrament Church (3109 Swede Ave)

*When:* Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18

*Time:* 9:00am to 12:00noon

*Cost* (includes Rainforest Falls music CD or digital download code):

\$30 for one child

\$50 for two siblings in the same family

\$70 for three or more siblings in the same family

Register with this link or using the QR code on this flyer

<https://www.blessed-midland.org/events/vacation-bible-school/>

Deadline for Registration and Payment is June 8.

We need volunteers to make this week a success! Volunteer using the same link!

Questions?

Contact

Corinne Cathcart at (989) 835-6777 or [corinnec@blessed-midland.org](mailto:corinnec@blessed-midland.org)

or Wendy Graveline at (989) 631-4447 or [cff@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:cff@assumptionmidland.org)

or Bailey Delaney at (989) 835-7121 or [bdelaney@stbrigid-midland.org](mailto:bdelaney@stbrigid-midland.org)



**WELCOMING**  
*New Member*

Assumption would like to welcome our newest member who has joined our parish community:

**Gordon Hall**

*We welcome you as we grow in faith together!*

If you are interested in becoming a member of our parish community, please call the parish office at (989) 631-4447.



Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT  
RUMMAGE SALE**

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

**Weekend Offerings**

**May 2/3, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes .....	\$5,637
Online Giving (4/27–5/3) .....	\$3,620
Donations .....	\$5,000
Weekend Total .....	\$14,257
Weekly Goal .....	\$9,231
Overage/(Shortfall) .....	\$5,026

**Month of April**

Weekly Envelopes .....	\$17,122
Online Giving .....	\$9,828
Donations .....	\$13,400
Total .....	\$40,350
Goal .....	\$36,924
Overage/(Shortfall) .....	\$3,426

**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.*



**Praise and Worship is  
Thursday, May 21st!**

**At Our Lady of Grace Church  
in Sanford at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Any questions contact Ceil Duley  
at [ceil.duley@ourladyofgracemi.org](mailto:ceil.duley@ourladyofgracemi.org)*

**Online Giving**

It is easy to sign up, just scan the QR code or go to our website at: **AssumptionMary.org** and click donate.

*If you have any questions: email Sandy at [sandym@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:sandym@assumptionmidland.org) or call the parish office at 989-631-4447.*

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