

BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# Season of Giving: Charity & Craft Bazaar

# **November 9, 2025**

9am-1pm 3109 Swede Ave Midland, MI 48642

Give the Gift of Generosity

Justice • Love • Peace • Hope

### **How It Works**

- Unique Gifts for Everyone: From handmade crafts to donation-based gifts that honor a loved one, you'll find something for every person (and every budget). New addition: traditional art and craft vendors selling handmade crafts.
- Gifts that Keep on Giving:
   Proceeds support essential causes
   — from clean water to disaster
   relief to local food programs.
- Flexible Giving: Set your own donation amounts for charity booths, making it easy to stay within your budget.

### At the Fair:

- Purchase hand-made crafts
- Donate in honor of friends, family, or neighbors
- Learn about various humanitarian organizations
- Fun activities for children: sugar cookie decorating (\$1 per cookie, benefiting the Peanut Butter
- Project)
- · Cider and donuts will be available
- Sign cards for military personnel
- The Ladies of Blessed Sacrament will have homemade cookies for sale along with a silent auction for a donated handmade wooden bench
- The Knights of Columbus will have their delicious soups-to-go

If you are unable to attend the Fair, check the Blessed Sacrament website:



@blessed.sacrament.midland

www.blessed-midland.org

## Participating Organizations & Vendors



ACT-Agape Community Transformation: Ugandan baskets and articles from African fabric.

**Aaron's Gifts From Home:** Honor a fallen Midland resident by making a donation to send care packages to our military.

**Civitan Club:** Service organization with a focus on those with special needs. Georgian fruitcakes will be for sale.

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate: Who doesn't love coffee or chocolate? Buy advent calendars with chocolate awards.

Global Compassion: An opportunity to help the poor in India, Africa and Philippines as well as local charities.

Global Mamas: This organization benefits women led businesses in Africa.

Guatemalan Stove Team: Fund production of safe, affordable, cook stoves installed by our parishioners.

**Heifer International:** Helps poor families feed themselves and earn income. Make a donation to purchase an animal.

Holy Land Carvings: Olive wood religious items from the Holy Land to benefit Palestinian Christians.

Home To Stay Housing Alliance Center: Helps Midland residents in need of stable housing.

Knights of Columbus: Purchase homemade soups-to-go for lunch or dinner and support the good works of the Knights.

Ladies of Blessed Sacrament: Purchase homemade cookies to support the charitable causes of the Ladies.

Participate in a silent auction for a donated handmade wooden bench. (on display outside social hall)

Midland County Food Assistance Network: Helps people with food, personal care needs and cleaning supplies.

Midland's Open Door: An outreach ministry for the spiritual and physical needs of the hungry, homeless and poor.

Non Violent Peace Force: Purchase a peace bond to fund this group that mediates conflicts nonviolently.

**Nothing-But-Nets:** An organization involved in the prevention and distribution of nets to prevent malaria.

**Peanut Butter Project:** Provides a nutritional supplement to African children.

**Phoenix Community Farm:** Non-profit farm that serves the Midland community with fresh produce, and education on working with fresh produce. Freeze dried herbs will be for sale.

Red Dirt Road: Women in Cambodia design, produce and market beautiful handmade fashion accessories.

Royal Family Kids Club: The nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

**Salvation Army Adopt A Family:** This holiday adopt a family in need.

**Serry:** Purchase handcrafted items from around the world.

**Shelterhouse:** Providing safe housing and counseling to victims of domestic and sexual assault.

The Arc of Midland: Promotes the welfare of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Traditional Art & Craft Vendors Items For Sale: wooden bowls, flower vases, candle holders, snowmen, phone holders and bowls, artificial Christmas wreaths, handmade pens and pencils, handmade greeting cards, lap quilts and quilted seasonal table runners, bags and bag holders, cigar box and fabric purses, rug hooked pillows and paintings, variety of crochet items and much more.

Scan the QR code to learn more about these participating organizations & vendors.



ear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of those entrusted to my care, thank you and your parish for participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS).

The mission of this Archdiocese is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

If in a position to do so, I ask you to consider in prayer a donation to help me minister to the **1.8 million** faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve the nation.

The AMS does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces, and without parishes, it cannot receive funds from weekly collections. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.

# Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

# Did You Know?

- Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains.
   The AMS is the only Catholic diocese in the United States responsible for endorsing priests to serve as military chaplains and for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.
- AMS faithful are the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders and their families.
- Programs and services readily available in other U.S. dioceses, and vital to the men, women, and children served by the AMS, include Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, Vocations, and the pastoral care of Veterans.
- The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is the only U.S. Vocations Program that provides priests to serve as military chaplains, and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers.
- In 2024, the number of sacraments celebrated for AMS faithful included 1,450 baptisms, 872 confirmations, 1,127 first Holy Communions, and 143 marriages.

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