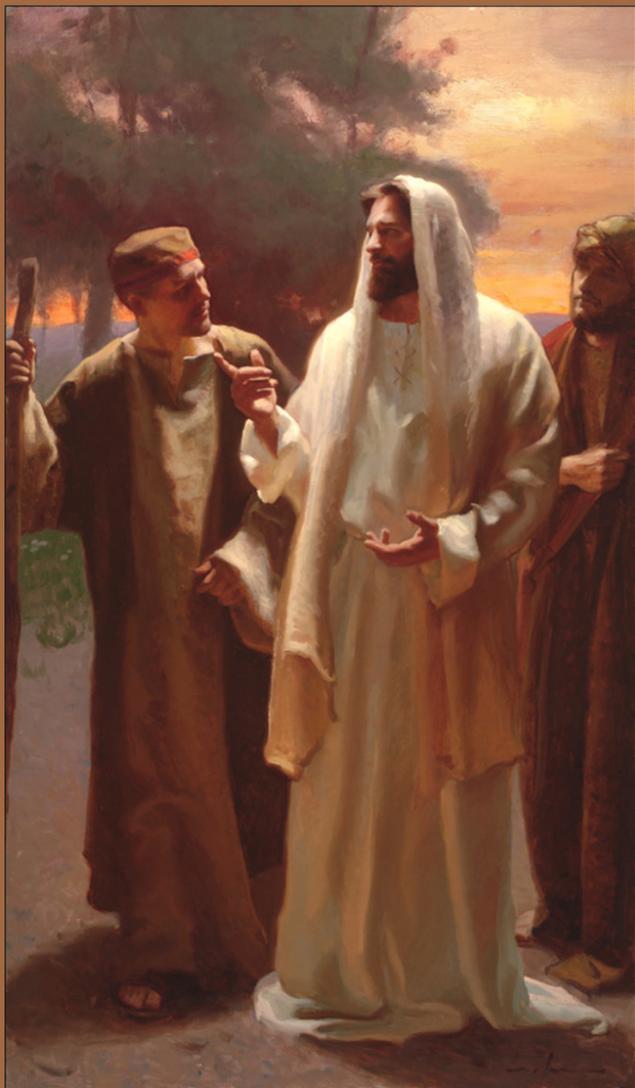


Third Sunday of Easter



The Road to Emmaus Luke 25:13-35

From the Pastor's Desk

Christ is Risen!

The Road to Emmaus

The Gospel passage this Sunday is taken from St. Luke's resurrection account which we call the "Road to Emmaus." This resurrection appearance takes place the day of Easter. The same day that the Risen Lord appears to the apostles in the Upper Room.

How is it that these two disciples are not on a journey of joy today? It is the same day, after all, that the women discovered the empty tomb, were told Jesus had risen by two dazzling angels, and ran to tell the other disciples. How is it that, instead of a journey of joy, the walk to Emmaus is more like a grief therapy session? A priest friend of mine was telling me of how, in a homily he challenged his parishioners with the question: How do you suffer or sacrifice on account of your faith? A woman came up to him after the service and offered her answer. "I suffer because of a couple of medical conditions, but I don't think I suffer or sacri-

fice on account of my faith." At least she was honest. But what kind of journey is she on?

Everybody is on a journey, though we don't always recognize it. What kind of journey are you on? What direction is it taking you? Are you moving in the direction of liberation from destructive sins and habits toward peace, life, and joy? In the old rite of Confirmation, the bishop would tap the *confirmandi* on the cheek, because this symbolized that the newly confirmed was now a soldier of Christ, and was entering into a battle and would have to suffer in order to serve Jesus. It seems like our culture is bent on trying to take any suffering away from us. I'm surprised our bishop still does this, you could be sued these days. How sick we have become as a society, trying to screen everyone from any type of suffering. Of course it never really works, we're just in denial.

The disciples on the way to Emmaus shared the expectations of many in Israel for the Messiah. He would be a conquering general and destroy the enemies of God and establish an earthly Kingdom like that of King David. It was obviously not God's plan. This is what Jesus explains to them on the road. They, not God had to change their perspective.

I think it's the same with us. It's easy and tempting to make God meet our expectations for life.

Jesus, during his teaching ministry, had repeatedly described his journey, but they had not fully heard it because Messianic status did not fit with suffering, humiliation and death. Maybe we're just not paying attention.

If you had said to me on the day of my ordination, April 28th 1990, "Father, one day you'll leave Canada and minister in the United States, and do work in evangelization and youth and travel to Rome and Brazil and Mexico and Europe and preach the Gospel, and one day you'll be a pastor of a parish in Fowler, Michigan..." I would have told you: "You're nuts." Nobody really knows where our journey will take us. Only God knows. Jesus says to the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?" Why is it we begin to question as soon as we must suffer? As soon as life doesn't go our way? This is what the disciples were probably thinking, and so they were downcast and self absorbed. Could this be why they did not recognize Jesus as He walked along with them? Perhaps.

Let's pray for one another and ask that our Lord will grant us all Easter grace to trust in the journey that we must take. To accept the sufferings that must come. To rejoice that all things work for good for those that love Him and are called to His purposes. (Romans 8:28)

God bless,

Fr. Dennis

Most Holy Trinity

April 19, 2015

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

Parish Office Hours 8am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

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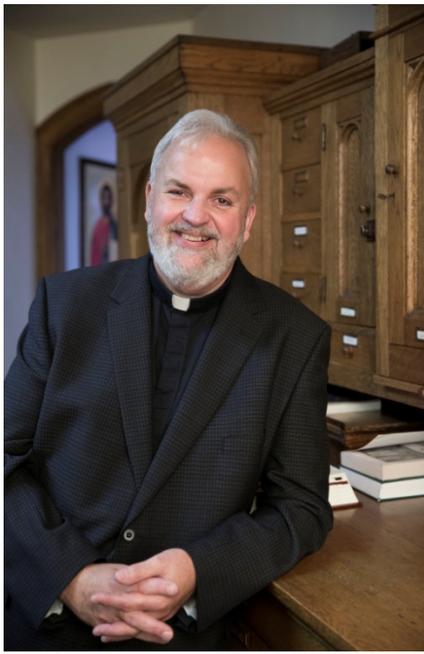
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You Are Invited!

Please come and join in a Mass of Thanksgiving on
Saturday, April 25th
 at 4:30 pm. with Fr. Dennis as he celebrates
25 years of ordination
 to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Everyone is invited to a reception
 beginning at 8:00 pm in the Activity Center.
 There will be refreshments and a dance.

If you would like to help provide refreshments, please
 contact the parish office or Lynn Vincent at 989-640-1106.

First Holy Communion

We continue to pray for our young people who will celebrate their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd. Please pray for these young people and their families.

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| Anna Andros | Charlie Miller |
| Seth Armbrustmacher | Holly Miller |
| Gavin Badgett | Scott Parks |
| Addison Bedaine | Ford Phillips |
| Amber Epkey | Kelcie Pung |
| Aubrey Epkey | Grant Rademacher |
| Elizabeth Epkey | Emily Schafer |
| Brady Feldpausch | Nicholai Schafer |
| Olivia Feldpausch | Madelyn Sillman |
| Alexander Halfmann | Aaron Simon |
| Jacob Halfmann | Nolan Simon |
| Cole Hufnagel | Louis Smith |
| Elizabeth Hufnagel | Katherine Spicer |
| Megan Hufnagel | Nathan Spicer |
| Chloe Hyland | Augustine Spitzley |
| Conner Katich | Jackson Thelen |
| Asher Koenigs knecht | Kenneth Thelen |
| Jonathan Koenigs knecht | Noleigh Thelen |
| Benjamin Kohagen | Taylor Thelen |
| Hunter Martin | Addison Weber |
| | Brooke Weber |



Diocesan Service Appeal

“For everything is from you and what we give is what we have from you”



We continue to take up our annual DSA which provides the Diocese with much needed support for vocations, assisting refugees and families in crisis, and supports the Diocesan ministries. There is a link on our parish website if you want to know more about the DSA.

Our goal: 61,275

Given so far: \$32,300.00

Thanks to all who have given. God bless you for your generosity

Principal of Most Holy Trinity School
Anne Hufnagel—AnneH@mhtparish.com

MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life

Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 21	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, April, 28	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Registration: You can register your children at MHT School for the 2015/16 school year by using the QR code or checking the school page on the parish website (www.mhtparish.com) for the link to the online registration. If you have any problems with the registration process or would like to schedule a visit, please call the school office at 593-2616.



There is one more important person you must forgive: yourself. Many times we think we've sinned so badly that God can't let us off the hook so simply. But His mercy is simple, and it is open to all hearts that turn to Him – from A 40-Day Spiritual Workout for Catholics

Director of Parish Operations, Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Director of RCIA
Adam Halfman—mhtyouth@gmail.com—593-2162

Steubenville: Sign up for Steubenville is now underway! This year's conference is on June 26-28. Email Adam for permission slips!

Youth Group: The high school Youth Group meets every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 pm to discuss various aspects of the faith. The Youth Center is open every Wednesday evening from after Mass until 10:00 pm for the high school aged youth to stop in and hang out.

Part Time Youth Ministry Position

We have started the process of hiring a new youth minister to replace Adam Halfman as he continues to transition to his new role at the parish. This position will be part time, without benefits, and requires a faithful Catholic who is familiar with the New Evangelization and willing to lead our youth in the established vision that we have here at MHT. Anyone who is interested in applying should email their resume to Adam Halfman at mhtyouth@gmail.com.

Director of Music Ministry
Eduardo Guerra - eddieguerra@icloud.com

The children will be singing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 26. Please have your children in the choir loft 15 minutes before Mass time.

Director of Religious Education
Paul Fahey—mhtdre@gmail.com—593-3174

Resource Library: The Parish Resource Library, located in the Fr. Ray Center, has dozens of books and hundreds of CDs available for you! If you like the Lighthouse Media books and CDs in the back of church, then you will love our expanded selection in the Resource Library.

I will be available on Monday's and Tuesday's during school hours and Wednesday's and Thursday's from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm (or you can call or email us) to help you find a book or CD, give you suggestions, or answer any questions. Please stop by!

 **Brooklyn Grace Guerra**, daughter of Eduardo and Heather Guerra.
BAPTISM We welcome Brooklyn into our parish family.

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas

Parish Festival Chairs Needed

The 2015 festival committee chairs would like to remind everyone that if you are willing to chair an event that you are only committing to ONE year and you do NOT have to find your own replacement when you step down. It is certainly appreciated if you are willing to participate beyond one year but it is no longer required. With that being said, we are looking for chairs for 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball, and the inflatables. Please call Ken or Kay Pohl at 989-587-4109 if you are able to help out.

Cemetery News

The cemetery clean-up is scheduled for Monday, April 20th at 9am.

There is still a desperate need for new volunteers for lawn mowing at the cemetery this summer. To volunteer call 593-2162 or 593-2612.

MHT Scrip

Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Summer Vacation are fast approaching. MHT Scrip offers a wide variety of gift cards for all of your gift giving and vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit shop-withscrip.com for a complete list. A wide range of gift cards are available in the Most Holy Trinity School office during school hours.

Scrip - Kroger Community Rewards

It is time to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card to continue supporting MHT School. Even if you have previously signed up for this reward program, you must re-enroll after **April 1st** to continue earning rewards during the coming cycle, May 2015 to April 2016. Simply visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll". Please use code **82831** to have your rewards credited towards MHT School. Please remind and encourage family and friends to enroll or re-enroll. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

Quilters

Quilters needed to complete a quilt for the 2015 parish festival. Quilting will begin on Monday, April 27 at 10am in the Msgr. Esper room. For further information, call Loraine at 593-2136.



COF Meeting

Catholic Order of Forester Court #2257 membership meeting is on Monday, April 20 at 7pm at the VFW Hall.

Please Return if Found

A black leather coat, belonging to Fr. Todd, was mistakenly taken from the St. Mary's parish hall the day of the Clifford Martin funeral. Brand name is Architect, size L and there is a black stocking cap in one of the pockets. Can be returned to the St. Mary's parish office or contact Brian/Agnes K-13 at 593-2614.

"Lectio Divina: A Simple Way to Pray with the Scriptures"

Deepen your prayer life. Encounter Jesus anew! This retreat will be held Thur., Apr. 30th from 9:30am-3:30pm and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Directed by Tony Sperendi. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and older. Held at St Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. To register contact 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Fowler VFW Post 3733 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25 from 4pm to 7pm. Meal includes: spaghetti with meat sauce, choice of side salad, cole slaw or applesauce, garlic bread, dessert, coffee or punch. Adults - \$7.00, children under 10 - \$5.00, Children 3 years and younger eat free. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3733 in Fowler, Proceeds to be used for Community Service Projects.

K & G Wellness Program

K & G Wellness is offering Phase One Classes here in Fowler. This course is a 10 week in-depth lesson on a lifestyle approach towards eating. Emphasis is placed on personalized nutritional needs, eating to avoid disease, reading labels, etc. For more information visit kgwellness.com. This class will be held on Tues. evenings at Fowler High School's Media Center beginning Apr. 28th. All are welcome! To sign up, please call Dean or Sue Schrauben at 593-2545.

Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser

Shared Pregnancy Women's Center will hold a fundraiser on Thur., Apr. 30 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. Free admission featuring a silent auction, children's crafts, face painting and ice cream sundaes. Check out our Facebook for auction item updates. For more information call 517-484-1882 or go to our website: sharedpregnancy@msn.com

Are You Spring Cleaning?

Please consider helping STVCC furnish homes for families we serve! We are in need of new and gently used furniture, essential kitchen items and assorted linens. Basic cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products are also accepted. For more information or to schedule furniture pickup, call 517-323-4734 x1050 or email us at donations@stvcc.org. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at STVCC located at 2800 W. Willow Lansing.

Clean Community Event

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management is once again coordinating the Spring Clean Community Event to be held on April 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in St. Johns. Please register by Monday, April 20th in order to attend this event! <http://www.clinton-county.org/Departments/DepartmentofWasteManagementHomePage/CleanCommunityEvents/CCERegistration.aspx>

This event assists residents to recycle or properly dispose of just about any household generated waste item. Items accepted include household hazardous waste, farm and landscaping chemicals, motor oil and antifreeze, unwanted & expired medications, electronic waste, bulky waste or junk items, scrap metal, appliances, tires, yard waste, clothing, textiles and reusable household items and building equipment for donation. There are fees for a few items. The events are also open to small businesses however additional fees do apply for hazardous and electronic waste items. Disposal fees are waived for volunteers! To make an appointment or to volunteer call 989-224-5186 or email recycle@clinton-county.org.

DreamBuilders "Taste of Michigan"

You are invited to "Taste of Michigan" -- the upcoming Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County's Dream Builders Gala Fri., April 24 from 6 to 9 pm at Eagle Eye Golf Center on Chandler Road, north of East Lansing.

The event includes a strolling supper featuring delicious Michigan themed entrees, a "Farmers Market" of vendors showcasing Michigan products, live music and an opportunity to bid on items in a Michigan themed Silent Auction.

Proceeds will help to build two houses in the county this year.

Tickets are \$55 each or 2 for \$100. \$25 of each ticket is tax deductible. Purchase tickets on the Habitat for Humanity website at www.habitatclinton.org, the Mercantile Bank in DeWitt or the Habitat Restore at 2352 N. US 27 North, St. Johns, open Wed. through Fri. 10 am - 6 pm and Sat. from 10 am to 4 pm

Local Garage and Rummage Sales

St. Patrick Parish annual garage sale will be held on Thursday April 23 from 8am to 6pm and Friday April 24 from 8am to noon at the Portland Knights of Columbus Hall at 690 Maynard Rd. Proceeds are used for the maintenance of the parish rectory.

St. Michael's Annual Rummage & Bake sale will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, from 9:00am to 4:30pm. at the Fellowship Hall. Profits are donated to St. Michael Funeral Luncheon Fund.

Students and parishioners at Most Holy Trinity School and our religious education programs would like to thank everyone for the continued support you provide through donations to the Most Holy Trinity Trust Educational Trust Fund. Religious education for all members of our parish is vital to the strength of our church for years to come.

The family of Marie Wieber would like to thank everyone for their generous donations toward her daughter, Elly's, education fund and for Masses in memory of Marie. In lieu of Thank You cards, a donation will be made to Elly's college fund. Your kind words and prayers meant so much to us, and helped us through a difficult time. We are all so blessed for family and friends in this area and in these communities.



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for those who suffer religious persecution, that they may persevere in their faith and one day gain their right to worship freely.

Readings for the Week of April 19, 2015

- Monday** Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; Psalms 119; John 6:22-29
- Tuesday** Acts of the Apostles 7:51—8:1a; Psalms 31; John 6:30-35
- Wednesday** Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; Psalms 66; John 6:35-40
- Thursday** Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; Psalms 66; John 6:44-51
- Friday** Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; Psalms 117; John 6:52-59
- Saturday** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Psalms 89; Mark 16:15-20

Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering especially: Frieda Gallagher, Sally Foster, Becky Hicks, Scott Foster, Dennis Smith, Carl Stump, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Dewey Torok, Evan Pung, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Irene Weber, Adam Schaefer, Sarah Fox-Klein, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Chuck McCausey, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulye, Therese Trierweiler, Marla Thelen, Kenny Briganti, Jenny Scott, Jeff Pline, Gary McNamara, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Pete Kurnz, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Eugene L. Thelen, Linda Rogala, Dawson Thelen, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Marian Rademacher, Don Simon and a special intention.

Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a persons name from the list. Thank you.

Let us also keep in our prayers all those from the Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.

**Our Parish Stewardship
God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity**

Amount needed each week.....\$13,200.00
 April 11 & 12 Collection..... 14,392.70
 Overage..... + 1,192.70
 Envelopes used: 217

Sponsor of the Week

Our thanks to the many businesses that make it possible for the bulletin to be cost-free to our parish.

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Masses For The Week

Monday - April 20

7:00 p.m. Martin & Laurine Edinger & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - April 21

8:15 a.m. + Lucille & Henry Mueller

Wednesday - April 22

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. + Marvin Simon

Thursday - April 23

8:15 a.m. + Joan Raddatz

Friday - April 24

8:15 a.m. + Helen Wirth & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Saturday - April 25

8:15 a.m. + Frances Frechen
 4:30 p.m. + Edgar & Eleanor VanElls & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - April 26

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. + Henry & Jeannette Howard & Deceased Members of the Howard, Blais & Bechard Families

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26

4:30 p.m. - Gary Weber, Dale Feldpausch, Keith Weber, Jerome Klein
 8:30 a.m. - Jim Braman, Jerome Spitzley, John Hufnagel, Kurt Thelen
 10:30 a.m. - Stan Weber, Ken Halfman, Leon Schneider, Brian Thelen

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26

4:30 p.m. - Nikolai Conner, Charlie Boak, Tony Hufnagel, Brian Armbrustmacher
 8:30 a.m. - Emily & Olivia Esch, Clayton & Owen Simon
 10:30 a.m. - Michael Despres, Christopher & Mariele Feldpausch, McKenzie Feldpausch

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Camden & Preston Braun
 Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School
 Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Dominik Horak, Tony Piggott
 Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Volunteer
 Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Volunteer
 Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Taylor Weber, Nick Epkey

Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival

Save the date for the Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival
 July 24, 25 & 26



Theme: The Wonderful World of Disney in Fowler

**Raffle Prizes
 Special Raffle - Donated by Dean Platte.**

Stay tuned for other special raffles to be announced.