



## Christ Is Risen!

**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia;  
For He whom thou was privileged to bear,  
Alleluia; Is risen again as He said, Alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad,  
O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
Because our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia**

This week I have asked Kate Davis to share with us. **God Bless, Fr. Dennis**



I am so thankful to have been asked to share my story of thanksgiving for our baby in Heaven. My heart goes out to all of you who have experienced infant loss at any stage of pregnancy or post-birth. I believe by sharing our stories, we can not only support each other but help find our own healing as well.

My first two pregnancies, labors and deliveries went smoothly with no complications to speak of. I was what my doctors called the “perfect pregnant patient.” In May 2016, my husband, Ron, and I found out that we were expecting our third child. Our children Emma (4 y/o at the time) and Ronnie (2 y/o at the time) were beyond excited to welcome another addition. As we prepared to welcome our baby, we also were preparing to move from outside of Chicago to the wonderful community of Fowler. Needless to say, it was a busy time. We moved into our new house on August 1<sup>st</sup>, full of excitement to be back in Michigan and close to our families after many years of living out of state.

In September 2016, at our 20-week ultrasound, we learned something was wrong with our baby’s development. In October, I was admitted into the hospital with unexpected bleeding. It was at this point that we decided to find out the gender – a girl. The outlook for her looked grim, and we were offered an abortion. Although the future was uncertain for her and for me, we wanted to continue the pregnancy - both as a reflection of our Catholic beliefs and to honor her life as long as we could. It would have been so easy to terminate the pregnancy and not have to deal with the fear, the waiting and the worry. Yet, as her mother, I felt it was my job to protect her, for as long as God wanted her with us. We chose to name her Faith Rose because we knew this journey we were now on would be a true test of our own faith. On November 1, after finally agreeing to an amniocentesis, we learned Faith had tripoldy (3 sets of chromosomes), which is not survivable. The majority of babies with tripoldy do not survive past twelve weeks gestational age. Faith was 26 weeks gestational age; it was like a miracle that she was still alive. The doctors could not tell us how long she would live or exactly how anything at this point would play out. We simply had to wait for weeks...for months...we didn’t know how long and keep in close contact with our medical team. What a surreal experience to feel Faith kicking, and wonder with each kick if it would be her last. My worst fear as a mother was realized: something would take my child’s life and there was nothing I could do to stop it. I cherished every movement, holding my belly constantly as if I could protect her from that which was going to take her from us. My single prayer during that time was that if we were to lose her that she would pass before the holidays. I wasn’t sure I could bear the agony of waiting for such a tragic loss during such a joyful time of year. After going into labor naturally, Faith passed away around midnight on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 28 weeks gestational age. I delivered her at 4:30am on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – four days before Thanksgiving. Mother’s Day will mark just shy of 6 months since we said goodbye to our baby girl.

Throughout our journey, some asked me how I was able to remain so calm. Wasn’t I afraid? In the days after receiving Faith’s diagnosis, I did not feel fear; I felt completely abandoned by God. Not angry, but completely numb. As a result of our move from Chicago, I had left several close friends, moved my children from everything they knew, taken several steps back in my career and now here was this loss. In addition, our family dog was hit and killed in September, shortly after our move. My life was starting to sound like a bad country song (at least I still had my sense of humor).

There is nothing I have experienced in this life that is like losing a child. Leaving the hospital empty-handed left me feeling totally alone and completely devastated. In the weeks that followed, the world seemed to be such a sad place. But, I somehow also felt the closest to God that I had in quite some time. From this that I have gained so much strength and peace throughout this trial.

After Faith’s passing, I decided to run a half marathon exactly 6 days before what would have been her due date (February 7<sup>th</sup>). It was my way to honor her as well as raise money for a charity that provides free infant remembrance photography at the hospital (which we received ourselves). However, I ended up suffering an injury and had to give up the race. But God won again when he instead gave me a 42K fat tire bike race to complete, which was scheduled exactly 4 days after Faith’s due date. I completed that race; it was one of the most difficult races I have ever done – both physically and emotionally.

St Paul writes in 2 Corinthians chapter 12 “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,

persecutions and calamities; for when I am weak then I am strong." There is a paradoxical beauty in suffering that only our faith can explain. Experiencing this loss provided an opportunity for Ron and I to grow closer as a couple and gave us a way to help our daughter understand Heaven and God's overwhelming love for us in a very real way. It also allowed us to connect with so many in the Most Holy Trinity community on a much deeper level than we ever would have, having just moved to the area. What a gift to come into a new community and be able to create strong relationship bonds so quickly. Ron and I will never be able to thank little Faith Rose enough for giving us this opportunity to experience beauty in suffering like we never have before.

We could not have gotten through this experience alone. All of our brothers and sisters in Christ – our family, friends and neighbors - were there with us along the way, praying when we couldn't and providing strength when we had none left. Whether it was through a hug, a meal or a text, we felt surrounded by support. Going through this experience, we were also overwhelmed by so many who shared with us their own loss of a baby to miscarriage, stillborn or infant death. If you have experienced this type of loss, you're not alone. Whether it has been months or years since your loss, we, as the Body of Christ, are here to support you.

Over time, Ron and I have found our new normal. Yet, when I look at our family picture, it will never quite be complete. We will always wait for the day when we finally get to again see our Faith Rose. But in the meantime, it makes my heart happy when we pass the cemetery on our way to daycare and the kids yell, "Hi Faith!" or when our now 2 ½ year old son stops in his tracks for a few seconds to stare at the picture of Faith on our wall and simply smiles. It's in those moments I know that this was just another piece of God's amazing plan for our family.

Happy Mother's Day to you all, and may God continue to watch over your children – those here on Earth and in Heaven.

Kate Davis



## Our Lady of Fatima

### 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparition at Fatima

In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima. She told them about the rosary, Christ's love for them, and the Immaculate Heart. The children said Mary appeared to them six times between May and October of 1917.

#### You can gain an indulgence during the 100 year Fatima anniversary.

During the 100th year anniversary, Pope Francis has announced Catholics can gain a plenary indulgence. The indulgence can be gained anytime between November 27, 2016 and November 26, 2017.

#### There are three ways you can gain the indulgence .

1. Make a pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine, pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima
2. Spiritually unite yourself to the days of the apparitions between May 13<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> of 2017.
3. This applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around. These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They also must "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives."

## Some interesting facts about Fatima

**The miracle of the sun was requested by Lucia to prove that the devil was not at work in the apparitions:** When Mary began to appear, the circumstances of the apparitions convinced the local priest that the devil was at work. His opinion frightened Lucy because of all this mental torment, Lucy asked the Lady in July to perform a miracle so that all would be convinced of the truth of the apparitions. At the conclusion of the visit the crowd was informed of two things: that the Lady had told the children a "Secret"; and that she promised to work a miracle in October.

**The world is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:** On October 31, 1942, the Holy Father made a radio address to the Portuguese nation, speaking in Portuguese and participating in the closing ceremonies of the silver jubilee of the Fatima apparitions. At the conclusion of his address, he made the Act of Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart. He had solemnly renewed this act of consecration in St. Peter's before College of Cardinals on December 8, 1942. In 1942, as requested by Lucy, he had extended the feast of the Immaculate Heart to the Universal Church." This consecration was renewed by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1982, and again in 1984.

**The children at Fatima saw hell and we should take warning:** The three children of Fatima saw hell. The vision was not for their instruction or warning but for ours; the Blessed Virgin had assured them that they were going to be saved. The accent on hell is tremendous. It is the first part of the Secret of Fatima, it is the reason for all the rest of the revelations. Our Lady went on to tell of temporal punishments that would be visited on the world if men did not amend their life. . . She came to tell us how to keep out of hell.

**Jacinta, one of the children who Our Lady appeared to, is an incorruptible:** Our Lady had warned Jacinta that she would suffer for the love of God and the repentance of sinners. She sacrificed the final moments of suffering from the Spanish Flu for God – and she died alone in a hospital, away from her family. Her tomb was opened in 1935 and she was found to be an incorruptible. Her body is buried by her brother, Francisco at the Cova di Iria, close to where Our Lady appeared to the children in 1917. Jacinta and Francisco are the youngest non-martyr children to be beatified. Saint Pope John Paul II made a special trip to Fatima in 2000 to beatify them.



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

*MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life*

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Tuesday, May 16 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
- Thursday, May 18 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade celebrate Mass @ Hazel Findlay
- Friday, May 19 11:30 Dismissal/Staff P.D. in p.m.
- Friday, May 19 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip
- Tuesday, May 23 Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- Friday, May 26 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Monday, May 29 No School/Memorial Day



**2017-18 Registration:** MHT School is now taking registrations for the 2017-18 school year for students in grades 1 – 8. You can register online under the registration & admissions tab on the school page of the parish website at [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com), by using the QR code with your smart phone, or by calling the school office at 593-2616. If you would like to visit the school or would like more information, please contact the principal, Anne Hufnagel, at [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com).

**Multiple Personalities:** *There has always been a diverse group of personalities at table with the Lord. At this time in history, you and I are now present. We, like the apostles, are unreliable and weak and afraid. We are inconstant in our devotion to our Lord. We deny him, we betray him. But Jesus is I Am. He is constant. – from Meeting God in the Upper Room: Three Moments to Change Your Life.*

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
Corey Luna - [mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com).

Our investment fundraiser is still in full swing! Please consider sponsoring one of our awesome High Schoolers, so that they have the opportunity to encounter the Lord at this year's Steubenville Youth Conference! Any donations can be turned into the parish office or at any of the weekend mass collections along with the investment form. If you need an investment form, please visit the parish website or visit the parish office.

There are still some spots open in this year's Steubenville trip! Please sign up online ASAP to secure your spot!

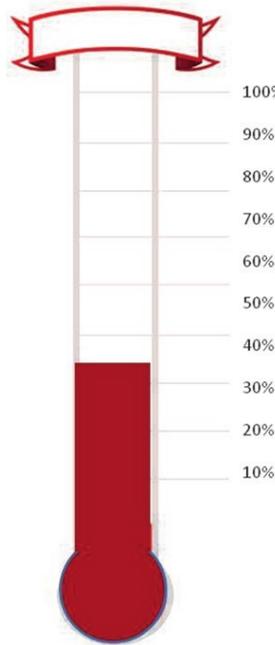
**Mass for Those Who Have Experienced a Loss of a Child or a Miscarriage**



On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our parish will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm for those who seek closure and healing.

Many men, women, and families have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage or early death. This is a difficult loss, especially since many years ago our society wasn't open or equipped to deal with these losses.

At the end of Mass we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer teams will be available to pray with you. Everyone is welcome to this Mass.



**Most Holy Trinity Parish**

**\$669,000.00**

Our goal

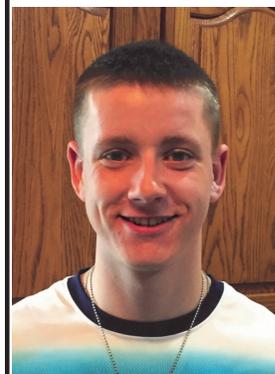
**Witness to HOPE**

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

<http://www.witnesstohope.net/>



Dear parishioners,  
I am happy to announce that Josh Luttig, one of our high school seniors has been accepted into the seminary this fall. Josh just recently spoke with our bishop, the last step of many in the process of acceptance into St. John Vianney seminary for his first year of studies. Randy Koeningsknecht is still waiting to speak to the bishop, and when that happens we will make the news official to everyone. I have asked Josh to share a little with us  
God bless, Fr. Dennis



**Hello everyone,**  
*I am excited to announce that I have been accepted into the seminary and will be beginning my discernment there this fall. I have felt a call to priesthood for a while now, and I am glad to be able to discern what God is calling me to in a full time manner now. Thank you for all of the encouragement and prayers that I have received from our community; I hope I can take all that I have gained here in Fowler and grow to serve God's people more and more.*

**Thanks,**  
**Josh Luttig**



**Rosary Leaders**

There are still several openings for rosary leaders before the Saturday 4:30 Mass. Please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of church. Thank you.

**News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas**

**Mission Trip to Haiti**

Katie Piggott and Jeremy Pung are planning to attend a mission trip to Haiti this summer and would like to share their mission with us at MHT. They are asking for any prayers or donations that anyone feels called to make.

*My name is Katie Piggott. Jeremy Pung and I will be traveling to Haiti this summer to do missionary work. We are part of the 2017 graduating class from Fowler High School. I plan on attending Central Michigan University in the fall and Jeremy will be attending Saginaw Valley State University. We have both felt God's call to service and are thrilled to answer His call. While in Haiti, Jeremy and I will be working with the Christian organization Haiti 180 on several projects. There are plans to build a medical clinic, assist the elderly in a nursing home, volunteer in an orphanage, and partake in other small missions. Our hope is that we can simply make a difference and share the light of Christ with others. A mission trip to a third world country comes with both spiritual and financial cost. Jeremy and I would like to ask for your prayers of support, and if you feel called, a financial donation in any amount to help make our missionary trip possible. We will both be keeping a journaled account of our time in Haiti and would like to share it as a thank you to those who have assisted financially and others that would like to hear about our experiences. We are extremely thankful and blessed for any assistance received, whether financial or spiritual. Thank you and God Bless!*

Website of Haiti 180: <http://haiti180.com/>

**If you would like to assist with a financial donation for this upcoming trip, please make checks out to Katie or Jeremy and drop them off at the parish office.**

**Vacation Bible School at MHT**

Vacation Bible School is being held this June 20th-22nd for all children in grades Kindergarten to 4th grade. It will be from 9am-12pm with a snack included. This year's theme is "Mighty Fortress". Please stay tuned for sign up and registration. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Aubrey Feldpausch at [nolanau-breyf10@gmail.com](mailto:nolanau-breyf10@gmail.com). Thank you!



**Join Us  
this Summer**

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

**Rich-Ro Dairy**

**Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab; 4cd-5; John 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12; John 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21



**The Rosary** is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all mothers; that God will give them the graces they need to raise their children to be strong in the Catholic faith, and that those mothers who have lost children will find peace through faith and prayer.

**Funeral Help Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to help with funeral luncheons. Currently we have 5 people who lead and we are relying on them quite heavily. Please consider volunteering. There are many dimensions to planning these meals and every bit can help; whether you want to team up with someone, are only available a couple of months of the year, or are willing to pick up the groceries on the day before. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



**Needed: Advertising Chair for the festival.** The individual can either perform all duties on their own or have duties performed by parishioners as their shift for the festival. Duties of advertising include but may not be limited to:

1. Obtain printing paper for flyers; work with parish office on printing.
2. \*Send introduction letter and flyers to parishes asking them to advertise the festival (by June 27);
3. \*Update advertising boards and lighted sign, place in designated areas (by June 27); take down advertising boards and sign the day after the festival; (2 or 3 people needed; trailer needed for moving lighted sign)
4. \*Place festival flyers in local communities, radio/TV/newspaper (6 shifts available and completed by June 27): Fowler, Pewamo/Muir/Lyons, Maple Rapids/Hubbardston, Westphalia, St. Johns, Radio/TV/Newspaper Advertising. This can be done via email, on their website, or USPS. There may be varying deadlines.

Festival Day: Place flyers around the festival grounds. Update advertising information.

\*Activities 2 – 4 can be completed by parishioners as their shift for the festival.

Please give these positions of service to the parish for the festival your prayerful consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Koenigsknecht at 593-2490.



**3rd Publication:** Ben Halfman & Breann Klein

**Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering especially:** Frieda Gallagher, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Evan Pung, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulte, Kenny Briganti, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Julie Wieber Schafer, Irene (Luttig) Weber, Bill Barns, Bob Marshall, Dennis Smith, Sandy Herta, Dick Rehmann, Janet Simmon, Scott Kus, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Msgr. Sylvester Fedewa, Gregg Platte, Frank Hufnagel, Norman Goerge, Reynold Goerge, Lynda Esch, Jim O. Koenigsknecht, Mindy Simon, Janet Armbrustmacher (Allan), Marie Weber, Ray & Janet Armbrustmacher, Janine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Adam Pohl, Jordy Wohlscheid, Sharon Becker, Jennifer Grace Schrauben and a special intention.

**Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a person's 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**

**May 6 & 7 Collection.....\$12,408.28**

**Special Collections**

**Newspapers.....214.00**  
**ETF..... 229.50**

**THANK YOU**

Over the past 2 years our family has been reminded how lucky we are to be part of this community. You have all been personally responsible through your prayers and support in helping our family. While Kendall's physical condition is excellent, the level of cells from the donor needs to stop decreasing. Your continued prayers for this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you more than you can ever comprehend!  
~Stacy, Ben, Molly, and Kendall Kramer



**St. Joseph - St. Johns Parish Mission**

You are invited to attend St. Joseph Parish Mission Retreat with Fr. Chris Alar, **Beginning today** May 14th-16th 2017  
Talks begin at 7pm at St. Joseph Church

**Summer Scripture Days 2017**

The host of Summer Scripture Days this year will be St. Francis Retreat Center. They will help us discover how to "Live to Inspire", as we attempt to gather the "Lost Sheep". Attend August 15 – 17 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Registration is open until August 4, 2017. Space is limited. Please contact Sheila Rogers at 517-669-8321 or [srogers@stfrancis.ws](mailto:srogers@stfrancis.ws)

**Card Shower for Therese Kramer**

Please help us by sending a card to a very special lady on her 90th birthday! 13374 Walker Road, Fowler, MI 48835.



**Monday - May 15**

7:00 p.m. + Tootie Weber, Including Dennis

**Tuesday - May 16**

8:15 a.m. + John Klein, Including Mary, Jake & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Wednesday - May 17**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + William & Matilda Hufnagel & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Thursday - May 18**

8:15 a.m.. + Ferd & Anna Bower & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**10:00 a.m. Hazel Findlay Mass**

**Friday - May 19**

8:15 a.m. + Judy Droste

**Saturday, May 20**

8:15 a.m. + Arline Smith Including Kevin

**1:00 p.m. Wedding of Ben Halfman & Breann Klein**

4:30 p.m. + People of the Parish

**Sunday - May 21**

8:30 a.m. + 2017 Graduates of Fowler High School

10:30 a.m. Paul & Helen Fox

**Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, May 20 & 21**

4:30 p.m. - Gary Weber, Keith Weber, Jerome Klein, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Randy Wirth, Glenn Esch, Neil Hufnagel, Ronn Thelen

10:30 a.m.- Brett Stump, Kirk Phillips, Dale Koenigsknecht, Hilary Stump

**Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, May 20 & 21**

4:30 p.m. Nolan, Madison, & Mitchell Wirth, Holly Schmitz

8:30 a.m. Macy & Kylie Spicer, Caiden & Chase Pung

10:30 a.m.- Sidney & Dominic Horak, Hudson Phillips, McKenzie Feldpausch

**Mass Servers During This Week**

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Austin & Alayna Vandegriff

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Keegan Klein, Gavin, Klein

Thur., 8:15 a.m. - John & Andrew Irrer

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Volunteer

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Alexander Warnke, Taylor Weber

**May 14, 2017**

**Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard**

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

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