



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Our Parish Feast Day

From the Pastor's Desk

God Talk

In an age that tends to “dumb down” everything and feed us with TV and media “mush,” are we surprised that our culture less and less acknowledges the need for reflection and prayer? As the saying goes: “whatever you put in, that’s what comes out.” Often when talking to our young people, I find out that they don’t read and that they have been fed garbage. Their knowledge and experience seems to come down to sports or Hollywood movies. And this certainly trickles down to our approach to the faith.

Even St. Paul writes to the church in Corinth (1 Cor. 3:1-3) challenging them because they have allowed their base instincts to rule their community life.

“Brothers, I could not talk to you as spiritual people, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ. I fed you milk, not solid food, because you were unable to take it. Indeed, you are still not able, even now, for you are in the flesh...”

St. Paul is challenging the church to grow up and mature and become adults in the faith. Christians are not to allow petty things to prevent them from fulfilling their mission in life. Sports and recreation are important and necessary, but so is growing in our intellectual and faith life. I believe this is one of the challenges for the church today. Our opponents are able to articulate their opposition to the faith, and often believers remain silent, afraid, intimidated, or feeling unequipped to respond.

So this weekend, our Parish Feast Day I am going to share with you some solid food. Don’t be afraid! Every once in a while we need to feed our minds and challenge them to grow and expand. We live in a culture where many of our opponents are more articulate than believers. One of my favorite Christian writers and apologists is a man by the name of Ravi Zacharias, and he has a radio program called “Let my People Think.” I love that. Do we ever take the time to just think? Do we regularly take time to fill our minds with Scripture or good reading?

Skeptics and Arguments for God

Michael Shermer has made a career of skepticism. He is the founder of *Skeptic*, a US Science magazine which looks at the claims of the scientific community and scrutinizes their claims. In his 2000 book, ***How We Believe: The Search for God in an Age of Science***, he does not come across as the hardcore atheist you might expect. (He prefers “nontheist.”) One can appreciate his honesty and integrity.

I want to focus on one major argument that many skeptics appeal to when they talk about doubt in the existence of God: If God exists, and God is so good, then why do bad things, like war and violence and death exist. Surely this argues against the existence of a good and loving God? This is an important question. So how do we who believe that a God is good respond to this?

Well first of all, we always need to remember that sometimes people’s struggles and questions arise not so much from an intellectual struggle, but from a personal struggle. It’s always best to find out the “story,” why is this person asking these questions about God? Do they simply need someone to listen?

Sherry Weddell, the author of the book Forming Intentional Disciples tells the story of a man in a workplace whose coworker was openly antagonistic about Christianity. The man, a Catholic, would gently but firmly refute the coworker’s statements. After a few years, the man’s wife suddenly died. Surprisingly, the first person the coworker went to was his Catholic office companion. He began to ask more questions. You never know sometimes, what patience and gentleness can do for the cause of Christianity.

But, having said that, what do we say when people ask us about God’s existence when we live in such a violent, dark world? If God really loves us, wouldn’t He simply “fix” the problem?

From the Pastor Continued . . .

Free Will

The first thing we can say about this topic, is “No... God doesn’t simply fix the bad stuff.” Why? Because God loves us. Sounds strange, doesn’t it? But what we often fail to see is that “love” is radically free. That’s the nature of love. Love cannot be coerced or forced. It wouldn’t be love then.... would it? Part of love is that we “choose” to love. It’s an exercise of our free will. God gives us this life, but then He gives us the freedom to do with it what we want. This means that while we are free to do good, we also have the ability to do evil. The person or persons who destroy, kill, commit acts of terror, chose to commit these evil acts. God is not a cop. This is so much deeper than, “that’s not fair!” It’s the mystery of free will, sin, evil and the choices we make. In no way did God cause evil to happen. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because He respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it. (CCC 311)

The Reality of Evil

This part of the reflection is a challenge to our “rationalistic” tendencies and, to be honest, a cultural blindness to spiritual things. Good and evil are real, we can see evidence of this in our world.

So what happens when a mass shooting or terrible tragedy happens? We see the media immediately ask questions like “Why” or “What’s wrong with our culture?” etc. Although these are important questions, it seems to me that the media is going through an automatic process. But the process never ends up looking at all of the reality.

Why is their abortion? Is it merely a difference between people in our culture? But we never seem to have the courage to say things like: “People are selfish, and make selfish decisions, not based on the good of the mother and the child, but at times simply to continue one’s life style... just as people can put their elderly or their handicapped away in institutions and never visit them or care about them. We seem to wimp out asking the deeper questions.

The same could be said with our question at hand: “Why does God permit evil?” Could it be, if we were to look hard at this question, we might come up with more questions, less about God and more questions about our behavior? Could evil exist because we fail? Because we ignore the needs around us? Because our selfishness causes the evil around us? Not only can we say this about the media, but about ourselves as well. Is it possible that I am not examining my life, my choices, my selfish tendencies, my apathy?

I think that one of the reasons that people struggle with this question and never seem to resolve it, is that there is a blind spot in our culture. The secular world view rejects the spiritual. But how can you rationalize such barbarism and inhumanity? Is it not possible that people refuse to acknowledge that this could be evil at work? That there are forces at work in our world beyond our comprehension?

Why the fascination in our culture with the occult and ghosts and possession? If we can acknowledge “good” in our world, can we not acknowledge “darkness” and “evil” ?

Part of the answer to this question, is that there are forces of evil and darkness in our world, and some people have given over their wills to serve evil. There are some of us who lust for power and control and unwittingly or not, have given themselves over to evil.

The Greater Good

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes:

“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Not just the good things, but the bad things too. How is it possible that good can result from the murder of innocent people? While I don’t claim to understand it all, there are a few obvious ones that stand out. When tragedy occurs, we get to see people helping one another. Every time a tragedy takes place, there are numerous stories of heroism and genuine love of neighbor that emerge. We also see an increase in prayer. Many people who aren’t used to praying suddenly “hit their knees”. We’re also reminded of our mortality and how we’re not really in control of our own destiny.

In time we can discover that God in his almighty providence can bring a good from the consequences of an evil, even a moral evil, caused by his creatures: “It was not you”, said Joseph to his brothers, “who sent me here, but God. . . You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive.” From the greatest moral evil ever committed – the rejection and murder of God’s only Son, caused by the sins of all men – God, by his grace that “abounded all the more,” brought the greatest of goods: the glorification of Christ and our redemption. But for all that, evil never becomes a good. (CCC 312)

Trust

When tragic events occur, we are given an opportunity to trust God. It is during the dark times that we must truly “walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). When skies are blue, it’s a lot easier for us to trust than during storms. However, storms often give us the best chance to grow closer to the Lord.

We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God “face to face”, will we fully know the ways by which – even through the dramas of evil and sin – God has guided his creation to that definitive sabbath rest for which he created heaven and earth. (CCC 314)

An Invitation – When bad things happen, either in our own life or in the lives of others, we are invited to assist God in bringing good out of evil. We can do this by praying.

Since Abraham, intercession – asking on behalf of another has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God’s mercy. In the age of the Church, Christian intercession participates in Christ’s, as an expression of the communion of saints. In intercession, he who prays looks “not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others,” even to the point of praying for those who do him harm. (CCC 2635)

Heaven

As much as we'd like it to be, this world is fallen and broken. Pain and suffering are some of the results of this brokenness. Although this world can be wonderful and beautiful, it is affected by sin and evil. For the believer, this present world is not the final end. There is more. We call it heaven. There will be justice in the end. There will be healing in the end. Those of us who live for the Lord and have surrendered our lives to His will and are doing good in His Name, know that despite whatever we must suffer in this life, there is a just judge, there is something entirely beautiful and perfect and whole that awaits us. This is part of Christian hope. ***In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ.***

Although it's not easy, it's crucial for us to keep our eye on the Lord when "bad things" happen. Blaming Him for the suffering, although understandable, is neither accurate or wise. Peace is possible even in times of turmoil and we will discover that God is good in all situations and circumstances.

God bless, Fr. Dennis

Blessed be God!

Blessed be His Holy Name!

Blessed be God the Father, the Creator of all things!

Blessed be Jesus, the Son, the Savior of the world!

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life-giver!

Blessed is He who has given us all good things!

Let the Church on earth give Him glory,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**Let our lips and how we speak glorify His Holy Name,
and may our lives point to His goodness and love.**

Amen

The Advertising portion of the festival is in need of a couple of parishioners to assist this year and then to take over next year. Please pray about this and if you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Susie Koenigsknecht, 593-2490. Thank you and God Bless!

Announcements

Summer workers

Fr. Dennis will be hiring workers for this summer. There is a limited number of workers who will be hired. Workers must be going into grades 7 or higher. If your son or daughter wishes to work, please call the office and obtain the permission form. It must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Reader/Usher/Extraordinary Ministers Training Session

On Tuesday, May 24th (7:00pm), the parish is offering training for Readers, Ushers, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This training is for those who would like to start serving during Mass in these ways, those who already serve in one of these roles but would like a refresher training, and those who already serve in one of these roles but would like to be trained in another role as well. To register please visit our website or email Paul Fahey (mhtdre@gmail.com)



Congratulations to the High School Graduates of 2016

Brian Armbrustmacher
Elijah Becker
Glenn Becker
Zachary Bertram
Holly Bierstetel
Savannah Boak
Carissa Campbell
Megan Conner
Michael Despres
Corey Esch
Delaney Fedewa
Owen Fedewa
Caleb Feldpausch
Dalton Feldpausch
Kalli Feldpausch
Jamison Goerge
Jacob Hamilton
Jacob Hong
Gabrielle Horak
Kyle Jorae
Tyler Klein
Autumn Koenigsknecht
Kendra Koenigsknecht
Madison Koenigsknecht

Ryan Koenigsknecht
Jack Orozco
Melissia Platte
Jordyn Rademacher
Danielle Schafer
Jason Schafer
William Schafer
Nicholas Schmitt
Taylor Schmitt
Kaitlyn Schmitz
Garrett Scott
Ashley Sillman
Hunter Simmon
Jordon Simmon
Alicia Simon
Chelsea Simon
Clayton Simon
Lindsey Simon
Nicholas Simon
Scott Simon
Katherine Smith
Alex Taylor
Cole Theis
Julie Thelen

Kyle Thelen

"Returns" for Vocations Reminder

Most Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have so many of our young men and women pursuing religious vocations and we are always looking for ways to continue to show our support for them. If anyone wishes to donate returnables at any time they can be dropped off at the Koenigsknecht Farm or we will arrange to pick them up. Please call Kurt Koenigsknecht 224-4058 or Agnes Koenigsknecht 593-2614 to arrange for pickup.

Note: This year Returns for Vocations drive is: **Saturday July 9th, 2016.**



Sponsor of the Week

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

Journey Federal Credit Union



Knights of Columbus News

50/50 Support the Faith Raffle: The Knights of Columbus are excited to announce our annual '50/50 Support the Faith Club' fundraiser. This is a cash raffle with various cash prizes and the proceeds will provide scholarships for families that are sending their children to MHT School. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 and can be purchased at MHT School, the parish office, and any officer. Each KC member was mailed two tickets and is encouraged to purchase or sell the tickets. We are requesting all tickets (sold/unsold) be returned by July 1st as the first of 20 cash raffle drawings will be July 11th. ALL entries will be eligible for ALL 20 drawings. The scholarships will be provided for the next school year.

Note: Extra tickets can be purchased at the parish office or MHT School during normal business hours.

Michigan State Football Games: MSU is excited to have the DeWitt & Fowler K of C's "Volunteers" back again this year.

Our "Volunteers" work as "Customer Service Reps", helping to make MSU and our Visiting Team fans feel welcomed and willing to be of assistance. If you enjoy the excitement of Game Day, enjoy greeting, helping and assisting fans, watch the second half of the game free, and helping our Councils, please consider becoming a "Volunteer". For each "Volunteer", MSU will donate \$60 to either DeWitt's or Fowler's Council.

MSU is expanding our duties, so please spread the word that we would appreciate more Volunteers. Volunteers must be 18 years old, but **do not** need to be K of C members. Ask your Spouse, Family Members, and Neighbors. MSU does require a Background check.

To get a Background Check Form or answer any of your questions, please contact Al Ruhl at 989-593-3321 or 989-245-4912.

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the FHS Class of 2016 and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



**Legacy of Hope, Future of Hope
Education Trust Fund Campaign
(ETF)**

As a reminder, please return your ETF campaign pledge card in the weekly collection or to the parish office. Contributions to the MHT ETF are a perpetual donation; the earmarked funds grow and create spendable income year after year that support all MHT religious education needs for pre-school through youth ministry, Most Holy Trinity School, adult formation and various efforts of further development and deepening of biblical knowledge and spirituality. The faith we help nurture will serve not only in this life, but in the next, and it is by far, the most important thing we do.

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

MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life

Important Dates:

Tuesday, May 24	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Monday, May 30	No School/Memorial Day
Friday, June 3	Mass @ 8:15 a.m./First Friday
Friday, June 3	8 th Grade Class Trip/ 1 st -4 th Grade field trip
Monday, June 6	8 th Grade Graduation
Tuesday, June 7	Last School Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 8	Last Day of School Family Barbeque @ 11:15 a.m.

MHT School Education Commission: An Education Commission is being reestablished for MHT School beginning next school year. Parishioners wishing to be on the 6–8 member advisory board to the school administration should contact the school office. Members do not have to be current parents of MHT School students. We are interested in creating a group consisting of 6–8 various stake holders who have the common goal of continuing the long-standing mission of Catholic school education here in Fowler. If we have more volunteers than the spots available, there will be a random draw to fill the commission. The Education Commission will meet monthly from August through May. Please express your interest by Friday, June 3, 2016, either by calling 593-2616 or emailing principal@mhtparish.com.

Annual Family Barbeque: We will once again be holding our end of the school year family barbeque on Wednesday, June 8. All families of past, current and newly registered students are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Friday, June 3, 2016, at 593-2616 or school@mhtparish.com so we know about how many people to plan for. Sloppy Joe's, hot dogs, games, and fellowship will highlight the afternoon.

Open Invitation: Families interested in learning more about MHT School can do so in a number of ways. Our Wednesday ambassador program features two eighth grade students giving tours from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. On the first Sunday of most months you can stop by the school for coffee and visit with the principal or other staff member from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The next one is scheduled for **Sunday, June 5**. If neither of these work for you, please stop in the school office or contact us at 593-2616 and school@mhtparish.com to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Registration: Registration for Most Holy Trinity School is now underway. You can use the following URL or QR code to register. If you want more information or have any questions about the school, please feel free to contact the office.



<http://goo.gl/forms/Hxq5uzMXKS>

We have a responsibility to balance the scales, to show love where there is hate, to provide food where there is hunger, and to protect what is vulnerable. If life has treated you well, then justice demands that you help balance the scales. – from Deep Adventure



Wedding Banns

1st Publication

Thomas Feldpausch; Son of Neil & Rosemary Feldpausch

Jennifer Bradtke; Daughter of Bob & Lynn Bradtke of Bloomington, Illinois

Thank You

The family of **Tootie Weber** would like to thank Fr. Carl Simon for the beautiful Mass, Rosie and the choir, the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW members, and for the prayers, food, flowers, and kind words during our mom's passing. In lieu of thank you notes, donations will be made upon the families wishes and a Mass of Thanksgiving offered.

The Family of Tootie Weber



Bryce Thomas Schafer; Son of Nicholas & Julie (Simon) Schafer.

Grayson Paul O'Rourke; Son of Patrick & Kelly (Koenigsknecht) O'Rourke.

We welcome Grayson to our parish family.



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for each of us, that we do not lose sight of the importance of Mass, daily prayer and the need to make God the priority of our lives.

Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering especially: Frieda Gallagher, Carl Stump, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Evan Pung, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulte, Kenny Briganti, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Don Simon, Roman Arens, Roy Frechen, Julie Wieber Schafer, Irene (Luttig) Weber, Maryann Esch, Bill Barns, Bob Marshall, Dennis Smith, Sandy Herta, Fr. Bill Koenigsknecht, Dick Rehmann, Pam (Thelen) Stump, Janet Simmon, Scott Kus, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Msgr. Sylvester Fedewa, Ken Weber, Lynn Denovich, Bryce Bongard 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.

Readings for the Week of May 22, 2016

- Monday** 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalms 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, and 10; Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday** 1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday** 1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 10:32-45
- Thursday** 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalms 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mark 10:46-52
- Friday** 1 Peter 4:7-13; Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mark 11:11-26
- Saturday** Jude 17, 20b-25; Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 11:27-33



Masses For The Week

Monday - May 23

7:00 p.m. + Lucile Martin & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - May 24

8:15 a.m. + Joan Becker

Wednesday - May 25

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Neal Snyder

Thursday - May 26

8:15 a.m. + Clara Wirth

Friday - May 27

8:15 a.m. + Donald Kramer

Saturday - May 28

8:15 a.m. + Marlene Bauer

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - May 29

8:30 a.m. + Ted & Olive Droste & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

10:30 a.m. + Marvin & Julia Miller & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29

4:30 p.m. - Tony Schafer, Jerome R. Thelen, Lonnie Schueller, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Bill Armbrustmacher, Tom O'Rourke, Bruce Schafer, Dean Schrauben

10:30 a.m. - Stan Weber, Gene Messer, Leon Schneider, Brian Thelen

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29

4:30 p.m. - Taylor & Trey Bierstetel, Brandon Platte, Brooke Epkey

8:30 a.m. - Jace & Tricia Feldpausch, Logan Klein, Macy Spicer

10:30 a.m. - Delanie, Preston & Camden Braun, Jared Snyder

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Ben & Jack Schafer

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

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Ryan Snyder, Peter Simon

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

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

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Trey Thelen, Tristan Smith

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

Amount needed each week.....\$13,200.00

May 14 & 15 Collection..... 11,002.35

Shortage..... - 2,197.65

Envelopes used: 203

Most Holy Trinity

May 22, 2016

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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Save the date for the 2016 Most Holy Trinity School Dinner Raffle Fundraiser **Saturday November 5th**. This year's theme is "**Boots, Chaps & Cowboy Hats**" so be sure to dress up, saddle up and giddy up to support our Catholic School!

Blessing of Senior Priest Residence

All are cordially invited to attend the Blessing and Dedication of the new Senior Priests residence, 1504 South Vas-sar Road, Burton, on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**. Blessing of the residence by Bishop Boyea will begin at 12:00 noon. An Open House picnic with food and refreshments will follow the blessing, until 3:00pm.

Ordination to the Priesthood and the Diaconate

All are invited and welcome to attend the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood and the Diaconate 7:00pm, **Friday, June 10**, at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Road, East Lansing. Deacons Paul Donnelly; Peter Lawrence; Brian Lenz; Michael Murray; and Ryan Riley will be ordained to the priesthood. Joseph Campbell and Anthony Smela will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

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

If you would like to enroll your child in next year's Religious Education classes, please visit www.mhtparish.com/religious-education and click the "2016/2017 Registration Form" link. Paper registration forms are also available if you contact Paul Fahey.

After you complete the form please submit a check for the appropriate tuition fees to the school office, religious education office, parish office, or collection basket during Mass.

The 2016/2017 tuition for Religious Education is:

\$125 for one student
\$225 for two students
\$300 for three or more students

However, if registration and payment is received by May 31, 2016, there is an early registration discount of \$20.

If you are absolutely unable to pay the full religious education fee, please let me know and I would be glad to work with you on a payment plan. No one will be denied religious education because of an inability to pay.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Group - Tuesday, May 31

Like last summer, MHT will host a young adult group every other Tuesday night at 7:00pm in the Youth Center. Paul Fahey will be there for discussion and Q&A, there will also likely be food and games depending on what everyone feels like. Dates for this through the summer are May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, and August 9.

Text & Email Notifications

We have been looking at ways to improve communication when changes happen on short notice at the parish. For instance, many parishioners have asked about being notified of visitation times and funerals for when parishioners pass away outside of an announcement at weekend masses. With Father's different foot surgeries, we aren't always able to announce if daily mass times change. To improve communication during the week, we have set up an email and text message notification system. This system will be used exclusively for parishioner funeral details and mass changes. Information about how to sign up is outlined below. If you have any trouble signing up, please contact Mary Schomisch via email at mhtyouthmary@gmail.com

To sign up for text message notifications:

Send a text to phone number 81010

In the message of the text, send the following code:
@mhtparish

Reply with your name as directed in the text message.

*Please note that standard messaging rates will apply.

To sign up for email notifications

Send a blank email to: mhtparish@mail.remind.com

Director of Youth Ministry
Mary Schomisch - mhtyouthmary@gmail.com



Steubenville: Spots for the summer Steubenville youth conference are still available on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, turn in the registration form and a \$100 deposit to the parish office or to youth group events. Registration forms are found online

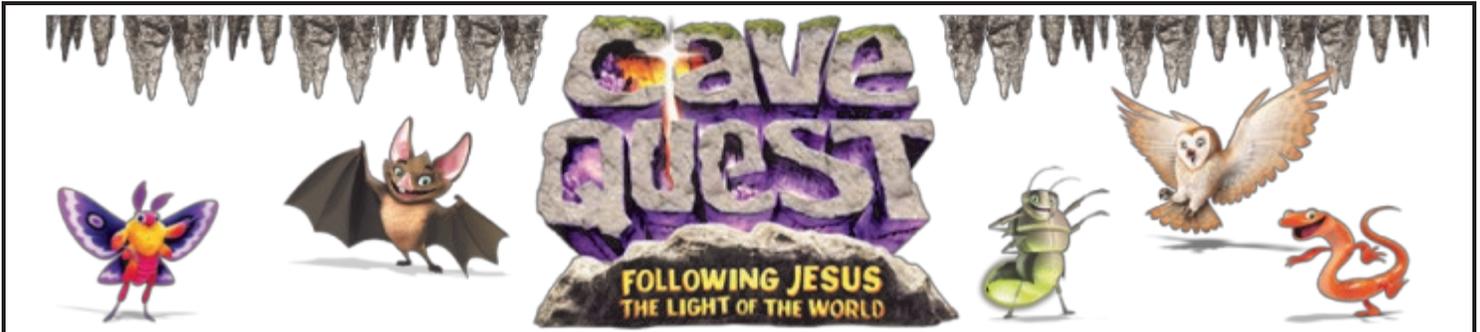
on the parish website under the youth ministry tab.

An informational meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Sunday, June 5 in the youth center. This meeting is required for those attending Steubenville for the first or second time. This meeting will go over logistical details about the weekend and ease some of the unknown of the weekend. Final amount due for Steubenville will be available at the meeting. At 6:30pm, all are welcomed to join us in the church for a time of adoration, confession and praise and worship to prepare for Steubenville.

Investment Fundraiser: Thank you to those who have already donated to the investment fundraiser. Donations will be accepted through the end of May.

Mission: Flint: Flint summer work camp will be July 24-29 and held at St Mary Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek. Join local parishes encountering the Lord through those we will serve in Flint and the Sacraments. Cost for the week is \$100. Permission slips are available on the parish website and in the youth center.

Youth Group: For the next two weeks, we will be meeting Sunday, May 22 and 29 at 6pm and Wednesday, May 25 and June 1 from 7:45 til 10pm.



Vacation Bible School is happening once again! This year's VBS will be **June 21-23**, 9:00am-Noon for children currently in grades K - 4.

If you would like to register: Please visit our website (mhtparish.com) and click the VBS banner. Or you can visit the parish office and fill out a paper form. We are asking for a \$5 donation per child to help offset our costs.

If you would like to volunteer: We are in need of helpers and leaders, high school and older, to help with the many activities that week. You can help one day or all three. You can help with the kids or behind the scenes. There's something for anyone who wants to help! Please visit our website (mhtparish.com) and click the VBS banner if you are interested.

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas

Festival Help

Our Parish Festival is quickly approaching this summer on July 29 - 31. With the difficulty in getting volunteers to chair the event the past couple of years, we are seriously starting to weigh our options moving forward. We would like to form a committee of people to look at the festival in depth and decide if there are better ways to get people to help, or if we should stop doing it in future years. If you would like to be on this committee and involved in making this decision, please contact Adam at the parish office.

Next year we will be in need of someone to chair both the games and the Arts and Crafts Booth. Nichole Rhynard is in the last year doing the games and Diane Smith is in her last year with Arts and Crafts but both would be willing to show the ropes this year to anyone who would like to take over next year. Contact Adam at the parish office if you are interested.

MHT Scrip

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 shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. A wide range of gift cards are available in the Most Holy Trinity School office during school hours.

Cemetery News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the spring cemetery clean up! The cemetery is really looking great and we're grateful for all of the volunteers that helped make that happen! While our volunteer crew has fixed and planted a number of the graves that have settled through the winter, there are still a few that we would like to get seeded before Memorial Day. The weather has made it a challenging spring for everyone to get work done outside, so please be patient with us.

Our cemetery lawn mowing teams have been working hard to keep the grass cut, but they are in need of more volunteers. Anyone who might be available to help can contact anyone on the newly formed Cemetery Committee (Claude Feldpausch, Dean Schrauben, Gary Weber (Shirley), Jerome Pohl, Mike Koenigsnecht, Ralph Pung, and Steve Nobis) or Adam at the parish office to find out more information. Joining a team means that the team leader will call you to see if you're available to mow whenever it is their turn. Some volunteers are on multiple lists and get called regularly but only choose to help when they have the time. We have all of the equipment so you don't have to worry about bringing your own. Whatever time you can offer would be greatly appreciated!



Cemetery Services

VFW Post 3733 along with area Veterans will be providing Memorial Day Cemetery services, honoring deceased veterans on Monday, May 30th. The schedule is as follows:

- St. Mary's, Westphalia** 10:00 am
- St. Joseph's, Pewamo** 10:45 am
- Most Holy Trinity, Fowler** 11:30 am

Chicken BBQ: E.J. Werner, VFW Post 3733 is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day, May 30th. Serving begins at 11:00 am until gone at the Post Home in Fowler. Cost is \$10 per person.



Fowler Youth Soccer League

Come join in the fun, and enroll your child in the Fowler Youth Soccer League which will be taking place fall 2016. This league is for players that are looking to learn the basic rules of soccer, and put their skills to practice during a scrimmage each week. This is intended for 4 years of old through third grade. The league runs for 6 Saturdays starting on September 10th. If you are interested in signing your child up the Fowler Youth Soccer League forms can be found on line at <https://fowersoccer.wordpress.com/>. If you have any questions please email Brett Thelen at fowleryouthsoccer@gmail.com.