



# The Holy Trinity

***"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. (1 John 5:7)***

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **The Mystery of the Holy Trinity**

Above is an ancient icon of the Holy Trinity. It's one of the most famous icons, written by the iconographer Andrei Rublev. When you look at the icon closely, you see that the three figures have wings. What is the artist trying to tell us? He is connecting us with the Old Testament story found in the Book of Genesis, where Abraham encounters three visitors or messengers (the Hebrew word for angel is messenger) who visit Abraham as he sits under the oak tree at Mamre. He welcomes them, and in typical Middle Eastern fashion, where hospitality is very, very important, he prepares a meal for them. They in turn, prophesy that he and Sarah, his wife will have a child. The early fathers of the Church always saw this story as a prefigurment of the Holy Trinity. The three angels or messengers symbolizing God's Trinitarian life.

The early church fathers always wrote that the Old Testament speaks prophetically of the New Testament; that we can see hints or images or "types" of Christ hidden in the Old Testament. This story of Abraham is one of those stories.

The Church reminds us over and over that we were created for revelation. God created us and there is a thirst, a longing for God in all of us, even in those who do not acknowledge Him. St. Augustine said in his Confessions (the Latin word *confessio* means testimony or witness), that our "hearts are restless until they rest in Thee O Lord." He knew this truth intimately and personally. Augustine as a young man, intelligent but arrogant resisted God and fought with Him. In time though, he surrendered himself to the inevitable truth that God has been seeking him out all this time. The life of the Blessed Trinity is written in our hearts. We cannot know lasting and true fulfillment until we come to know Him. God's inner life is a "communion" or community of Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father loves the Son and the Spirit, the Son loves the Father and the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit loves the Father and the Son. This eternal, perfect love is poured out into the world. God's love is seeking us out. God thirsts for our

love in return. He created us and wants us freely to return that love.

### **How does this revelation fit into our ordinary daily living?**

Through baptism and the Holy Spirit, the believer is incorporated into the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we take on a new existence with new standards of excellence that are none other than the standards of Christ himself. Moral theologian Livio Melina writes in *Sharing Christ's Virtues* that "belonging to Christ as members of one body bestows, at the level of the Church, the gift of the 'we' consciousness, without diminishing the personal responsibility of each, according to the model of the Most Holy Trinity."

The life that the Christian lives is necessarily a communal life, a corporate life that bears the image of the communal Trinitarian God. The Church in which we are incorporated into provides a moral consciousness, a goal, and a set of standards that forms the life of the individual believer, not as an individual alone but as a part of the body.

Additionally, this ecclesial (communal) dimension of the moral life also reveals that there is no separating the faith of the believer from the life he/she lives. This is made clear in our reading from Romans. ***Having gained access to grace by faith we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope . .*** The moral life is, as such, not only about being good, but about being holy. The holiness of God is communicated to the believers through the Sacraments, prayer and the Word of God, and the believer grows in holiness through actions marked by charity. The fertile ground for this dynamic life is the Church.

As we celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we are reminded of the most fundamental truth of our faith. That God is a trinity of persons, One God, three Divine Persons, equal in majesty and glory and yet, united in Love and sharing their Divine Love and Life with us. The story of the Bible, the

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revelation of the Father, of Jesus and the Holy Spirit is all about God revealing who He is and His love and purpose for us. We are born again in baptism into the life of the Blessed Trinity for a purpose – to reveal God to the world. This is the very heart of evangelization and the moral life.

A life truly and authentically lived in Christ cannot help but shine forth the light of truth and love of Christ and the Holy Spirit within us to others.

God bless,

**Fr. Dennis**

**Announcements**

**Priestly Discernment Dinner:** On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> the Diocese is sponsoring its annual afternoon with Bishop and the seminarians of our Diocese. Any young man who is a junior in High School is welcome. The day begins at 3:00pm and ends by 6:00pm. There will also be an over-night retreat extending until Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> for those who are seriously considering to sign up for seminary. Please contact Fr. Dennis if you are interested.

**Diocesan Family Baseball Game:** Our annual Night with the Diocese of Lansing will take place on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Lugnuts Stadium in Lansing. Please call the parish office if you're interested. There will be priests, religious and many parishes from throughout the Diocese present at the game.

**Courage/Encourage:** Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching on same-sex attraction. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. For their latest information you can go online at: [http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/courage\\_0515.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/courage_0515.pdf)

**Director of Youth Ministry**

Mary Schomisch - [mhtyouthmary@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthmary@gmail.com)

**Steubenville Meeting:** On Tuesday, June 9, there will be a meeting for those attending the Steubenville Youth Conference at 7pm in the Fr. Ray Youth Center. This meeting is mandatory for those who are going for their first or second time. Attendance is not required, but encouraged, for those who are attending for their third, fourth, or fifth time. If you have a conflict, please email Mary at [mhtyouthmary@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthmary@gmail.com) to set up a make-up meeting.

I will be available before and after the meeting on June 9 to tell you the amount owed and take payments. You can also email me or ask on Sunday or Wednesday nights when the Youth Center is open.

**Youth Group:** Fr. Ray Youth Center will continue to be open on Sunday and Wednesday nights in the summer. On Sundays, we have a time for a faith-based discussion starting at 6pm. On Wednesdays, the Youth Center is open after the 7:00pm Mass (around 7:45pm) for a time to hangout and play games.

**M**ost Holy Trinity Educational Programs are partially funded through your continued giving to the Educational Trust Fund. A gift is one way of ensuring these programs are funded for many years to come.

**Principal of Most Holy Trinity School**  
Anne Hufnagel—[AnneH@mhtparish.com](mailto:AnneH@mhtparish.com)

**MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life****Important Dates:**

Monday, June 1	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation/Mass @ 7:00
Tuesday, June 2	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 3	Last Day of School/ Family Barbeque

**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](http://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.



**Support the Faith Raffle:** The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring their 'Support the Faith' raffle. Tickets can be purchased in the school office, parish office, or from members of the Knights of Columbus and cost \$20.00 each. Each ticket has multiple chances at cash prizes of \$100 or \$500. Proceeds from the raffle will generate scholarships toward tuition at MHT School!

*When we go through pain it is easy to feel abandoned or forgotten, but suffering doesn't mean God doesn't love us, He does. Even Jesus suffered, and He was completely without sin. – from Ask The Bible Geek*

**Director of Music Ministry**  
**Eduardo Guerra - [eddieguerra@icloud.com](mailto:eddieguerra@icloud.com)**

**Children's Choir:** The children will be singing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 7th. Please have your children in the choir loft 15 minutes before Mass time.

**"Our Prophetic Moment"**

**Portland St. Patrick Church on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 – 9:00 pm**  
Presentation by Peter Herbeck

Being Catholic in the 21st Century  
Strategies to keep your children in the faith  
Equipping schools with faith building tools

**Peter Herbeck** is the Vice President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries. He has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the U.S., Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for the past thirty years. Peter is a co-host for the weekly EWTN television programs *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. He also hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. He is a frequent conference speaker, has authored *When the Spirit Comes in Power* and *When the Spirit Speaks*, and has produced CDs and booklets about discipleship and life in the Spirit. Peter and his wife Debbie have four children and live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**For more information**, check out:

<http://www.renewalministries.net>  
<http://www.stpatrickportland.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1625975034300418/>

**Director of Religious Education**  
**Paul Fahey—[mhtdre@gmail.com](mailto:mhtdre@gmail.com)—593-3174**

**Religious Education:** If you would like to enroll your child in next year's Religious Education classes, you will need to register by visiting [www.mhtparish.com/religious-education](http://www.mhtparish.com/religious-education) and clicking the "2015/2016 Registration Form" link to our online form. \*Paper registration forms are also available in the parish and religious education offices if you would prefer.

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

The 2015/2016 tuition for Religious Education is:

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

However, if registration and payment are received by May 31, 2015, 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.



**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School is happening once again! This year's VBS will be June 16-18, 9:00am -Noon for children currently in grades K - 4.

If you would like to register: Please visit the religious education page on our website (<http://www.mhtparish.com/religious-education>) and click the "VBS Registration Form" link. 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 contact me ([mhtdre@gmail.com](mailto:mhtdre@gmail.com), 593-3174 x1) if you are interested."

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

**50/50 Support the Faith Club**

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 1<sup>st</sup> as the first of 20 cash raffle drawings will be July 6th. ALL entries will be eligible for ALL 20 drawings. The scholarships will be provided for the next school year.

**MHT Scrip – Summer Schedule**

Scrip that is kept in stock will be available at the school from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. thru June 19. Beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>, scrip will be available at the rectory from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Scrip orders will continue to be placed each Monday throughout the summer.

Scrip offers a wide range of gift cards for all of your Graduation, Fathers Day and summer vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit [shop-withscrip.com](http://shop-withscrip.com) for a complete list.

**Quilts & Afghans for Parish Festival**

It's that time of year again - time to start working on the quilts and afghans for the parish festival.

Do you quilt, sew, knit or crochet? Please consider contributing your time, talent, and effort. We are very grateful for the work and generosity of beautiful donated quilts and afghans that help make our parish festival a success.

Please contact the parish office or Diane Smith at 593-9947.



**Catholic Order of Foresters**

The Michigan State Court 2015 Family Day Activity is a Lansing Lugnuts Baseball game on Friday, July 17th, 7:05 pm against South Bend at the Cooley Law School Stadium in Lansing.

LAFCU Fireworks will light up the sky following the game.

It is "Military Eat Free" night; All active military members and veterans will receive a voucher for a free meal upon entry.

The cost is \$11/ticket but the MI State Court is covering \$8 of this cost so only \$3/ticket to members. Children under 2 are free if they sit on their parents' lap, no senior or children discounts. \$11/ticket for non-members. Please call Tami Rademacher at 593-2749 by Tuesday, May 26th to purchase a ticket.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to renew and enrich your marriage and your faith! Retreat will be held June 26-28 at St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores (you sleep at home or in a hotel). For more info or to apply, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Harry & Karen Porter at (888) 628-7433.

**Oasis of Serenity Home in Carson City**

The Oasis of Serenity Home in Carson City is now open! It is a home for end of life care just like the Mother Teresa House in Lansing. The Home has room for up to 4 people at a time. A thrift store is run in the basement to help fund it. They are looking for volunteers for resident care. This can include reading and visiting with the person, some personal care, some meal preparation and keeping the house clean. The schedule is open at this time so what ever time works for you is good! Anyone interested in helping out should call Marcia Allen at 989-763-8328. The address is 7216 Mt. Hope Road, Carson City.



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Returns" for Vocations Fundraiser

Most Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have so many of our young men and women pursuing religious vocations. The Fowler Knights of Columbus will be hosting our 10<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser "Returns for Vocations" specifically for their benefit. This is again our opportunity to provide "Return" support to them by donating our returnable bottles, cans or cash donations. This year's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Start saving your bottles and cans for pickup or delivery that day or take them in early and save the money to make a donation.

**Special Note:** This year we are offering our collectors options in the areas both inside & outside the village. Because the area is so vast we are allowing our collectors the flexibility to pick up anytime between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> based on what works best for them and their collection area.

### Youth Soccer

The Fowler Youth Soccer League will be offering a soccer program again this Fall. Last year's program brought in 110 children from Fowler, Pewamo, St. Johns, and Westphalia. It's available to children four years old through 3rd grade who are interested in learning the rules of soccer and improving their skills through drills and scrimmages. Registration forms can be found online at <https://fowlersoccer.wordpress.com/>. If you have any questions, please email [fowleryouthsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:fowleryouthsoccer@gmail.com) or call Brett Thelen at (517) 230-1547.

### Portland St. Patrick Summerfest - June 27 & 28

Portland St. Patrick will host their annual Summerfest on June 27-28, 2015.

**Saturday:** 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Volleyball Tournament, Youth Baseball Tournaments, Fun Run, and 5K Race on the Rivertrail, kids games and homemade food at our Food Court! From 5:00-7:00 p.m. sample more than 2 dozen Michigan wines and microbrews at the Taste of Summerfest wine-tasting party and live music; DJ Trivia from 7:00-9:00; and live music by the Royal Ramblers and our own American Idol contestant, Shelby Ann Marie Miller from 9:00 until midnight.

**Sunday:** Outdoor Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Alton Park, followed by a Swiss Steak/Chicken Dinner from 11:30-2:30. Portland Cruisers will have their classic cars on display from 11:30 a.m. -1 3 pm. Kids games, Food Court, live music on stage by Three Husbands on the Loose, a dance presentation by the Hubbardston IrishDancers, and the Parish Festival Raffle.

A complete schedule of events, photos and applications for all of the athletic events can be found on our website. Go to [www.stpatssummerfest.com](http://www.stpatssummerfest.com)

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament:** On June 27th, open to girls and boys ages 8-15. Registration forms are available [www.stpatssummerfest.com](http://www.stpatssummerfest.com). For more information contact Kristen Smith at [517.449.4524](tel:517.449.4524)

### St Joseph Festival, Pewamo - June 13th & 14th

Come join the fun at the Annual Pewamo St Joseph Parish Festival on June 13th and 14th. Returning this year is DJ Trivia Saturday night in the Beer Tent, Wine & Beer Tasting Sunday afternoon, and Biggby coffee after the 8am Mass on Sunday. Other activities include: Softball tournament, Golf Scramble, Live Music, Vegas Tent, Kiddie Tractor Pulls, Hubbardston Irish Dancers, Mello-Tones, Potter's Park Animal Show, Games and Rides for the kids and Parade on Sunday. Questions? Please contact Derrick & Haley Weber (517)896-5451 or Neal & Amber Spitzley (517) 231-2462.

**Volleyball Tournament:** June 13th. It is a 4 on 4 co-ed with a competitive and a recreational division; cost is \$80 per team starting at 9:00 am. Entry deadline is June 11th. To enter have only 1 team member register the team, please call or text Aaron & Lisa Schneider at (517) 331-4266

**Parade:** June 14th; theme - "Roarin' 20's". No need to register; line-up at 10:30 am at the Pewamo Elementary school. If you have any questions, please contact John and Christie Spitzley at 517-331-1591.

**5K Run/2Mile Walk:** June 13th; details and registration forms see our website at [https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/PewamoStJosephRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Pewamo/PewamoStJosephRun) or call Matt/Kelli Smith [593-3509](tel:593-3509).

**Boys & Girls 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:** June 14th.; \$50 entry fee; deadline - June 10th. For more information contact Bill Schafer at 989-640-0622

**Pewamo St. Joseph Golf Outing:** June 13th 2015, 2:00 \$45 per person, Dinner, prizes and more! Call Huckleberry Creek at 989-593-3305 to sign your team up!

### Birthday Card Shower

Surprise card shower for Laurie Snyder's 60th birthday! Please help her celebrate by sending cards to: Laurie Snyder, 302 W. McConnell St., St. Johns, MI 48879.

### Casino Bus Trip

Casino bus trip to Firekeepers, Friday, June 19. Contact Patty Feldpausch at 989 640-3658 for more details

**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, Marla Thelen, Kenny Briganti, Jenny Scott, Jeff Pline, Gary McNamara, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Pete Kurnz, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Dawson Thelen, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Marian Rademacher, Don Simon, Roman Arens, Roy Frechen, Paul Soyka 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.*

Featured CD of the WeekFrom the Foundation of the World - Curtis Martin

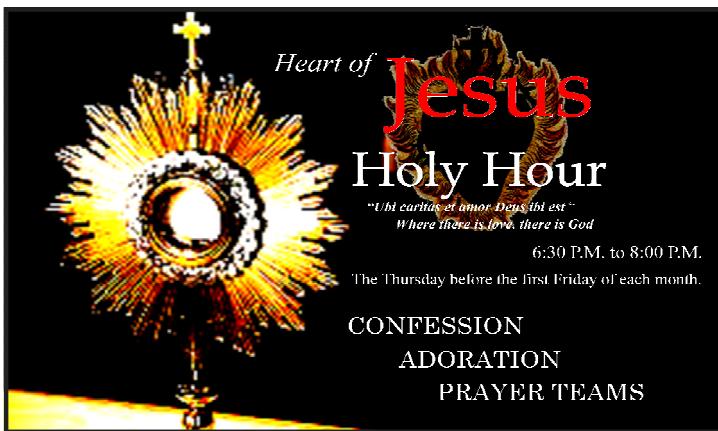
Curtis Martin - founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and popular Catholic writer, speaker, and radio/TV host - speaks to thousands of college students about the heart of the Christian call.

Cd's are located in the back of church. Contact Adam Halfman for additional topics, CD's or questions.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Thursday, June 4 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and Friday morning after the 8:15 am Mass until Benediction at noon.

**Confessions:** Thursday, June 4 before First Friday: after 8:15 morning Mass and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. or every Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

Readings for the Week of May 31, 2015

Monday	Tobit 1:3, 2:1b-8; Psalms 112; Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday	Tobit 2:9-14; Psalms 112; Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday	Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Psalms 25; Mark 2:18-27
Thursday	Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Psalms 128; Mark 12:28-34
Friday	Tobit 11:5-17; Psalms 146; Mark 12:35-37
Saturday	Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobit 13; Mark 12:38-44

Our Parish Stewardship  
God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Amount needed each week.....	\$13,200.00
May 23 & 24 Collection.....	9,602.60
Shortage.....	- 3,597.40
Envelopes used: 160	

**Most Holy Trinity****May 31, 2015****Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard****Parish Office Hours 8am-12pm & 1pm-3pm****To Contact Us:**

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**Most Holy Trinity School: 593-2616****Monday - June 1 - MHT 8th Grade Graduation**

7:00 p.m. + Alfred Koenigsknecht, Including Annie, Ken & Larry

**Tuesday - June 2**

8:15 a.m. + Julius Theis & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Wednesday - June 3**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations  
 7:00 p.m. + Justin & Ida Sisung & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Thursday - June 4**

8:15 a.m. + Rose Mary Fedewa Including Ervin and Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**6:30 p.m.** Praise, Adoration, Worship, & Confession

**Friday - June 5 - First Friday**

8:15 a.m. + Alfred & Seraphine Halfmann & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Saturday - June 6 - First Saturday**

8:15 a.m. + Sylvester & Odelia Feldpausch & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

4:30 p.m. Leonard Thelen Including Rose

**Sunday - June 7**

8:30 a.m. + Clem & Thelma Rademacher

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7**

4:30 p.m. – Mike Halfman, Tony Schafer, Jerome R. Thelen, Lonnie Schueller

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, June 6 & 7**

4:30 p.m. – David & Brian Armbrustmacher, Holly & Taylor Bierstetel

8:30 a.m. - Hanna, Nathan & Jena Epkey, Olivia Esch

10:30 a.m. – Delanie, Preston & Camden Braun, Michael Despres

**Mass Servers During This Week**

Mon., 7:00 pm - Camden Braun, Ben Schafer

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

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Braeden Andros, Tyler Bauer

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

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Logan & Zoe Kramer

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Kiley Bengel, Cyrus Carbone



**The Rosary** is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for the men and women who farm the land, that their work will serve to feed the hungry of all nations.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

**Keck - Coleman**