

Come Holy Spirit Come!



“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

From the Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked Jonathan & Kristie Thelen to share with us.

God Bless, Fr. Dennis



When we initially heard about the Adult Retreat at MHT our first thought was, “That sounds really great, but not for us.” We have four young kids and “busy” schedules (as everyone does) with work and school and life. The thought of taking 3 days to get away from all of that just didn’t seem feasible. However, the topic of the Adult Retreat kept coming up. Over a span of time leading up to the Retreat, others in the parish reached out to Jon and I in different ways and it really got us thinking. Was God trying to tell us something here; should we be open to this idea of actually going? When family reached out to us a few days later and said they would watch our kids for the 2 nights and 3 days during the Adult Retreat if we had an interest in going, we had our answer. We got signed up. The week before the Retreat we were excited and a bit nervous as well. We didn’t quite know what we had in store for us that weekend as neither of us had ever been on a Retreat like this before. Of course, as it always seems to go with young kids when we have plans, our youngest son developed an ear infection and was having trouble sleeping in the days and nights leading up to the Retreat. This made us hesitate all the more about going and leaving the kids behind.

However, once we arrived at the retreat house Friday evening our hesitation and nerves were abated. The staff was welcoming and friendly and they put us right at ease. The weekend was filled with many inspiring speakers and raw and real testimonials from such faith-filled individuals. There also was plenty of time with the Lord in Adoration which allowed us both to have quiet reflection time to just listen and speak with Him. The music was excellent and it was during adoration that I felt this pull to be prayed over by the prayer team. It was such a peaceful and consoling experience that truly left me feeling as if a weight had been lifted off my heart. I don’t really know how to explain it but to say that I could just sense how deep God’s love is for me. It was such an amazing and healing experience. Both of us are so glad that we stepped out of our comfort zones and took a step in faith to go on this retreat. It has truly brought about many fruits spiritually in our individual lives as well as within our family. Coming home after this retreat we felt refreshed and renewed in our faith and therefore able to jump into our lives with the kids and work in a more positive and peaceful manner. It has been an awesome reminder that when our spiritual lives are front and center where they should be, everything else runs smoother. It has also been a great way for us to show our kids how important we feel a relationship with God is. They certainly watch what we do and say and we want to do our very best to lead by example. To not just say that faith and a prayer life are important, but to put actions where our words are.

We would encourage you or anyone you know that is interested in going on the next Adult Retreat to do so if at all possible, and all is possible with God! We are so blessed to be a part of such a faith filled, loving and thriving parish that offers this experience to its members. If you go in with an open mind and heart, you will not be disappointed.

Many Blessings, **Jonathan and Kristie Thelen**

Announcements



**Most Holy Trinity
Parish Feast Day Celebration**

**Saturday, June 10th
after the 4:30 pm. Mass**

**Everyone is welcome to the annual
Parish Festival which will take place
on the parish grounds.
There will be food, refreshments, inflatables, and
time to relax and enjoy conversation
and meet parishioners.**

Embezzlement in Owosso and Okemos

I'm sure that you have heard of the recent problems in Owosso and Okemos, how two priests, Fr. David Fisher and Fr. John Wehrle were indicted for embezzlement. Sadly in the case of St. Martha's in Okemos, the priest had sole control of the finances, and in the case of St. Joseph's in Owosso, a parish employee was in collusion with the pastor.

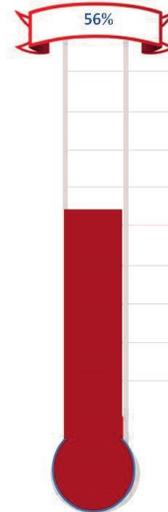
This news is both disturbing and shocking to all of us who work in parish ministry, and certainly raised concerns about how our Diocese and our parishes need to be very careful. Many people struggle with trust as a result of these issues and this is understandable. It is however, worth keeping in mind that the changes to the Diocesan Financial Office were responsible for discovering these situations. This is not the first time these kind of things have happened in the Church and in the business culture.

Two years ago the Diocese implemented sweeping changes in how parishes were expected to handle money, especially focusing on how the weekend collection was handled and counted. Additionally, the Diocese audited every parish. Most Holy Trinity was audited last year and we were told that we were in compliance with Diocesan expectations and practices. Furthermore, the Diocese has purchased programs that require us to share our financial reports to them regularly. While all of these reforms have been inconvenient for our parish staff, to say the least, they are necessary checks and balances that both protect the Diocese, the parish and employees.

We are committed to being transparent and good stewards of our income and expenditures, publishing our annual financial report. We are blessed here at Most Holy Trinity to have a good parish council and finance committee and I'm grateful for their help and their input.

The Diocese has provided some information for the parishes that may answer some of your questions. There is an insert to that effect in this weekend's bulletin.

God bless, Fr. Dennis and the parish staff



Most Holy Trinity Parish

\$669,000.00

Our goal

**Witness to
HOPE**

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

<http://www.witness-to-hope.net/>

**Please return your pledge card by
June 5th.**

Thanks to all those who have picked up your Witness to Hope envelopes. Please note that the remaining envelopes have been mailed individually. Contact the parish office if you have not receive yours. Thank you.

Liturgical Vestment



I would like to purchase for the parish a Marian vestment to honor this 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima. I would like to have a special Mass on Friday, October 13th the anniversary of the final apparition of our Lady. The vestment would cost around \$1000.00 If anyone or a group of people would like to contribute to the cost of the vestment, please contact the parish office.



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.

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. Thank you!



Director of Youth Ministry
Corey Luna - mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com.

There are still openings for this year's Steubenville trip! Please sign up online ASAP to secure your spot! Also, the trip is approaching fast and there are many things that those who are attending need to know! There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 11th at 4pm in the youth center. We will be discussing the expectations for the trip as well as how much money is owed, what to pack, and a basic schedule. If there are any more questions about the meeting or about any trip details please direct those to Corey Luna at 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.

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

MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, June 5 8th Grade Graduation – Mass 7 pm.
Tuesday, June 6 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 7 Last Day of School/Family BBQ

Family Barbecue: Our annual end of the year barbecue is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7. Middle school awards will start at 10:30 in the Church. Sub sale awards will be handed out in the courtyard at 11:15 with lunch to follow. All MHT students and their families are invited. Alumni are welcome to stop by and join us as well.

2017-18 CARES Grant: Applications for the 2017-18 CARES grant are available on the school website or can be picked up in the school office. The CARES grant is funded by local parishioners to help offset the cost of tuition for families with the most financial need. Up to five \$500 grants are awarded annually through this fund. Applications for the 2017/18 school year are due by Friday, June 16, 2017. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can do so by contacting the school office.

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, 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.



Stay Calm: *If we have to wait for long for anything, we feel stress rising within—a sure sign that impatience is getting the upper hand. And when we are impatient, we can lose our temper, act rashly, harm ourselves or others, or make a mess of that which we wanted to turn out well.*

—from the book: Don't Panic: How to Keep Going When the Going Gets Tough

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 "2017/2018 Registration Form" link.

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

The 2017/2018 tuition for Religious Education is: \$125 for one student, \$225 for two students, \$300 for three or more students

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.



Large Church Bell Repair

As Father announced at Mass last weekend, our large bell needs to be repaired. We have two different options that we are considering and would like to get input from the parish if anyone has a strong preference for what we should do.

Total restoration of the bell would include replacing the whole mechanism which allows it to swing and carry the sound so that people can hear a couple of miles away. That would cost us \$37,000. A cheaper route would be to secure the bell so that it no longer swings, which limits the distance so that only people in town would be able to hear it. That would cost us \$13,000. If you have a strong preference between the two options, please contact Adam at the parish office, or someone from one of our councils (Building, Finance or Parish).



Blessed Mother Statue

Reminder that the statue of Mary is available to take home on the weekends. Take this opportunity to enter into deeper prayer and closeness with our Blessed Mother. Use the sign up sheet in the back of church.

**St. Joseph Church 25th Annual
Mid-East Food Festival**

Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, 2017

**St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church
725 W. Mt. Hope at Rundle, Lansing, MI**

**Delicious Home-Made Middle Eastern Food
Middle-Eastern and American Desserts
Outdoor or Indoor Dining
Live Entertainment**

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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News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas



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 16th. Beginning June 19th, scrip will be available at the parish office from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Scrip orders will continue to be placed each Monday throughout the summer.

If you would like to learn more about the scrip program and how you can use it to help defray the cost of a Catholic Education please visit the MHT Parish website or contact the school. Anyone can purchase the gift cards, you do not have to have a student at MHT School to use scrip.

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 for a complete list.

Portland St. Patrick's 3-on-3



As part of Portland St. Patrick's parish festival, it will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for girls and boys ages 8-15 on June 24th. The tournament registration is open until June 20th. Forms are available at <http://www.stpatsummerfest.com/3-on-3-basketball>.

St. Joseph Pewamo Parish Festival

The Pewamo St. Joseph's Parish Festival will be held on June 10th and June 11th. Join us for a weekend of fun for the entire family! Festivities include live music, entertainment tent, kids games and rides, raffles, a parade, and much more! For more information, visit us at our Facebook page @PewamoStJoeFestival

Parade: Sunday, June 11th. The theme will be "At the Movies", with cash prizes awarded for the top three floats or entries using the theme. You do NOT need to register your entry prior to the parade; line-up begins the day of the parade at 10:30 am at the Pewamo Elementary school. The parade starts at 11:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact John & Christie Spitzley at 517-331-1591 or Jarrod & Kerri Hafner at 989-593-9924.

Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, June 10th. 4 on 4 co-ed grass tournament with a competitive and recreational division. \$80 per team. First game starts at 9am (after 5K). **Entry deadline is June 8th.** To enter your team call or text Brett Thelen at (989) 640-6167. I will respond confirming your registration. If for any reason you are no longer able to play, please let me know ahead of time.

5K Run/2Mile Walk Saturday June 10 at 8:30 am. There are many age groups and awards to be given. For details and registration forms please see our website at <http://pewamo5k.tripod.com> or call Matt/Kelli Smith 593-3509, Bill/Dawn Martin 640-3591, or Jennyl Simon 517-281-6585.

Save the Date!



The Knights Family Night to Celebrate Vocations will be held at Cooley Stadium on Friday, August 11. For more information please see the Knights of Columbus bulletin board at the east entrance of the church.



"Mary, Blessed Are You Among Women"

A new one-day retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on June 13 from 9:00am-3:30pm given by Tony Sperendi. It will highlight Our Blessed Mother's role in our lives, seen from Scripture, Tradition, the Saints, and her apparitions at Fatima and Guadalupe. The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and includes morning snacks, lunch, Mass, and materials. Register and info at 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.

Catholic Homeschool Conference

The IHM Michigan Homeschool Conference will be held at Lansing Catholic High School, 501 N. Marshall Street, in Lansing, on Friday, June 16th (12:00 pm - 6:00 pm) and on Saturday, June 17th (9:30 am - 3:30 pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Dr. Ray Guarendi is a confirmed speaker! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org

St. Mary Westphalia 4th of July Festival

Parade: The theme is "At the Movies". Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded. Line up begins at 10:30 in front of Union Bank, with the parade beginning at noon after the flag raising. For more information or to register, please contact the chairpersons: Joe and Ruth Schueller at 989-640-2451 or Bill and LeAnn Hengesbach at 989-640-4845.

3-on-3 basketball: The fee is \$60 per team and open to anyone 8 years or older with a team of 4 players. Forms will be available soon online at <http://www.stmarychurch.net> and at area businesses. Deadline is Saturday, July 1st. If we are unable to get enough teams, we may resort to a basketball shootout similar to that which Pewamo has done at their St. Joe's Picnic. has done. For more information, call Bob & Paula Hengesbach (989-640-7894).

Holy Hour to End Abortion

Please join us in church on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. for a holy hour to pray for women thinking about having an abortion.

12th Annual "Returns" for Vocations Reminder

Most Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have so many of our men and women pursuing religious vocations and we are always seeking ways to continue to show our support for them. The Fowler Knights of Columbus will be hosting the 12th 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 8th. 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 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 June 23rd and July 8th based on what works best for them and their collection area.

Bottle & Can Drop Site: As with previous years on Saturday July 8th 8:00-12:00 Noon there will be a drop off location on the front lawn of the Father Ray Youth Center.



Second Publication: Joshua Hamilton & Sarah Schomisch

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, Lynda Esch, Jim O. Koenigsknecht, Mindy Simon, Janet Armbrustmacher (Allan), Marie Weber, Ray & Janet Armbrustmacher, Jenine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Adam Pohl, Jordy Wohlscheid, Sharon Becker, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Brent Baese, Landon Baese 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.

Bulletin Sponsorship

This week, Michael Lenz, a representative from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising please call the parish office for contact information. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community. Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the parish.

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

May 27 & 28 Collection.....\$11,968.71

Special Collections

Newspapers..... 8.00
Catholic Relief.....100.00
MHT School..... 250.00

Monthly Finance Report For May

Sunday Collection-All Sources.....\$47,947.59
Sunday Collections-Year to Date.....\$625,743.52
Sunday Collections- FY 17 Budget.....\$668,000.00
Percentage Collected Through May - 93.7%

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017

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



Monday - June 5

7:00 p.m. + Marion Bradley

Tuesday - June 6

8:15 a.m. + Joseph L. Simon & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday - June 7

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Rita Halfmann & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - June 8

8:15 a.m.. + Clem & Thelma Rademacher & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Friday - June 9

8:15 a.m. + Ann Thelen, Including Emily Goerge, Ted Thelen & Bob Goerge

Saturday - June 10

8:15 a.m. **No Morning Mass**

4:30 p.m. + Richard Schmitz

Sunday - June 11

8:30 a.m. + Jake Klein, Including John & Mary & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11

4:30 p.m. - Clare M. Thelen, Luke Thelen, Bruce Simon, Gary Schueller

8:30 a.m. - Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ryan Pung, Kurt Koenigsknecht

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

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11

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

8:30 a.m. Ben & Jack Schafer, Brycen Halfmann, Tony Hufnagel

10:30 a.m.- McKenzie, Josie & Cooper Koenigsknecht, McKenzie Feldpausch

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Roman Schafer, Peter Simon

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

Wed, 7:00 p.m. - Ryen Kirvan, Alayna Vandegriff

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

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

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - No Morning Mass



Zamrin Daltom Koenigsknecht; Son of Gregory & Rachele (Roof) Koenigsknecht

We welcome Zamrin to our Parish Family.

June 4, 2017

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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