



From the Pastor's Desk

**The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi**

The Acts of the Apostles presents the Church as a "Communion." Communion meaning in its original context "to be one with." In Greek the word that the New Testament writers used was "koinonia" It meant "fellowship" "gathering" and "church."

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship (koinonia), to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

The "breaking of bread" was ever afterward the sign of the Church's fellowship and of communion with God. God had drawn His people collectively into fellowship with Him. They could not sustain that relationship with Him unless they kept communion with one another, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship [*koinonia*], to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Fellowship did not depend on race, ethnicity, or past history. Even the most notorious enemies of Christ were welcome to communion, if they repented. After his conversion, Saul was delighted to share "***the right hand of fellowship***" "*koinonias*" with the inner circle of Jesus' original disciples: Peter, James, and John (Galatians 2:9).

The sign of the Church's deep fellowship was "the breaking of the bread" (see Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7; see also Luke 24:35). The disciples of Jesus shared among themselves the Eucharist that their Master Jesus had established. The meal was a sign of the bond, and the shared meal strengthened the bond.

Hence the teaching of the Church about Communion. We should not approach Communion in a state of mortal sin. This is not just a rule the Church made us, but is Scriptural. St. Paul warns the church in Corinth. He first scolds them for their disunity and their sinful and selfish activities at the

Eucharistic gatherings in their homes (the early Christians celebrated the Sunday Eucharist in their homes):

"First of all, I hear that when you meet as a church there are divisions among you.- 1 Corinthians 11:18

Then he teaches them to examine themselves and if they are in sin, to abstain from the Eucharist. For to eat the Body and Blood of the Lord in sin is to bring about condemnation upon ourselves.

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself." - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

We don't usually think along these lines. We are taught that the Eucharist is so important and a healing Sacrament. And it is! However, because the Eucharist is so important, to misuse it or to sin against us is very serious.

For Catholics, Holy Communion is the most sacred, the most powerful sign of our unity. Sin separated us from God and one another. Holy Communion unites us. This is why we differ from our approach to communion with our brothers and sisters of other denominations. Many of them see communion as a path toward unity. The Catholic Church sees communion as the final and fullest sign of unity, of communion (to be one with). For the Scriptures and the Church disunity is a sin, it is a scandal to non-believers.

On this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us rededicate ourselves to living holy lives, building up the unity of the Church so that one day we may experience the fullness of communion as we stand before God and share eternity with our brothers and sisters.

God bless

Fr. Dennis

Announcements

Priestly Discernment Dinner: On Sunday, August 16th 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 17th 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 7th 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.

**Principal of Most Holy Trinity School
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8th Grade Award Winners: Many of our 8th grade students were presented with awards at their graduation on Monday, June 1. Some of the award winners are listed below.



The Msgr. Albert Koenigsnecht Christian Service Award was presented to **Owen Simon**, son of Joe and Kim Simon.



The Fr. Raymond Rademacher Award for Kindness was presented to **Daniel Esch**, son of Glenn and Mary Esch.



The American Citizenship Award was presented to **Alyssa Vandegriff**, daughter of Alvin and Sherri Vandegriff.



The Principal's Award was presented to **Kayla Schafer**, daughter of Kevin and Tina Schafer.



Back in December, at different parish meetings and events I was in, I heard several people comment that they wished they knew more about their faith. These were people who, in one way or another, had come to encounter Christ in a personal way and now wanted to get to know Him and His Church. I resonated with this feeling. I was in the same place right around the time I started college. I had recently had a profound encounter with Jesus in Confession, and I just wanted to know more about this Person who changed my life. To meet this need in my own life, I started taking Theology classes at Aquinas College. Unfortunately though, that's not really an opportunity most Catholics are given.

But how to respond in some way to this need for catechesis that parishioners were voicing? The parish resource library in the Youth Center is full of absolutely fantastic books, CDs, and DVD series for Catholics who want to learn more about their faith. So, after thinking and praying about it, I decided to start a parish study group in order to familiarize people to these great resources available to them and help meet their need to know more about their faith.

Since January this group has been through some great resources. We've read "Made for More" by Curtis Martin. Martin is the founder of FOCUS, a lay apostolate whose mission is to evangelize on college campuses (several of the students from our parish have been a part of FOCUS groups at their schools). This book is a basis apologetic, or defense, of the fundamental claims of Catholicism. Then we read "The Real Story" by Dr. Ed Sri, a professor from the Augustine Institute, which is a Catholic guide through the Bible. We also listened to a CD by Dr. Sri about Pope Francis and the New Evangelization. Then we finished off the year by reading "The Lamb's Supper" by Dr. Scott Hahn. All of these resources were (and still are!) available in the resource library and in the back of church just waiting to be read and discussed.

Every two weeks we would meet and discuss what we had all read or listened to, and on more than one occasion someone would say something like, "Everyone in the parish needs to read this!" or "I wish all Catholics knew this." I had a great time reading these books (any excuse I can get to read theology books!) and an even better time discussing them because of the enthusiasm of the group. It's a huge blessing to help someone come to know their Savior in a deeper and more profound way.

We are starting this study group back up in the fall, and, like always, it's open for anybody to join at any time. We will start off the year by going through Pope Francis' letter "The New Evangelization", and his vision for how to be a disciple of Christ. We will buy several copies of this book and make it available for anyone in the parish to read, and if you want a group to discuss it with, you're more than welcome to join the study group. I encourage you to come and get to know your Savior and your Church a little more.

Have a blessed summer!

Christ's Peace,

Paul



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, and priests, may the Holy Spirit constantly renew their zeal to proclaim the word and works of Jesus.

Director of Religious Education
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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, 593-3174 x1) if you are interested."

Religious Ed: Please register at www.mhtparish.com/religious-education and click the "2015/16 registration form" link or you can get a paper form in the parish office.

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, Julie Wieber Schafer 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.

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 1st 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 22nd, 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.

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.



"Our Prophetic Moment"

**Portland St. Patrick Church on Thursday,
 June 11th 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 Youth Ministry
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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 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.

Summer: More Time for the Lord, not a Vacation from Him

Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer. It signals a change which allows more relaxing of the daily routine. It's a time of more outside activities such as swimming, vacations and just fun family times.

However, summer is not a time to take a vacation from the Lord. We need a balance to our lives. God reveals to us that we need to make holy the Sabbath. Many people, even Christians today now treat Sunday like any other day. They do unnecessary work, they do not spend time with family. The meaning of Sabbath is being lost. It's not just a time for church, although it certainly is that, but it's also a time to recapture our priorities: God, family, the Community of faith. One of my Scriptural professors, now the Cardinal Archbishop of Toronto used to remind us in class as we spoke of the Old Testament: "God created us in a very specific way, we were created for 6 days on... and one day off. The Sabbath was given to us because God knows how we are put together."

St. John Paul II took his rest seriously. In his final Sunday audience in Rome before his departure for Castelgandolfo, the Holy Father spoke once again about vacations, saying:

"These periods should not be wasted in dissipation and simple entertainment. Instead, vacation time should afford a good opportunity to revive one's interior life." The Pontiff warned against holiday hedonists who make it difficult for others to enjoy a restorative vacation, and to appreciate the "important cultural dimension" of leisure.

Pope Benedict challenged the faithful, noting that since there is more time for reading, explore the Bible during summer vacation:

Of course, many of these books to read, which we take in our hands during our vacation are at best an escape, and this is normal. Yet various people, particularly if they have more time in which to take a break and to relax, devote themselves to something more demanding. I would therefore like to make a suggestion: why not discover some of the books of the Bible which are not commonly well known? Or those from which we heard certain passages in the liturgy but which we never read in their entirety? Indeed, many Christians never read the Bible and have a very limited and superficial knowledge of it. The Bible, as the name says, is a collection of books, a small "library" that came into being in the course of a millennium.

Practically Speaking

For families with children, the routine is definitely changed during the summer. The outside commitments help form a pattern, knowing where to be at certain days and certain times. With this changing, there is some emptiness that new routines need to be established.

Morning Offering: My mother used to make sure her children didn't sleep the summer away, so she used a little bell to wake us by 8:00. With that switch in morning routine, this was the time we pegged our Morning Offering with breakfast together.

Daily Mass: Try to attend a few extra masses during the week, particularly on higher feast days if we have no other plans.

Prayer Time: One of the most challenging things is to make time for prayer. Many seminarians who come to me for spiritual direction will often share about how difficult prayer has become now that they're away from seminary. Why? You'd think it's the opposite; more time now and less distractions and no studies. However, what happens is that all of a sudden there is no longer the structure, no longer the routine. It's amazing how easily we human beings need structure and discipline. Often praying in the summer is harder. It takes more of a commitment. But it can be a meaningful and deeper time if we take up the challenge.

Tech Tools

On my iPhone I have the Divine Office (the breviary) and an app for the Bible and the Missal (Prayers of the Mass each day and readings of Mass). I find this very helpful. Our parish has a new app as well which you can receive for free. There were some, many years ago who claimed that technology would free us. Sometimes I think it's had the opposite effect. However technology can help us.

Summer is not a vacation from the Lord. We can use this extra time to establish good prayer habits for us and our family. Summer is a call to action for living our Faith while resting in the Lord.

God bless, **Fr. Dennis**

Sponsor of the Week

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

Clinton Ophthalmology

Quilts & Afghans for 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.

Featured CD of the Week

Mary: Handmaid of the Lord - Blessed Mother Teresa

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "Yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2015

- Monday** 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Psalms 34; Matthew 5:1-12
- Tuesday** 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalms 119; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday** 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Psalms 99; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday** Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Psalms 98; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday** Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Isaiah 12; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37
- Saturday** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalms 103; Isaiah 61:9-11 / Luke 2:41-51

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

Amount needed each week.....\$13,200.00
 May 30 & 31 Collection..... 12,392.05
 Shortage..... - 807.95
 Envelopes used: 185

May Collections Parish Collections

Capitol Improvement.....\$225.00
 Cemetery Care..... 50.00
 Educational Trust Fund..... 565.00
 Newspapers and Periodicals..... 436.00
 Easter..... 5.00
 School Donations.....600.00

Diocese Collections

DSA..... 41,080.00



**10th Annual "Returns" for Vocations
Fundraiser**

The 10th annual Returns for Vocations drive is Saturday July 11th. Once again the Knights of Columbus will be in your area collecting bottles and cans. Start collecting your bottles and cans for pickup or feel free to take

them in yourself and make a monetary donation the week-end of the drive. Thank you all for your generous support for this worthy cause.

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 1st and July 11th based on what works best for them and their collection area.



Masses For The Week

Monday - June 8

7:00 p.m. + Brooke Becker, Including Gladys Halfmann & Louis & Esther Wirth & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - June 9

8:15 a.m. + Eunice (Hopko) Wirth

Wednesday - June 10

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations
 7:00 p.m. + Roy Harr, Including Arlene & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - June 11

8:15 a.m. + Linda Myers & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Friday - June 12

8:15 a.m. + Anne Thelen, Including Robert & Emily Goerge & Ted Thelen

Saturday - June 13

8:15 a.m. + Living & Deceased Members of the Bill Armbrustmacher Family
 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - June 14

8:30 a.m. + Jake Klein, Including John & Mary
 10:30 a.m. + Kerri Tipps

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14

4:30 p.m. - Larry Jandernoa, Gerry Arens, Craig Arens, Volunteer

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

10:30 a.m. - Don Martin, Chris Conner, Steve Spitzley, John Rademacher

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14

4:30 p.m. - Kendra Koenigsknecht, Brandon Platte, Kaitlyn & Holly Schmitz

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

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

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 pm - Brooke & Emily Epkey

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Nick Epkey, Kara Esch

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Josie & Cooper Koenigsknecht

Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Emma & Brycen Halfmann

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Olivia Datema, Trey Bierstetel

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Adam Pohl, Mia Riley

Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2015

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