

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

June 18, 2017

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From the Pastor's Desk



Learning to be a father before becoming a dad.

As I write this, I am days away from my wife's due date, eagerly anticipating and patiently waiting for the arrival of my first child. Patience. It's such a nice sounding word. But it's not becoming or advantageous to lie in a bulletin article, so let me rephrase... I am anxiously

awaiting the arrival of this child! While keeping a watchful eye on my beautiful wife, making any small sign much more telling than it really is, I hope and wonder every day, "Is this the day my kid arrives?!"

I am anxious because I am excited, and I am excited because I honestly thought this day might never come. Getting to this day wasn't the easiest journey for my wife and me. For 14 months, our lives were constantly filled with negative pregnancy test, tears, countless doctor office visit, heartache, shots, pills, hope, frustrating insurance issues, more tears, more negative pregnancy tests, and being each other's crutch when a day of sadness had been just too much. Infertility shows no mercy or partiality. It beat my wife and me down to a point where we had nothing left. Mentally, spiritually, and physically, we were exhausted. And for the first time in my life, truly, I was worn down to absolutely nothing. In my complete brokenness, in pure mental and spiritual exhaustion, I could no longer take control of the situation, and my pride had finally thrown in the towel. I could do nothing. For me, it took my complete brokenness to, finally, fully rely on God for this one. And it was from this that I understood what the Father's love for me looked like. He was saying "In your weakest moment, I suffer with you. Let me carry you, rest in me". At that moment,

I didn't need an explanation as to why this was the path He had us on or reassurance to trust Him more because there was a bigger plan. I was just loved by my Father and that was enough.

Flash forward to months later when my wife pulled me into the bathroom to show me a positive pregnancy test for the first time. In that instant, digesting the miracle gift we had been given, I realized I was now a father of my own. It was in this moment of realization of a father's love for his own child that I understood a greater depth of love.

It's one thing to hear that God is your Father, but it's another to truly know what it's like to be loved by the Father. Trying to put it into words proves difficult, but it's a love and desire being shown to you that's so intentional that you are satisfied and nothing else matters. You are content and at peace and could be there for forever. That's the Father's love he has for each one of us. I realized that as much as I desire to hold, see, and know my child, the Father desires this even more intensely for each one of us. We are always occupying his thoughts and love is constantly waiting to be poured out to us. It's beautiful. It pure, true love.

So as I anxiously wait for the birth of my own child, I am grateful to have been shown and to know what it means to love as a Father. Yes, I am terrified to know how much little sleep I can function on. And yes, I am already apologizing for how much noise my kid makes during mass. But I am reassured because I have the greatest example to look to when it comes to learning to becoming a dad.

God Bless, Ethan Thelen

****Since writing this article, our son has been born. This is a very exciting time for us as new parents, and I look forward to learn what it means to be a dad and to love like God loves.***



MHT Parish Festival

Parade: Sunday, July 30th – The theme is “Video Games”. There will be cash prizes (1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25) awarded for the top three floats using the theme. Please meet at the water tower by 10:45 a.m. for registration and instructions. For more information please call Dave & Amy Klein (989) 640-3533.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: Sunday July 30. A registration form and \$60 team entry fee are due July 17. Entry forms are available online at www.mhtparish.com or by emailing Tim Andros at tim.andros@hotmail.com

Arts & Crafts: Collection has begun for the Arts and Crafts donations for the Parish Festival. Don't think you are crafty enough to make something? Then be a bargain shopper! Take advantage of sales. It's always fun to find nicer items on sale for the suggested expenditure of \$7.

Suggestions: Household, children & baby items. School or team affiliation, MSU, U of M, Fowler Eagles, Detroit Tigers. Anything summer. Christmas items don't move well.

All women and single men (18 & older) are asked to donate an item of \$7. Please include your name with the item. Donations can be left in designated boxes by all church entrances. Don't fret if you miss donating; each contribution will be accepted at the Arts & Crafts booth at the picnic.

Blackjack and Let It Ride Dealers: In the last couple of years the State of Michigan has added a few hurdles to getting a license for our Vegas Tent. One of those hurdles is that they require a list of dealers as part of the application process which means that we will no longer be able to rely on dealers signing up to work their shift on the boards in the back of the church. The Vegas Tent is on Friday, July 29th with two shifts, one from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM and the other from 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Last year we had a lot of people playing cards and would love to have a great evening again this year! If you would like to sign up to be a dealer at the Vegas Tent, please contact Lyle Simon or Adam Halfman at the parish office and we will send you the forms that need to be filled out.



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.



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.



Most Holy Trinity Parish

\$669,000.00
Our goal



The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

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

**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

Summer workers

This summer we will be offering some times where the young people can come and work in the garden at the parish. There will be no pay for these volunteers but we will provide ice cream or pizza or a BBQ. We're still working on finalizing the dates but our first day will be Wednesday, June 28th from 9:00 am. till 12 noon. Please call the office for a permission form if your child is interested. Permission forms must be signed by parents or guardians and returned to the office. This is open to children going into grade 4-8.

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It's a Pirate Party!

**26th Annual MHT School
Dinner Raffle and Auction Fundraiser**

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Get ready to walk the plank!

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

MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life
Important Upcoming Dates:

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| Thursday, June 22 | MARS Camp 10:00 – 11:30 |
| Friday, June 23 | MARS Camp 10:00 – 11:30 |
| Monday, June 26 | MARS Camp 10:00 – 11:30 |
| Tuesday, June 27 | MARS Camp 10:00 – 11:30 |
| Thursday, June 29 | MARS Camp 10:00 – 11:30 |

2017-18 Registration: MHT School will be taking registrations for enrollment throughout the summer months. You can register online under the registration & Admissions tab on the school page of the parish website at www.mhtparish.com or by calling the school office at 593-2616. If you would like to visit or schedule a visit to the school or would like more information, please contact the principal, Anne Hufnagel, at principal@mhtparish.com.

School Office Closed: The school office will be closed from Monday, June 19, 2017 through Wednesday, June 21, 2017. The office staff will be attending training for a new student management system. Scrip will be available in the parish office on those days. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Ask and Receive: *Jesus made it clear to His disciples: they should petition God to meet their needs. So should we. Genuine, heartfelt prayer produces powerful changes in us and in our world. When we lift our hearts to God, we open ourselves to a never-ending source of divine wisdom and infinite love.* –from Jesus Our Great Hope

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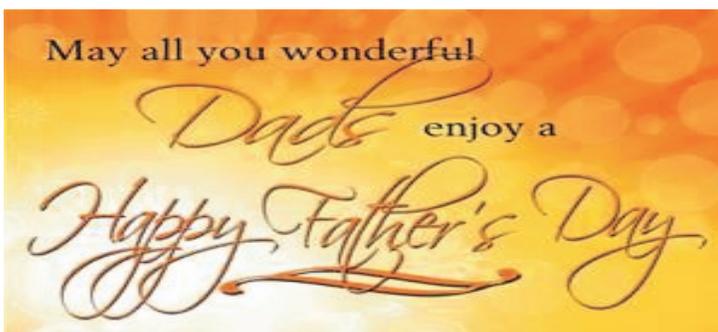
If you would like to enroll your child in next year's Religious Education classes, please visit www.mhtparish.com/religious-education and click the "2017/2018 Registration Form" link.

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.



News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas

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.stpatssummerfest.com/3-on-3-basketball>.

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, June 24th. 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. For more information, call Bob & Paula Hengesbach (989-640-7894).

K of C Support the Faith Raffle Update

The Knights will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekends of June 17th and 24th. Please feel free to drop off your tickets if you have not already mailed them in. First of 20 drawings is July 11, 2017.

Each ticket will be included in ALL 20 drawings

Church Cleaning

A group of volunteers will be cleaning the church on Saturday, July 22nd from 9am to noon. Please contact Cecile Feldpausch or the parish office if you are available to help.

Summer Scripture Days 2017

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

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.

Peer to Peer Ministry

Are you a photographer, videographer, Music, Theater or Art Teacher or other leader of creativity? Peer to Peer Ministry invites you to volunteer one or two hours of your time and your talents to enrich one of our ministry events. Peer to Peer Ministry seeks to increase social opportunities for and friendships with children, teen and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders or similar social needs. For more information or to schedule a time to volunteer, please contact Margaret Grima, Coordinator of Outreach Ministry at (517) 342-2555.



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.

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.



St. Joseph St. Johns - Garage Sales

St. Joseph Catholic Church of St. Johns will soon be having its annual garage sale. The sale will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27th & 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday June 29th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Wednesday, June 29th begins \$3.00 per bag sales. There will not be a Friday sale day this year. The sale will be held at St. Joseph School Gym, 201 E. Cass Street, St. Johns.



Support our School!

MHT Scrip – Summer Schedule

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 shopwithscrip.com for a complete list.

Workshop to Focus on Assistive Technology for People Living with Low Vision

Glen Ashlock, Assistive Technology and IT Manager of the Area Agency on Aging, will offer a presentation on assistive technology designed to help people with low vision stay connected to the world. He will speak from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in the Rose Room of the Dominican Life Center of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Please bring your electronic device – mobile phone, tablet, or laptop – for this interactive program.

The event is free and open to all. No registration is required. Come to the Dominican Life Center through the eastern driveway at 1277 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian. Parking is on the left. The receptionist at the front desk will direct you to the Rose Room.

For information, call Sister Margaret Urban, OP, at 517-266-4209.

Blood Drive



A Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be Monday, **June 26, 2017** from 1:00pm to 6:45pm at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center.



4:30 Mass Altar Servers Needed!
We are very short on altar servers for the 4:30 pm Mass. If anyone is interested in serving at that Mass, please contact the parish office.
Also, If your child has been trained and would like to serve at the weekday Masses and aren't on the schedule, please let us know. Thank you!



**A FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FAITH
SATURDAY- JUNE 24TH**

FaithFest Twilight Mass Mob

June 24, 2017, 6:45 pm at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI
 Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea, Liturgical Music by Melanie Rea

Parking is \$10 all day. Limited Mass only seating is open from 6 pm - 8 pm
 All day admission is \$30, evening admission after Mass is \$20 (8 pm-10:30 pm)
 For tickets, visit www.faithfest.com

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, 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.

 **Masses For The Week**

Monday - June 19

7:00 p.m. + Steven & Brian Bierstetel & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - June 20

8:15 a.m. + Lester Feldpausch

Wednesday - June 21

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Norman Spitzley, Including Helen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - June 22

8:15 a.m.. + Gavin Becker

Friday - June 23

6:00 a.m. For the pilgrims going to Steubenville

8:15 a.m. + Susan Bertram

Saturday - June 24

8:15 a.m. + Gary McNamara & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

4:30 p.m. + Karen Bertram Brockwell

Sunday - June 25

8:30 a.m. + Jeanette Feldpausch, Including Lyle Smith & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25

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

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

10:30 a.m. - David Klein, Brent McCarty, Roy Witgen, Neil Feldpausch

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25

4:30 p.m. Jack, Anna & Sam Vanneste, Charlie Boak

8:30 a.m. Macy & Kylie Spicer, Kara Esch, Logan Klein

10:30 a.m. - Christi & Mary Spitzley, Preston & Camden Braun

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Evan Curtiss, Alexander Warnke

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Zoe & Trinity Kramer

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Faith Phillips, Savannah Martin

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

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Amber Epkey, Chloe Hyland

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Emma & Zachary Halfmann

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.

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

June 11 & 12 Collection.....\$ 8,780.25

Special Collections

Cemetery.....20.00

First Offering.....5.00

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Monday 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalms 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalms 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalms 112:1bc-2, 3- 4, 9; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalms 111:1b-2, 3- 4, 7-8; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

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". If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Aubrey Feldpausch at nolanau-breyf10@gmail.com. Thank you!



Beckett William Fedewa, son of Darren & Tayler (Lamont) Fedewa.

We welcome Beckett to our Parish Family.

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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