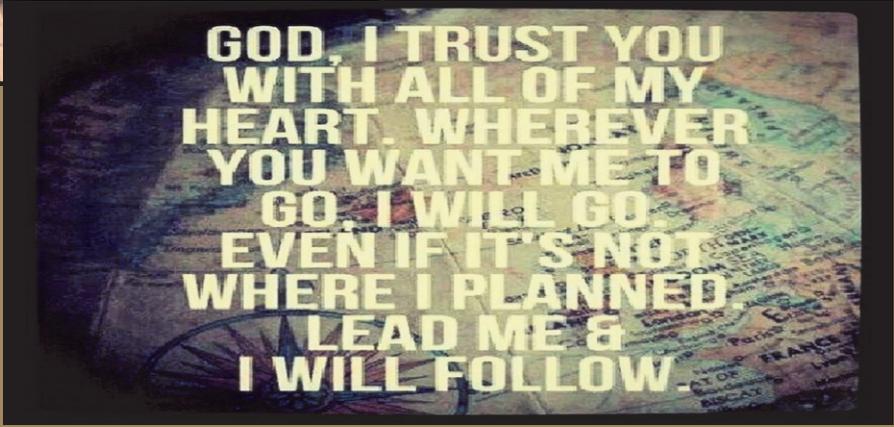


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*From the Pastor's Desk*

This week I have asked Danielle Piggott to share with us.  
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



My name is Danielle Piggott and I just finished up my freshmen year at Central Michigan University. I graduated from Fowler High School one year ago and am so blessed to live and have my roots in this tiny town with such an amazing community of faith. Living on campus in Mt. Pleasant was incredible and I loved meeting new people and sharing my small town

stories with them, but it wasn't just stories of dirt roads and living on a farm that carried with me throughout my first year of college; there were also stories of our faith and the amazing Church I have back home.

There was one occasion in particular in which I was especially able to share with others the faith that I learned here in Fowler and at Most Holy Trinity. I essentially dragged one

of my friends from across the hall to a talk on the power of confession given by a guest speaker at St. Mary's Catholic University Parish on campus. As we walked back to our hall together, she wouldn't stop asking me questions. I tried to answer them as best as I could, but she was relentless in her search for answers about the faith. We got back to the hall and both went to her dorm room where we then added her roommate to the conversation. The three of us began talking about Catholicism and our faith for three hours. They kept throwing questions at me and eventually I had to admit to them that I didn't have all the answers, but they replied that I had given more answers than they'd ever been exposed to and I seemed to know much more than I thought.

Our conversations shifted to how I knew the answers that I did and I began to tell them about where I grew up. I shared with them the awesome family I'm so wonderfully blessed to have and how my amazing parents were my first teachers of the faith. I told them about Most Holy Trinity and the incredible Youth Group that I was lucky enough to be involved in. I recalled for them stories from middle school and high school retreats and religion classes. I even relayed to them one of the witness talks I'd given when I

**From Danielle Piggott continued...**

assisted on an eighth grade retreat. At one o'clock in the morning they were still hungry for more and I began to tell them about the five Steubenville youth conferences I went on throughout high school. I showed them the newest promo for the 2016 conference that our youth group is currently attending this weekend. The conference theme this year is "Thirst" and the video is only two minutes long, but it finished and my friends sat there speechless for the first time the entire night. The first words they said were that they both had goosebumps and how lucky I was to have experienced something like that growing up. They were awestruck by this short little promotional video and it was then that I began to recognize how truly blessed I was to have the experience of faith that I did here in Fowler through Most Holy Trinity.

It was because of my experiences with Steubenville youth conferences, middle school and high school retreats, religion classes, MHT's Youth Group and entire Parish, and the remarkable example set by my parents and family that I was able to answer the questions my friends posed and provide them with stories, examples, and information about our Catholic faith. I cannot even begin to express my gratitude to all who contributed in raising me in our beautiful faith and giving me the tools to spread the light of Christ to others as I was able to that night with my two friends. Advancing on to college is statistically where a great deal of Catholics drop off from their faith, but because of the blessings I received growing up, I felt myself grow stronger in my faith during this time period. Throughout my fall and spring semester, I was able to enter little debates with my friends with a firmly backed Catholic perspective and even found myself brave enough to ask my friends, many who were not Catholic, to accompany me to Mass.

God has done great things for me; He brought me to these new friends and provided me with a lifetime of learning from amazing people in my family and parish here in Fowler, so that I could share the light of our faith. It isn't just me either, this Parish is sending young adults out into the world having experienced remarkable encounters with Jesus Christ. This weekend at Steubenville, I know that the lives of our young people are being radically changed and they are being equipped with the experiences and knowledge of our faith so that they can go on to be further enriched by the love of Christ in their own lives and be able to spread it to the lives of others.

I'd like to end just by saying thank you. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for this amazing town, community, parish, and my incredible parents and family. I've been shown what it means to be Catholic and I can't express enough thanks for that. Thank you for all the opportunities I was given to encounter Jesus Christ, because each one of those chances changed my life.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

**Patrick J. Feldpausch**

**Vocations News**

When Lisa Ling and her crew were here a couple of years ago filming and interviewing for the documentary on the priesthood, Lisa asked me in my interview: "What's your secret Father Dennis?" I told her, "There's no secret Lisa, no formula.. It's a gift. And with a gift or, a better word, a grace from God, comes great responsibility." There is the temptation to think that our parish is better than other parishes or that our people are more pious, or more committed. This is a temptation, because it means that instead of God giving this grace, we are doing it by ourselves. This is a delusion. Vocations are a gift from God pure and simple. Yes, it's true that we need to promote them and encourage them and pray for them, but ultimately it's God who calls.

I also want to remind all of us, that when the Lord calls young people, it's for service in His Kingdom, not ours. Our priests and religious don't belong to us they belong to God and the Church. As I said earlier, this gift comes with great responsibility. It's not just the young men and women who need to be open, but it's all of us; parents, grandparents, parishioners, all of us.

As a pastor I don't just look for an openness in the young people, but also in the parents and in the adults. Sometimes I've found that parents are not open to their child having a vocation because they have made grandchildren an idol. That's right, anything other than God's will is an idol, a false god. The most important thing all of us need to do is ask ourselves: "Am I open to God's will?" Are we willing to contribute whatever God is asking of us, so that His will and His Kingdom can be built?

The young man in the Gospel says this weekend: "I will follow you wherever you go." This line is not just meant for young men thinking about priesthood... it's meant for all of us. Am I, insert vocation (married, priest, single person, consecrated religious), willing to follow Jesus wherever He calls me? Even if it's not where or what I planned?

God bless,

Fr. Dennis

I'd like to let everyone know that **Randy Koenigsknecht** is discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Randy still has another year of high school, but in the mean time, he will be serving as Emcee at Masses. Please pray for all our seminarians and any young people discerning a priestly or religious vocation.

**Are You Thinking About the Priesthood?**

I'd like to remind any young men in high school that on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 till 6:00 pm.** there will be a **Gathering at Bethany House in DeWitt with our bishop**, many of the priests of the Diocese and our seminarians to answer questions and share about their experience of seminary. Please contact Fr. Dennis if you have questions or are interested in going. There will be evening prayer and a BBQ. There is no fee. We will be arranging a ride as well for everyone interested.

I also want to let you know that Lee Koenigsknecht is spending part of the summer with **Catholic Urban Project** in Ypsilanti. Catholic Urban Project is a ministry that engages college age young people to reach out to the urban poor. The teams provide help with fixing up homes, door to door evangelization, summer and music camp to the poor.

### Announcements

**A Reminder of Summer-Dress:** During the summer time we want to remind people that there are some types of clothing that are inappropriate for Church. We have air conditioning and so there really is no excuse for immodest clothing to be worn at Mass. Please remember that we are in the House of Our Lord and we should dress appropriately. Thank you.

**Summer Helpers with Fr. Dennis:** Just a reminder that the first date with the young people in grades 3-4-5-6 will be this Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am. till 12 noon. The young people must have their parents or guardians fill out a form – you can obtain this form at the parish office.

**St. Joseph Side Altar Update:** I wanted to give everyone an update on the situation with the St. Joseph side altar. It's been a long time since the water damage had happened but we had a difficult time determining the specific reason why and how the water was coming in. we noticed when we opened the wall that several previous attempts were made many years ago. So this is not the first time that area has been affected by water.

We finally believe that we have discovered the source of the water entering into the church and we have a company coming in to do some work on the roof above the St. Joseph altar. Previous attempts to fix it were not successful and the wall is still damp. Once we are sure the leak is fixed, we will begin work on the interior.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Consider volunteering for a day, two or the full week to help Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County. The group is waiting on final details when they are breaking ground. The project looks like it will begin at the end of August helping with framing unless needed for another task. If you would like to volunteer, please email Amber at [amberfeldpausch@hotmail.com](mailto:amberfeldpausch@hotmail.com) skills of every level are encouraged, you don't need construction experience. There is a job for everyone.

### Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation Andrea Schneider - [adultfaithmht@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithmht@gmail.com)

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to FORMED. You now have access to all the best Catholic content all in one place. There will be a training on how to use FORMED on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meeting in the Library located in the Father Ray Youth Center after the 7:00pm Mass.

Here's how you can register

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Enter our parish code: **PD7CWN**

Create a log-in name and password

Also check out the webpage for more information about the different programs FORMED has to offer. <http://www.mhtparish.com/formed.html>

If you have any questions on how to sign up please contact Andrea Schneider at [adultfaithmht@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithmht@gmail.com)



**The Rosary** is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray that those traveling away from their homes this summer may encounter hospitality and goodwill on their journey.

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

#### *MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life*

**Registration:** Registration for Most Holy Trinity School will be ongoing throughout the summer months. The following URL and QR code will still be active or you can email me at [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com) to get more information, to schedule a visit, or to register. <http://goo.gl/forms/Hxq5uzMXKS>



**2016/17 Parent Email List:** I sent out a test email two weeks ago to all parents who have registered their children at MHT School for next year. If you did not receive an email from me regarding next year's start date and open house, please email me at [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com) so I can add you to the email list. If you received the email and will not have any children enrolled at MHT School, let me know so I can remove your contact information.

### 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 24. Beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Fathers Day and summer vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list.

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

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

### Director of Youth Ministry Mary Schomisch - [mhtyouthmary@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthmary@gmail.com)

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

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



**50/50 Support the Faith Raffle**

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

**Note:** The Knights will be selling tickets after each Mass the weekends of June 18th and 25th. Please feel free to drop off your tickets if you have not already mailed them in.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Returns" for Vocations Reminder**

Most Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have so many of our young men and women pursuing religious vocations and we are always seeking ways to continue to show our support for them. The Fowler Knights of Columbus will be hosting the 11<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 9<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 Notes:** 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 June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> based on what works best for them and their collection area.

**Bottle & Can Drop Site:** As with previous years on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00-12:00 Noon there will be a drop off location on the front lawn of the Father Ray Youth Center.

**Blood Drive**

The K of C are sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 27 at the Activity Center from 1:00 to 6:45pm. Please take the time to donate the gift that saves lives.

**"His Mercies Never Come to An End"**

Retreat offered at St. Francis Retreat Center from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will include meals, lodging, Reconciliation, Mass, Morning and Night Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Gospel Presentations on Mercy, quiet time to pray, rest, and relax, and the opportunity for individual directed conferences. Tony Sperendi will be your retreat director. The cost is \$225. For registration and more information contact the retreat center at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) or 517-669-8321.

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

Amount needed each week.....\$13,200.00  
 June 25 & 26 Collection.....12,087.15  
 Shortage..... - 1,112.85  
 Envelopes used: 163



**Post Abortion Recovery**

The New Life Center  
 1601 East Grand River, Lansing 48906  
 (517) 993-0291 or (888) 456-HOPE  
[nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**Forgiven and Set Free Classes**

Be forgiven and set free from the wounds of abortion. We offer eight-week confidential recovery programs for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion. All materials are provided at no cost and childcare is available.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

A Journey for Healing After Abortion

- ▶ Oct 21 -23, 2016 (Detroit)
- ▶ October 28 - 30 (Petoskey)
- ▶ Nov 11 -13, 2016 (Saginaw)
- ▶ Nov 18 - 20, 2016 (Ann Arbor)
- ▶ Feb 17 - 19, 2017 (Lansing)
- ▶ Aug 11 -13, 2017 (Lansing)



**Support Our Local Parish Festivals**

**St. Patrick Parish Summerfest, Portland - June 25 - 26**

A family-friendly event filled with food and fun for all ages! If you'd like to play in any of our sporting contests (5K, 3-on-3, Youth Baseball, or Volleyball) you can find information and registration forms on our website: [www.stpatsummerfest.com](http://www.stpatsummerfest.com). Sunday morning at 10:30 we'll have an Outdoor Mass followed by our famous, all-you-can-eat, homemade Chicken and Swiss Steak Dinner.

**St. Mary Parish Festival, Westphalia - 4th of July**

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament:** The fee for the tournament is \$60 per team and is open to anyone 8 years or older with a team of 4 players. The forms are available at <http://www.stmarychurch.net> and are due no later than Friday July 1. For more information, call Rich & Amy Thelen (989-587-0074).

**Parade:** The theme is "Music". Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded. Line up begins at 10:30 am with the parade beginning at noon. For more information or to register, please contact: Craig & Jamie Trierweiler at 989-640-1998.

**Volleyball:** Outdoor on grass, 4 on 4 coed. Ages high school and above. \$80 per team. 8am start. Competitive & Recreational divisions. Register by July 2nd by contacting Neil Feldpausch at [neilfeldpausch@hotmail.com](mailto:neilfeldpausch@hotmail.com) or 989-640-4375.

**MHT Parish Festival**

**Parade:** Sunday, July 31<sup>th</sup> – The theme is “Super Heroes”. There will be cash prizes (1<sup>st</sup> place - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 640-3535.

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament:** Sunday July 31. A registration form and \$60 team entry fee are due July 18 Entry forms are available online at [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com) or by calling Tim Andros at 989-666-3314.



**Help:** There are five positions open for assisting with advertising. Three people are needed for placing flyers in businesses in Fowler and surrounding towns. Two people are needed to assist with the set-up and takedown of the large signs. This would include pounding of fence posts. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Susie at 593-2490 as soon as possible.

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

**Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a person's name from the list. Thank you.**

*Let us also keep in our prayers all those from the Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.*

**Readings for the Week of June 26, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalms 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Matthew 8:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Psalms 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Matthew 8:23-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Amos 7:10-17; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 9:1-8
<b>Friday</b>	Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalms 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Saturday</b>	Amos 9:11-15; Psalms 85:9ab, and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 9:14-17

**Masses For The Week****Monday - June 27**

7:00 p.m. + Jerome Weber, Including Gordon Sr. & Donna Piggott

**Tuesday - June 28**

8:15 a.m. + Charles Yocum & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Wednesday - June 29**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations  
7:00 p.m. + Stanley Fox & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Thursday - June 30**

8:15 a.m. + Lawrence Martin Including Lois & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Friday - July 1**

8:15 a.m. + Shirley Fox

**Saturday - July 2**

8:15 a.m. + Norm Spitzley Including Helen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
4:30 p.m. + Stephen Schrauben

**Sunday - July 3**

8:30 a.m. + Dennis Weber & Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, July 2 & 3**

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

8:30 a.m. – Jim Braman, Jerome Spitzley, John Hufnagel, Kurt Thelen

10:30 a.m. – Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Volunteer, Volunteer

**Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, July 2 & 3**

4:30 p.m. – Brook & Emily Epkey, Charlie Boak, Nikolai Conner

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

10:30 a.m. - Christi & Mary Spitzley, Kiley Bengel, McKenzie Feldpausch

**Mass Servers During This Week**

Mon., 7:00 p.m.– Trey Thelen, Bryce Ward

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Austin & Alayna Vandegriff

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Mary Beth Wohlfert, Chloe Hyland

Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Braeden & Carly Andros

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Drew Armbrustmacher, Tyler Bauer

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Gavin Klein, Keegan Klein

There will be no Praise, Worship and Confessions 6:30pm to 8pm on Thursday before First Friday, June 30, because of the 4th of July weekend.

**Wedding Banns**

**2nd Publication:** Joshua Klein & Elizabeth Thelen



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday morning, July 1 after the 8:15 am Mass until Benediction at noon.

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