

Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival July 24th-26th

From the Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked Andrea to share with us.

God bless,

Fr. Dennis



My first retreat experience was when I was in college. My cousin had asked me to attend a retreat called Veritas. Thinking back to that time, I'm not even sure how she asked me or what got me to go, but I said yes. This was a major step for me. I wasn't overly committed to my faith at this time, but the Lord had stirred something within me to say yes. I didn't know anyone that was

going besides my cousin and my sister so this sort of thing was definitely outside of my comfort zone. It was a full weekend commitment and I knew very little about what would be going on during the retreat. These are very common fears that the devil tries to sell us on. Fears like: I'm not going to know anyone, I don't know anything about this retreat...what if I hate it, everyone else that is going is holier than me...I don't belong, what if I'm stuck with a bunch of "Jesus Freaks", etc. Even after making the decision to go I still had second thoughts about my decision.

The weekend finally arrived and I still had my doubts as I walked thru those doors. I was relieved to see a room full of "normal" people, and to my surprise I recognized many of the people who were there. I walked into a very welcoming and inviting environment and some of my fears and doubts eased up a bit. Shortly after we got there and were settled, we were divided up into groups. We sat together and listened to talks and then we had time after the talks to discuss with our group what struck us from each talk. It's funny because looking back now; I don't think I even realized I was being assigned a small group. I know some

people are very hesitant about small groups and having to share with others. But I honestly don't ever remember this part being awkward or uncomfortable. With each talk and group discussion, it provided us the opportunity to build a relationship with the other members sitting around the table. By the end of Friday night I was feeling much more relaxed about this whole retreat thing. I was finding out first hand, it wasn't so bad!

Saturday morning rolled around and I found myself looking forward to our group discussions and upcoming talks. During breakout sessions/free time or meal times I was able to get to other people who were not part of my small group and form relationships with them as well. A big misconception I had going into the retreat was that it was going to be nothing but praying and talking about religious things. Yes we were able to hear great talks on really helpful topics, and we got to do morning and evening prayer, Stations of the Cross, and attend Mass. But we also had time to just have fun, play cards or other games. To sit down at meal time and talk about sports and other day to day activities. I had such a misguided idea about what someone who was into their faith looked like and acted like. Slowly my heart was being opened up and I was starting to see my life with new eyes. We were able to spend time in the chapel with Jesus and open our hearts up to him and ask for prayers. Everything was really starting to hit home for me on Saturday night and I realized that I needed to change my way of thinking and how I was living my life. I needed to stop living my life for myself and what I wanted and I needed to give it over to Christ. I needed to start asking God what he wanted of me and seeking out His will. I was realizing I had so much I wanted to change in my life, and this could have been very over

whelming. I soon realized that I had met some pretty amazing people over this weekend and a lot of them were just like me. Their eyes had been opened up to a life led by Christ. They too had encountered Christ on this retreat and wanted to make changes in their life. I had people who were making this journey with me, and could help keep me accountable and on the right path. For the first time in my life, I had made friendships that were based on Christ, and they had a whole new depth to them that I hadn't experienced before. Some of my very best friends today, where people I had met on that retreat.

God is knocking at the door of everyone's heart, but God is a gentlemen. He will not come in without being invited in. He will not barge in, instead he waits. He will wait as long as it takes, he will never stop pursuing his children. He loves each and everyone one of us too much to ever give up on us. So he will wait until that door is opened. If you feel God knocking at the door of your heart, please consider attending our adult retreat this fall. Many of our youth, like myself have encountered God in a powerful way while on a retreat. Retreats like Steubenville, Veritas, and those offered for our High School students and Confirmation Candidates. We are so excited to finally offer a retreat for the adults in our parish. We have just over 10 people currently signed up to attend the retreat the weekend of September 11-13 at the St. Francis DeSales Retreat Center in Brooklyn, MI. For more information on how to register, go to <http://www.mhtparish.com/adult-evangelization.html>

**Holy Spirit, please open our hearts.
Help us to put our trust in God and Him alone.
Lord cast out any fears or doubts,
and fill us with your peace.
Come Holy Spirit Come!**

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 signing 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 Lugnuts Stadium at 517-485-4500 if you're interested. There will be priests, religious and many parish-es 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

Director of Youth Ministry Mary Schomisch - mhtyouthmary@gmail.com

Permission slips for the Flint Summer Work Camp must be turned in by July 12. The forms are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights and on the parish website under Youth Ministry. The year's theme is "Push Back the Dark". The Work Camp runs from July 19-24 at St. Mary Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek and costs \$100.

Youth Group will not be meeting on Sunday, July 19 for the Mission:Flint and Sunday, July 26 because of the Parish Festival.

Director of Religious Education Paul Fahey—mhtdre@gmail.com—593-3174

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The parish is in need of adult and high school volunteers to help lead Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 2015/2106 school year. This is when the younger children leave during the 10:30am Mass to go to the rectory basement and learn about the day's Gospel readings through songs and activities. This is a ministry that the children of the parish really enjoy, but without more volunteer leaders we will not be able to have it this year. Please contact Paul Fahey if you would like to help with this ministry.

RCIA: Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Haven't practiced your faith but would like to come back to the Church? Or would you like to learn more about the faith?

Please contact Paul Fahey at (989) 593-3174 or via email at mhtdre@gmail.com or Adam Halfman at (989) 593-2162 or via email at mhtyouth@gmail.com. We would love to help you grow in your faith!

Religious education of young people is vital to the strength of the church for tomorrow. Make a provision in your will for religious education by including our Educational Trust Fund.



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for those in the world who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs, that they may have the strength to endure.

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, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulye, Marla Thelen, Kenny Briganti, Jenny Scott, Jeff Pline, Sharon (Thelen) Droste, Pete Kurnz, Theresa Fox, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Dawson Thelen, Sarah Weber, Jean Schafer, Don Simon, Roman Arens, Roy Frechen, Paul Soyka, Julie Wieber Schafer, Joan Becker 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.



*Most Holy Trinity Parish
Festival News
"The Wonderful World of
Disney in Fowler"
July 23, 24, 25 & 26.*



Arts and Crafts Booth: Articles may be dropped in boxes located at all the church entrances. All women and single men (18 and older) are to donate items with a value of \$7 (please be sure to include your name and cost of the donation). Be a bargain shopper and take advantage of 4th of July sales— it's always fun to find nicer items on sale for the suggested expenditure of \$7. If you miss getting your donation in, you may pay \$7 at the Arts & Crafts Booth. Since there is an abundance of candles and photo frames please do not donate these items. Beach towels, outdoor camping chairs, bath towels, blanket throws, jewelry sets, Barbie dolls, and children's backpacks are desirable items.

Festival Dinner Pie & Cheesecake Donations: In lieu of donating baked goods for the Country Store you can bake 2 pies or 2 cheese cakes (16 slices) for the festival dinner. To participate you must sign-up in back of church. For the dinner we can accept single or double crusted pies. So bake your favorite pies or cheese cakes. The dinner baked goods can be delivered to the dessert prep station located in the Activity.

Country Store: All families are asked to donate baked goods to the Country Store OR sign up in the back of church to bring a cheesecake or pies to the dinner. Please bring baked goods to the Country Store located in the Esper Room between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday, July 26th. Items should be placed in non-returnable containers, zip-lock bags, or other unused bags and marked with the type of baked good.

Below is a list of the requested baked goods:

Last Name	Item to bring
G,I,J,K,O,W	3 Dozen Cinnamon Rolls
D,E,F,P,Q,T,V,Z	4 Dozen Cookies, Bars or Brownies
C,H,L,M,R,U	2 Double Crusted Pies
A,B,N,S,Y	3 Loaves of Homemade Bread
	(No bread machine or frozen dough)

A \$10 donation is requested if it is not possible to donate a baked good.

Quilts & Afghans: If you wish to donate a quilt or afghan for the 2015 Parish Festival raffle, please contact Diane Smith at 593-9947.

Entertainment: Come on down! You're the next contestant on The Christ is Right! This year's entertainment at the parish festival will be game-show style. Get ready for Family of God Feud, The Great Fowler Bible Challenge, and a good time as your fellow parishioners face off. The show goes live Sunday evening, July 26th, in the Activity Center. We need 8 teams of 4 people to play. While age, gender, skin color, familial relations, and past game-show experience do not matter, it will benefit your team to have members with knowledge of the Bible, Catholic traditions, and of how to have a good time. To sign up, call the parish office with your team name, list of members, and contact information.

Car Show: Thursday night July 23rd downtown Fowler

Fowler Downtown Sidewalk Sales: Downtown businesses will have sidewalk sales on Friday, July 24th from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm and Saturday, July 25th from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Touch A Truck: Will take place Friday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. on Most Holy Trinity Parish grounds. All boys and girls are invited to come and see the "Big Rigs" up close. Learn how they work and find out what all those gadgets are for! Don't miss your chance to sit in the driver's seat at Touch A Truck!

Family Movie Night: This year's movie feature is "The Lion King". The movie will be shown on Friday, July 24th on a large canvas at Fink Field with concessions under the pavilion. The movie starts at dusk. Come join us for this great family event. If inclement weather, the movie will be canceled.

Volleyball Tournament: It is a 4 on 4 co-ed outdoor tournament on Saturday, July 25th behind the Waldron Middle School in Fowler. Cost is \$80 per team. There is a competitive and recreational division. The tournament starts at 8:00 am, but teams should arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration. To sign your team up, please contact Mitchel Thelen by phone (989)-640-6950 or email at mitchelthelen@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is July 23rd. Hope to see everyone there.

Social Tent: From 7:00 - 11:30 pm featuring music by Kevan Browne, Vegas game room, food and drinks. You must be 21 to enter.

Basketball Tournament: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Sunday, July 26th, Registration and \$60 entry fee is due by July 12th,. The registration form can be found at www.mhtparish.com. For additional information or to have a registration form mailed to you, contact Joel and Deb Thelen at [989-640-7018](tel:989-640-7018).

Parish Festival Parade: On Sunday, July 26th – The theme is "The Wonderful World of Disney in Fowler". There will be cash prizes 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. **New to the parade this year - a costume contest:** Everyone is invited to dress in a Disney character costume and walk as a group in the parade. Winner for the best costume will receive a gift certificate for a large pizza from Main Street Pizza. All ages are welcome (under 5 will need to be accompanied by an adult or older sibling). Teenagers and young adults are encouraged to participate as well. If you are at least 14 and are willing to walk in the parade (costume not required, but welcomed) as a chaperone for the children, please call Kay Pohl at 989-587-4109.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament: All kids from 1 to 100 are invited to give it their best shot in this fun and entertaining competition Sunday, July 26 starting at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sign up with Sally or Rob Becker at the Bean Bag Toss table.

Inflatables: The kids will be sure to have a great time all day when you bring them to the Inflatables. They can jump all day long (from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)! Just purchase a "jump all day wristband" at the games ticket booth.

Special Raffle: Again this year, we will be holding a "Special Raffle." The prizes are a beautiful woodcraft item donated by Dean Platte and a 50" Panasonic HDTV. **Recently donated by one of our parishioners: 2 beautiful Disney canvas prints!**

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas

Most Holy Trinity Teaching Position

Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler, MI, is looking for a part-time elementary teacher for a third grade classroom for the 2015/16 school year. This teacher will be responsible for teaching reading and math to students in third grade. All applicants must hold a current teaching certificate from the State of Michigan, preferably being highly qualified in early elementary education with emphasis on reading, language arts and math. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith in their teaching. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a high comfort level in managing a classroom of fully engaged learners, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness.

Resumes will be accepted through Monday, July 20, 2015, and should be sent to the following address:

Most Holy Trinity School, Attn: Anne Hufnagel, 545 N. Maple St., Fowler, MI, 48835

or via email: anneh@mhtparish.com

MHT Dinner Raffle

The MHT Dinner Raffle fundraiser committee is seeking donations for this year's live and silent auctions. We are looking to create outdoor recreation packages and would love to have bikes, camping, and hunting/fishing equipment. We are seeking donations to help create vacation packages. Do you have a cottage you would be willing to donate for a week or a long weekend? If you are interested in making a donation for the fundraiser, please contact Paul or Vicki Horak at 989-593-3002. Visit the school website (<http://www.mhtparish.com/school.html>) to view a list of donors and donations, we will continue to update as we receive items. Thank you!

MHT Scrip – Summer Schedule

Scrip that is kept in stock 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 summer vacation needs; gas, shopping, dining, entertainment and hotels. Visit shopwithscrip.com for a complete list.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The regular K of C meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2015 at 8pm in the K of C hall.

Mass at Hazel Findlay Nursing Home

Thursday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us.

Job Opening - Parish Bookkeeper

Most Holy Trinity is taking applications for a part time position as bookkeeper at our parish. Those who apply should have a background in finances and human resources. Resumes can be dropped off at the parish office or emailed to Adam Halfman at mhtyouth@gmail.com by Monday, July 13th.

10th Annual "Returns" for Vocations Fundraiser

Our annual bottle and can drive is wrapping up this weekend. If you still have returnables that you planned to donate, our collectors must have missed you but it's not too late to donate them. Please contact either Kurt Koenigsknecht 224-4058 or Agnes Koenigsknecht 593-2614 to arrange for drop off/pick up.

Also in this week's bulletin you will find an envelope should you want to make a monetary donation to the drive. Please drop them off at the rectory or drop them in next week's collection basket.

Thank you all for your generous donations of time and treasures. - Knight of Columbus

Most Holy Trinity Parish Adult Retreat

September 11th - 13th

Time to pray,
Build relationships with parishioners,
Learn about the vision for our parish,
Be ministered to by our parish staff,
Encounter the Lord in the Sacraments.

The Holley Family Village
1142 Ventura Dr. Brooklyn,
Michigan 49230

7PM on Friday until
Noon on Sunday

\$125 per person.

Please fill out the form at
<http://goo.gl/forms/AOxwj9H8sD>

Please register by August 1st, only
room for 40 people.

Mission Update

I wanted to thank everyone that provided financial support for my mission trip to the Philippines. I will be gone from July 8th-24th. While I'm excited, I'm also a little nervous and unsure about what to expect- but feel the Lord calling me to do this. Please keep me in your prayers during my trip.

Thank you,

Thomas Horak

We are grateful to members of the parish for all your expressions of sympathy and for the food, Mass offerings, flowers and decorative memorials received from family and friends. Donations will be made to various charities and a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered in lieu of thank you cards.

Thanks to all,

Jim Keilen and family

 **Victoria Regina Maria Spitzley**; Daughter of Brian and Holly (Feldpausch) Spitzley
BAPTISM We welcome Victoria to our parish family.

Thank You

The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

Caregiver Needed

Home caregiver needed for our elderly father. Hours and duties can be discussed by calling Pam at 810-252-5006 or Steph at 989-682-4798.

The Emerald - Junior Camp - July 15-August 19

Offered to kids ages 6-11 years old. Every Wednesday Night from 7-8pm. Cost is \$80 for 6-weeks of 1 hour personal instruction, tee gift and banquet. Register by July 15 by calling 224-6287.

Readings for the Week of July 12, 2015

Monday	Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalms 124; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalms 69; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalms 103; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Exodus 11:10—12:14; Psalms 116; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12:37-42; Psalms 136; Matthew 12:14-21

Our Parish Stewardship God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Amount needed each week.....	\$13,200.00
July 4 & 5 Collection.....	11,474.05
Shortage.....	- 1,725.95
Envelopes used:	168

Most Holy Trinity

July 12, 2015

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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Most Holy Trinity School: 593-2616

Sponsor of the Week

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

Hengesbach's Processing



Monday - July 13

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

Tuesday - July 14

8:15 a.m. + Marvin Miller, Including Julia

Wednesday - July 15

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + John Koenigs knecht, Including Carolyn & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - July 16

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

10:00 a.m. Mass at Hazel Findlay

Friday - July 17

8:15 a.m. + Joseph Schueller, Including Riley

Saturday - July 18

8:15 a.m. + Richard Schmitz

4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Alan & Jan Ruhl on the Occasion of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday - July 19

8:30 a.m. + Louis & Esther Wirth & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19

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

8:30 p.m. - Jim Braman, Jerome Spitzley, John Hufnagel, Kurt Thelen

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

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19

4:30 p.m. - Savannah & Charlie Boak, David & Brian Armbrustmacher

8:30 a.m. - Tony Hufnagel, Randy Koenigs knecht, Mason Pline, Katherine Smith

10:30 a.m. - Madison & McKenzie Koenigs knecht, Michael Despres, Chad Klein

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Amy Feldpausch, Benjamin Hamilton

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Christi Spitzley, Trey Thelen

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Ben Schafer, Ryan Snyder

Thur., 8:15 a.m. - Austin Vandegriff & Drew Armbrustmacher

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Hunter Ward, Nolan Wirth

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

Featured CD of the Week

Jesus Is... - Fr. Michael Schmitz

Presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth: Fr. Michael Schmitz, a renown and beloved speaker and spiritual guide to the Young Church, discusses the all-important topic of God's existence. Armed with his usual repertoire of lively humor and sound philosophy, Fr. Mike reveals the incredible implications of the question which Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

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