



The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

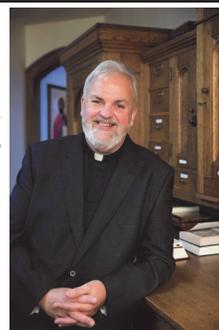
From the Pastor's Desk

A Big Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped/volunteered/served to make our annual Parish Festival such a great success. Special thanks to Adam Halfman our festival coordinator and to all the chairs for the various events.

It's a real sign of community and dedication that so many of you are willing to sacrifice your time and gifts for others. May God bless you all in a special way for your service.

Fr. Dennis



This week, I have asked Adam Halfman to share with us. God Bless, Fr. Dennis



"So are you going to do this again next year??" I was asked some variation of that question a few times last weekend at the parish festival. Some were asking if I personally was going to keep overseeing the event while others were wondering if we were still thinking about ending festival altogether.

Well, to answer the second question first, I can wholeheartedly say that our parish staff, festival committee and all of the chairpeople that I have spoken with are pleased with how the weekend went and have every intention to keep moving forward. When the committee first met last fall to discuss the goals behind having the festival, it was quickly decided that the most important part was bringing people together and providing a memorable event for the kids. Sure we also raise roughly \$40,000 each year, which is a big help and an important aspect of the weekend, but there is just something very special each year about seeing all of the people who attend. When I reflect on the last couple of years and what the festival has meant to me, that's the part that I feel the best about. Each year I run into so many people during the weekend and I'm always very grateful for the conversations we are able to have.

To that end I would say that, for the foreseeable future, I intend on continuing to oversee the festival. I definitely would love to have more help though! I think we're past the days of asking people to chair or co-chair the festival. I've heard many people say that volunteering for those positions basically meant giving up the whole summer and I don't want to ask anyone to

do that, and I don't even think it's necessary at this point. There is also a lot of benefit to having the parish staff taking care of things like the workers list (although I promise to get it out much earlier next year!) and raffle tickets because those areas give us an opportunity to examine our registration list and double check our records. I do think there are ways to break up the other responsibilities though so that there is not such a burden on a small number of people.

All of us who are involved with the festival hope that it is a great event, one that people want to be a part of because they see its value to the community. We kind of have a "If you build it they will come" sort of attitude. There are a lot of things competing for people's time these days so I don't blame anyone who is away on vacation or unable to work a shift. My hope though is that if the festival isn't currently a big enough event for people to circle on their calendar, that it will be soon.

Even with all of the compliments and positive feedback we received about the weekend, we still recognize that there are areas that need to be fine-tuned. I mentioned above that we have some things we want to correct with the workers list, but there are also other areas that didn't go as well as we hoped. Things like not having lights or hand sanitizer available for the porta potties at the Social Tent (I know gross...and I'm very sorry about that!) to running out of cold water in the food court. We also have some work to do as we continue to transition to a new system for our games, there are always unforeseen challenges anytime you try something new. That being said, we heard a lot of positive feedback about how things went this year, and I'm very grateful to Alden and Stephanie Kirvan for heading that area up and coming up with some new ideas (like the dunk tank which was a big success!). I also want to thank Daryl & Lori Hyland, Kim Halfmann, and Jenny Weber who gave up a large portion of their day to help make everything function in the prize tent (my niece, Claire, was especially excited about all of the prizes she brought home from the "parish vegetable" :)).

I am also very grateful for all of the work that our other chairpeople and parish staff (especially Tom Weber and Kim Simon who do a ton of stuff behind the scenes) contributed this weekend, as well as the guidance from our recently formed Festival Committee. I felt way less stressed this year, which I think is a great testament to how good of a job everyone else does. Thanks also to all of you for your patience and support as we continue to tweak things and find new ways to put on a great weekend. But yeah, definitely mark your calendars for July 26 – 29, 2018! And you know, if you feel so inclined to get involved and help us out, please let me know because we would love to have you join our team!

God Bless, **Adam**

Sponsor of the Week

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

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Supplies

Announcements



Summer workers

Our next date for the young people who want to work with Father is on Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00 am. till noon.

If you did not fill out a permission form before, please contact the parish office. Father will provide pizza – there is no pay.

Cemetery News



We will be having 4 trees cut down **Monday, August 14th** starting at 9am. Anyone that would like to help with this project would be very welcome. It will be the same process used the last two years that proved to be very successful. Ayles Tree Service will do the cutting down of the trees and we will do the clearing away and clean up. If you have a chain saw, please feel free to bring it in case there are pieces that need cutting up. Thank you!

Friday Morning Group

The Friday morning group is starting up again on Friday, August 11th after the 8:15 AM Mass (or around 9 AM). It's been a while since we've met so we will have a discussion on how the Lord has been working in or lives and our parish since our last meeting. This would be a great opportunity for people to come for the first time and check it out! We will probably resume the "Wild Goose" the following week on August 18th.

The Most Holy Trinity Educational Trust Fund would like to thank everyone who donated to the Trust Fund in the memory of **Reynold Goerge**. Your generous donations make it possible for future generations of children, young people, and adults to benefit from a Catholic education here at Most Holy Trinity School, the Religious Education Program, Youth Ministry, and Adult Education for numerous years to come.

Thinking about priesthood?

Sunday, August 20th at 3:00 pm.
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt



An opportunity to listen to the bishop and our seminarians share about their experiences at the seminary. Followed by a time of Evening Prayer and then a BBQ.

If you are interested, contact Fr. Dennis and we will arrange for a ride to the retreat center from the parish.

An Overnight Discernment Retreat available

Sunday, August 20 – Monday, August 21st
At St. Francis Retreat Center
You must register for this through the parish
Contact Fr. Dennis 989-593-2162



Congratulations to the Winners of the 2017 Festival Prizes



Money Raffle:

\$2,500.00 -	Cathy Rademacher
1,500.00 -	Brian Armbrustmacher
1,000.00 -	Stephen Simmon
100.00 -	Jamie Lackscheide
100.00 -	Tina Weber
100.00 -	James & Amanda Jandernoa
100.00 -	Kate Davis
100.00 -	Chris Conner
100.00 -	Marjorie Boog
100.00 -	Kathy Simon
100.00 -	Brandi Schueller
100.00 -	Julia Schueller
100.00 -	Shirley Stump

Quilts and Afghans:

Bertine Thelen, Tamra Schafer, Alan Kramer, Julie Armbrustmacher, Matthew Braun, Brendon Goerge, Charles Trierweiler, Gerry Schomisch, Kurt & Patty Koenigsknecht, Marilyn Thelen, James E, Thelen, Gerald Thelen

Special Raffle:

Crucifixes donated by Domik & Rachel Feldpausch:
Alan Warnke & Helen Cook

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all the faithful. May we seek to strengthen our relationship with God through fervent prayer and service to others.



50/50 Support the Faith Raffle

Thank you to all who took part in the Knights of Columbus Support the Faith 50/50 raffle. This week's **\$500** winner is: **Mark Simon**.

Additionally, the 4 families that will receive \$500 scholarships made out the MHT School and applied to their children's tuition are **Dennis & Kim O'Hare, Glenn & Rachelle Pung, Al & Agneiszka Warnke, and Kurt & Elizabeth Marvel**. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus!

MSU Football Games: MSU continues looking for additional "Volunteers" for their home football games. If you enjoy the excitement of Game Day, enjoy greeting & assisting fans, watching the second half for free, and helping our Council, please consider becoming a "Volunteer". For each "Volunteer", MSU will donate \$60 to our Fowler Council.

Volunteers **Must be 18**, but **Do Not** Need to be K of C Members. Ask your Spouse, Family Members, Friends and Neighbors. MSU does require a Background Check.

To get a "Background Check Form" or Answers to any of your questions, please contact Al Ruhl at 989-593-3321 or 989-245-4912 (ajruler@4wbi.net)



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

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

MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, August 7 MARS Camp 10:00-11:30
Tuesday, August 8 MARS Camp 10:00-11:30
Wednesday, August 9 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 schedule a visit to the school or would like more information, please contact the principal, Anne Hufnagel, at principal@mhtparish.com.

School Supplies: A list of school supplies for the 2017/18 school year can be found on our school website under the 'Parent Information' tab.

God Is the Only True Happiness: *Unless I am connected to God, who invented the happiness I'm seeking, I come up frustrated, angry, and disappointed by life – empty instead of full. When I feel disconnected from God, I feel restless – not at peace with myself, with my God, or with others.*—from the book *Born to Soar: Unleashing God's Word in Your Life*

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas

Attention Catholic Homeschool Families

The Raising Saints Catholic Homeschool Enrichment Program will begin its 6th year at St. Therese Parish on Friday September 15th. We come together on Friday mornings as a Catholic community of homeschoolers to attend Mass and to sample the gifts and talents of one another as we supplement what we are doing at home with fun group activities. We welcome you to come get to know us and see if this is a good fit for your family. Our Fall Kick-off meeting will be Wednesday August 23rd at 6:30PM, our Fall Family Potluck will be on Wednesday August 30th at 6PM, and our last Summer Mass & Playdate will be on Friday September 1st starting with 8:30AM Mass at St. Therese Parish. We would love to meet you! Please contact Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com for more information.

Area AI-Anon Meetings

If your life has been affected by someone else's drinking, you should come to an AI-Anon meeting.

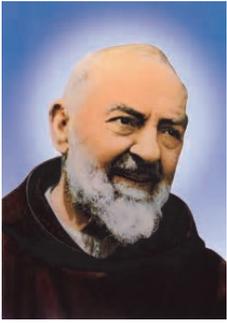
Portland at the First Congregational Church, Wednesday mornings 10-11 a.m. Enter the Fellowship Hall thru the Smith Street doors and turn right.

Lake Odessa at the Lakewood United Methodist Church, Thursday mornings 10-11 a.m. Enter through the door on the back of the church and turn left.

For more information, phone 517-575-8000.

St Cyril's Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner

St. Cyril's Catholic Church of Bannister, MI would like to invite everyone to our annual chicken and ham dinner September 10th, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served from 11:30 until 1:30. Adults are \$10, Children 12 and under are \$5, Preschool aged children are free. Carry out is available.



St. Padre Pio Relics

St. Patrick Church, Portland, will host relics of St. Padre Pio for public veneration Thursday, August 10th through Saturday, August 12th. This is an opportunity to venerate the personal chalice and glove of one of the most popular and beloved modern saints.

Thursday there will be a Rosary and public veneration of the chalice of St. Padre Pio, with the Knights of Columbus, from 7-9:00 pm in the church (glove will not be present).

On Friday, there will be confessions and veneration of the chalice and glove from 5:30 - 6:45 pm, followed by Mass with the relics at 7:00 pm. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., will celebrate Mass and offer a reflection. Fr. Tuscan serves as Minister of the Word and Evangelization for his Capuchin Province and offers retreats for parishes.

Saturday there will be a regularly scheduled 4:30 pm Mass, followed by a talk by Cindy Russo at 6:00 pm and healing prayer service with the relics. Cindy is the group leader of the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland, and Custodian of the Chalice. She will share the history of the chalice and inspiring stories of those whose devotion has been strengthened by this relic.

For more information see the St. Patrick Portland website: www.stpatrickportland.com or contact Carolyn Kwiecinski, at 517-647-6505, ext. 418

Our Lady of Fatima Statue in St. Johns

St. Joseph Church in St. Johns, MI is once again privileged to have the honor of another Fatima traveling statue this year on August 29th. Come with your families and friends for, meditation and Veneration. The first presentation will begin at 1:30pm in the church.

This is not the same statue that visited here last year. The Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima Statue was designed as Our Lady appeared in 1929 to Sr. Lucia in Tuy, Spain. The statue was blessed by Pope Francis on October 23, 2013 and is touring in the Lansing Diocese in August. Please set aside this date and join in giving special honor to Our Lady during this 100th anniversary of her appearance at Fatima.

Mother Theresa's Little Helpers

Our group, Taryn Schmitz, Taylor Weber, Rachel Epkey, and Grace Epkey; has raised over \$700 in about 1 year for a homeless shelter in East Lansing. Haven House is a place where families that aren't stable can live until they get back on their feet. Haven House has been opened for 60 years, and has helped thousands of men, women, and kids leave behind homelessness. Just last year they helped 141 families. Our charity would like to help more families get off the streets and into a better, safer house and environment. Please donate now to help hundreds of families.

St. Martha Parish Craft Show

St. Martha Parish is soliciting for vendors to participate in our annual Holiday Heaven Arts & Craft Show November 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendors who have hand-crafted items to sell are welcome to apply for this show. Please contact Margo Vuchetich at [517-675-7355](tel:517-675-7355) or vuchetich@gmail.com for further information.

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.

The parish is in need of several catechists this year

Because of staffing changes and retirements, the parish has a greater than usual need for grade school catechists this year. First, as you probably already know, Aubrey Feldpausch is expecting her first child this fall and she wanted to stay at home with her new baby. So while we will miss her a lot, we're really excited for her and Nolan as they start their family together.

Also, after 50 years (!!) of helping with religious ed, Joyce Goerge, is retiring this year. I cannot say enough about how thankful we are for how much she has given to this ministry and for the countless students she has helped come to know Christ. Joyce said that St. Therese, The Little Flower, played a role in her first helping with religious ed, so let's ask St. Therese to pray for Joyce in her retirement.

So this year the parish is in need of a catechist, or a team of catechists, to help teach 1st grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade.

We also need a catechist, or a team of catechists, to teach 2nd grade First Reconciliation and First Communion. Besides for teaching the regular religious ed classes for 2nd grade, this person (or team) would also need to help with monthly events directly related to sacramental preparation.

Finally (because Aubrey was amazing and did so much!), we will also need someone, or a group of people, to help with the Christmas Gospel Reenactment on Christmas Eve. And we will need some more adult leaders to help with Vacation Bible School next year.

The religious ed classes meet during school hours twice a week for one hour. Also, all of these positions receive a small stipend for every class or event.

Please pray about how you could help with any of these positions. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire the people He would like to take these roles, and please open your heart to the Holy Spirit's promptings and ask if the Spirit is encouraging you to help.

Please call (593-3174) or email (mhtdre@gmail.com) me if you would like more information or have any questions.

Christ's Peace,

-Paul



3rd Publication: Keegan Bengel & Allison Myers

MHT Scrip – Summer Schedule

Scrip is now available at the parish office from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Orders will continue to be placed each Monday throughout the summer.

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, 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, Marian Halfman, Janet Simon 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.

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

July 29 & 30 Collection..... \$9,842.01

Special Collections

Newspapers.....	10.00
Capital Improvements.....	10.00
MHT School.....	250.00
Peter's Pence.....	10.00
Assumption.....	10.00
Spread the Faith.....	10.00

Monthly Finance Report for July

Sunday Collection - All Sources.....	\$56,773.56
Sunday Collections - Year to Date.....	\$56,773.56
Sunday Collections - FY 17 Budget.....	\$668,000.00
Percentage Collected Through July -	8.499%

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

Monday	Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalms 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday	Numbers 12:1-13; Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Psalms 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; John 12:24-26
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalms 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Matthew 17:14-20



Monday - August 7

7:00 p.m. + Susan Bertram

Tuesday - August 8

8:15 a.m. + Sandra Thelen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday – August 9

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Alan Simon & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday – August 10

8:15 a.m.. + Richard & Marcella Gensterblum

Friday – August 11

8:15 a.m. + Nick & Rose Hufnagel

Saturday - August 12

8:15 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Keegan Bengel & Allison Myers

4:30 p.m. Alexander & Rosemary Thelen, Including Stevie & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - August 13

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. + Christopher Spitzley

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13

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

8:30 a.m. - Randy Wirth, Glenn Esch, Neil Hufnagel, Ronn Thelen

10:30 a.m.- Brett Stump, Kirk Phillips, Dale Koenigsknecht, Hilary Stump

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13

4:30 p.m. - Nolan, Madison, & Mitchell Wirth, Charlie Boak

8:30 a.m. - Kara Esch, Nathan Epkey, Logan Klein, Tony Hufnagel

10:30 a.m. - Chad Klein, Hudson Philips, Kiley Bengel, McKenzie Feldpausch

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Zoe & Trinity Kramer

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

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Alayna Vandegriff, Nolan Simon

Thur., 8:15 a.m. Mia & Emma Riley

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Evan Curtiss, Ryen Kirvan

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Alexander Warnke, Taylor Weber



Noel Kathryn Trierweiler, daughter of Marc and Danielle (Myers) Trierweiler

We welcome Noel to our parish family.

August 6, 2017

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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