



“O woman, great is your faith”

This week I have asked Kayla Feldpausch to share with us.
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



The first summer I started playing for daily Mass at the promptings of my parents, I hated it. I was terrified to make mistakes because I felt like that was the only thing people would remember from the Mass that day. As I moved on to playing for Sunday Mass, I imagined people talking about just how badly I'd messed up the Gloria as they selected their fresh QD donuts, and this sucked all the enjoyment out of music for me. It didn't make sense; I loved playing piano

and the music was one of my favorite aspects of the Mass, but I just couldn't get past my fear. What changed that wasn't just getting used to it over time, although that was certainly a factor, but rather, I needed to reframe how I approached participating in music.

The foremost change was seeing the music I offered as a part of the Mass prayer the congregation participated in rather than a performance that people were judging. After I

encountered God's love profoundly in a Steubenville conference and grew in love of Him through prayer, adoration, Mass, and retreats, music took on a new meaning for me. It came from a love for God, a love that I wanted to help others encounter and express. In the *Spirit of the Liturgy*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says that liturgical music "rises out of the love that responds to God's love made flesh in Christ, the love that for us went unto death."

The other aspect was becoming an integrated part of the music ministry rather than feeling like I was alone in learning and delivering music. By joining the high school youth band, I discovered a liturgical venue for a similar feeling to what I experienced being a part of band. In high school, band was the one class where I didn't find myself staring at the clock the entire time. There was something amazing about creating music with others, music that was moving and beautiful in a way that just me on my flute couldn't be. Most of you know I'm not much of a sports person, but I imagine it's the difference between practicing free throws on your own, playing on a team, and playing in the championship. There's something about being a part of something where you're all giving your best and rely on each other to make great things happen. It's incredible to find your place in that group.

MHT is a church full of encouragers, so I've gotten a lot of positive and enthusiastic feedback over the past year. Don't get me wrong, it's really wonderful for my self-esteem to have so many parishioners tell me how wonderful the choirs sound! But as much as there's excitement about where we are in music, I'm more excited about inviting people to be a part of it. I know that there are so many people in this parish who have the gifts and desire to be a part of the music in some capacity.

There are always the usual obstacles: being too busy, worrying about the time commitment, etc. However, I think the biggest one tends to be the subconscious conviction that those things--singing at Mass, playing piano, joining a choir--they're for somebody else, not ourselves. These thoughts all boil down to one interior conviction: "I'm not good enough."

Being a part of the music ministry is more than reading and perfecting music. (By the way, reading notes is not a requirement, and the goal of the group isn't just to sing the most difficult music possible.) It's the community we build in rehearsals, prayer, entering into the Mass in a new and deeper way, helping the congregation enter in, and the incredible beauty of creating music standing next to other people doing the same thing. Most of all, it's participating in the song from the Son to the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that "Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song," but just because liturgical music is made more noble by song doesn't mean you need to be perfect or absolutely stunning in order to be in a choir or even just to sing at Mass. Honestly, I spent the first few months of my time in CMU's School of Music wanting to hide in the bathroom, and I almost always put a scarf over the window of my practice room so people walking by wouldn't know it was me and judge me for being terrible. I felt pathetic in comparison to the soaring voices of so many of the music majors! And, by the end of my time at CMU, my voice was still nowhere near the top-level singers' voices, but I wasn't as concerned by

From Kayla Continued.....

that. I was able to sing some of the most beautiful music I've ever sung in a choir filled with others who cared just as passionately about the art we were creating as I did. The beauty is in itself, that God created music and our voices, and when we lift them back to Him in song, that's a unique offering.

You know if you have a pleasant voice or can play an instrument, even if you think it isn't all that, and, more importantly, you know if music is where you come alive in praising God. If that's the case, I'd like to invite and challenge you to give singing in a choir or playing your instrument at Mass a chance. I truly want to meet people where they're at, even if that means you'd like to play piano for one hymn while I play the rest of the Mass. Working with people one on one is one of the best parts of working in music ministry for me, and I'm more than happy to set aside time for developing musicians. If you'd like to be a part of the adult choir, know that most regular members aren't at every single rehearsal or Mass. The point is that if you feel a pull from the Lord to participate in music in some way, these concerns shouldn't be prohibiting factors.

I'll be including updates about when children's choir, high school youth band, and adult choir rehearsals begin in my section of the bulletin, so keep an eye out for those! And if you have any questions, feel free to email me at kayla.mhtmusic@gmail.com.

God Bless, **Kayla**

Principal of Most Holy Trinity School
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MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, August 22	MARS Camp 10:00 - 11:30
Wednesday, August 23	MARS Camp 10:00 - 11:30
Thursday, August 24	MARS Camp 10:00 - 11:30
Wednesday, August 30	MHT School Meet & Greet 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 5	First Day of School

Meet & Greet: On Wednesday, August 30, MHT School will be hosting a meet and greet opportunity from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Elementary students can meet their teachers and see their classrooms. Middle school students can pick up schedules, get their locker assignments and meet teachers as well.

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 the 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.

The Spirit of Love: *You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.* – Henry Drummond

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



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Haven't practiced your faith but would like to come back to the Church? Did you not receive Confirmation as a child but would like to now? Do you have a friend or family member who is interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact Paul Fahey at (989) 593-3174 or via email at mhtdre@gmail.com. We would love to talk with you about the process to become Catholic and help you grow in your faith!



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all those who are struggling with guilt and self-forgiveness.



The family of **Stan Platte** would like to express our most sincere gratitude to those who visited, sent cards, and offered prayers for our father while he was in the hospital, and at the time of his passing. Thank you for sending flowers and all acts of kindness during this difficult time. Thanks to Father Dennis for presiding over the Mass, to the altar servers, Rosie VanElls and the choir for the wonderful music. Thank you for VFW honor guard services provided, to Pam and Becky for the delicious meal, and for all who assisted with the meal. Also, thanks to all who brought food. Thanks to Smith Funeral Home. Our family has been humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity.



Altar Server Training

The next date for altar server training is Sunday, August 26th at 3pm at the church. Please plan on your child attending if you have signed your child up and they have not yet been trained.



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 \$100 winners are: **Elaine Weber, Julia Schueller, Alphonse Thelen & Donna Schafer.**

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)



We would like to thank Father Dennis for the beautiful homily and Mass for our father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Thank you for the music by Rosie VanElls and Sally Becker and choir members. Thank you for the delicious luncheon prepared by Vicki Wieber and crew. Thank you Tina Schaffer for all your help. Thank you Smith Funeral Home for your assistance. Thank you to all our family and friends who shared their stories of our Dad and Grandpa. Thanks to the Clinton County Sheriff Department and the City of Coldwater Police for the escorts out of Clinton County and into Branch County. It was very fitting. We would like to think Dad would have told his version of the story of the time they ran him out of town. The wonderful VFW presence and presentation of the flag, twenty-one gun salute and the military helicopter fly over left us in tears. We could not have been prouder. Lots of you told us, oh, it was nothing, but to us it was "something." He was kind and humble man and will be missed greatly. God Bless you all!

The Family of Ken Harmon

Thank You!!!



The Cemetery Committee would like to say a big thank you to all the lumberjacks that came out to help with the cutting down and removal of 4 trees from our cemetery. With all your help it went very well! Again, thanks to all of you!

Area Al-Anon Meetings

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



Beginning **Monday, August 21st**, scrip will be available at the school office from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Friday Morning Group

The Friday morning group is up and running again! Meetings take place Fridays at 9am in the Fr. Ray youth center. We will be discussing the "Wild Goose". This is a book series written by Fr. Dave Pivonka to help us all learn more about the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas



Leadership Training Institute

St. Paul Street Evangelization, with the Archdiocese of Detroit, is hosting a Leadership Training Institute at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on September 21-24. You will hear from experts such as Dr. Ralph Martin, Dr. Janet Smith, Fr. Ed Fride, Fr. Mathias Thelen, Dr. Robert Fastiggi, and more. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Allen Vigneron.

There are three tracks available: Basic Evangelization Training on September 23, Advanced Evangelization Training on September 21-22, and a Regional Missionary Training on September 24, 2017. Learn more and sign up at www.streetevangelization.com/lti/. You can also contact the organizer at adam@stpaulse.com.

St. Paul Street Evangelization has a worldwide impact with more than 300 chapters, a volunteer regional missionary program, and a full-time urban missionary program, all of which extend beyond the street into the life of the local community and parish.

Marriage Date Night in Westphalia

St Mary's Marriage Ministry It Takes Three Date Night is Saturday, September 23rd, beginning at 6pm, in the Parish hall. Enjoy your spouse, your friends, a catered meal and the entertainment of comedian Shawn Reynolds! Mr Reynolds is a 4-time showcase performer at the Christian Comedy Association's national conference and has appeared locally on NBC & ABC. We look forward to seeing you so grab your friends, fill a table, and RSVP ASAP! Cost is \$45 per couple and you can reserve your spot by calling St. Mary's Parish office or using this website <https://stmarychurch.net/marriage-ministry>

Blood Drive



There will be a Red Cross blood drive at St. Mary Parish Hall in Westphalia on Monday, August 28, 2017 from 1:00 - 6:45 p.m. As always, the Red Cross is in need of as many donors as possible. We hope to see you there! Thank you

Ave Maria University Seeking Volunteer Football Scouts

Do you enjoy high school football? Would you like to help young Catholic men have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university and play football? If so... Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a scout network in Michigan to help identify Catholic football players from all schools (public / private / Catholic) in this area. Generous scholarships are available. For more details, please contact Dr. Gary Jackson, Michigan Scout Coordinator, at gjackson@avemariafoundation.org or 734-516-9615.

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.

Half Day Retreat for Young Adults - Aug 26th

Throughout our lives, we deal with hardships, circumstances, and events that leave us wounded, bleeding, confused, and damaged. How does the Lord heal us? How can He bring good out of the suffering especially surrounding our evangelistic efforts? How can the saints speak so fondly of suffering and see it as a tremendous blessing? Let's dive into the Word of God to seek answers to these questions. We are a community on the move, yet often the community is hurting, so let's take the time to look at suffering, persecution, pain, and the 'furnace of humiliation' and together decide to remain His disciples. We welcome all Lansing-area Catholic young adults to this enriching and life-changing event. Come and allow the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to change your life.

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017, from 8:15am - 2pm
Church of the Resurrection in Lansing.
Cost: \$10, which includes two meals.

Register at Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/id916-lansing-summit-the-furnace-tickets-36755611022>)

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.

GOLF SCRAMBLE
to benefit...

shared pregnancy
www.sharedpregnancy.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th 2017

Individual price \$75 - Scramble format - 18 holes with cart - Continental breakfast - Lunch at the turn - Gift bags - Prizes

COLLEGE FIELDS
3800 Hagadorn Rd. Okemos



Tristan Joseph VanElls, son of Jake and Whitney (Stowell) VanElls

Amaia Zamora-Gazga, daughter of Alberto Zamora Garcia and Narcedalia Gazga Alonza

We welcome Tristan and Amaia to our parish family.

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, 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**

August 12 & 13 Collection..... \$10,333.25

Special Collections

Assumption of Mary..... 123.00
Newspapers..... 10.00
Peter's Pence..... 245.00
ETF..... 50.00

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Monday Judges 2:11-19; Psalms 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday Judges 6:11-24a; Psalms 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday Judges 9:6-15; Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51
Friday Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalms 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalms 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Matthew 23:1-12

Sponsor of the Week

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

Terry L. Smith, Builder



Masses For The Week

Monday - August 21

7:00 p.m. + Ann & Ken Thelen

Tuesday - August 22

8:15 a.m. + Philip Simon

Wednesday - August 23

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Edmund & Helen Simmon Including Brian

Thursday - August 24

8:15 a.m. + Roy N. Pung

Friday - August 25

8:15 a.m. + Antoinette & Joseph Hafner, Including Joanne & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Saturday - August 26

8:15 a.m. + Marie Fox

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - August 27

8:30 a.m. + Herman & Revella Simon & Deceased Members of the Family

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Don & Alice Schneider, Including Ron & Tom Schneider & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27

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

8:30 a.m. - Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ryan Pung, Kurt Koenigsknecht

10:30 a.m. - Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Ken Halfman, Volunteer

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27

4:30 p.m. - Jack, Anna, and Sam Vanneste, Holly Schmitz

8:30 a.m. - Ben & Jack Schafer, Drew Armbrustmacher, Brycen Halfmann

10:30 a.m. - McKenzie, Josie, & Cooper Koenigsknecht, Jonathan Koenigsknecht

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Peter Simon, Jonathan Fowler

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Allysa Feldpausch, Jonathan Koenigsknecht

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Nolan Stump, Aaron Simon

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

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Tristan Smith, Rebecca Smith

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Zoe and Trinity Kramer

August 20, 2017

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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