

Most Holy Trinity

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



“After the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

From The Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked **Paul Fahey** to share with us
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



I'm encouraged to share "faith testimonies" in talks I give, in my religious ed classes, and throughout the other ministries I help with. These testimonies are stories of when God has reached out to me in memorable or life changing ways. Some of these encounters with the Lord are dramatic but many are more subtle, their full meaning only understood in hindsight. I want to share one of these moments with you as a way to invite you to a similar encounter with the Lord.

Almost two years ago I was invited to attend a one day retreat that the diocese had put together called Kerygma Encounter. When I first heard about this retreat I was excited about it, but a few weeks before I found out that some good friends of my wife and I were visiting from out of state on the same day as the retreat. I was seriously tempted to skip, but I had already committed and paid for it, so I felt bad backing out.

I'm glad I didn't skip. This retreat, without exaggeration, changed my life.

The word "kerygma" is Greek for "The Gospel" or "the good news." That's the focus of this retreat, to bring those attending to an encounter, both in mind and heart, with the central good news of our Catholic faith: God made us so that we may become God.

After this retreat my Catholic faith and my relationship with God became exciting and new again. This retreat was like a key that unlocked treasures I didn't know existed. Everything, the Sacraments, the moral law, prayer etc., had a whole new life and meaning. It was like God revealed this secret about himself and his plan for my life.

Shortly after the Kerygma Encounter I knew I had encountered God there. The way I understood and taught others about Catholicism changed almost immediately. But the full meaning of what the Lord was doing with my life through this retreat continues to be revealed to me.

Several months after I went on the retreat I fell into a period of depression and spiritual desolation. For six months or so I felt distant from God, I was angry at God, I didn't trust that he really cared about me and the suffering I was going through (the details of how God pulled me out of that is a longer story for a different time). As that season of desolation was fading I found out that the diocese was looking to train people to help lead these Kerygma Encounter retreats and I quickly signed up.

This past August I helped lead my first Kerygma retreat and I once again experienced God like I hadn't before. I felt alive with the Holy Spirit, like I was doing the exact thing he had created me to do. So I signed up to lead more retreats and I revamped Confirmation preparation and First Communion preparation to model the Kerygma Encounter. And I saw the Holy Spirit work through me and through these ministries.

Because of Kerygma Encounter I have a renewed and deeper love for God, a love that has overflowed into my personal life, my family, and my work. Right away I knew I wanted to bring this retreat here to MHT. So on Saturday, February 2nd, Monica Pope (a lay parish minister who helped create this retreat) and I will be presenting Kerygma Encounter in the activity center from 9:00am-3:30pm. This retreat will be free for parishioners and will include lunch.

Please register on our website or call the parish office. If you've been thinking about attending one of the weekend parish adult retreats, this might be a great stepping stone since it's only half a day. I really encourage you to come see what good news the Lord has to reveal to you.

God Bless,
Paul

January: Pro Life Month



Throughout this month of January, especially with the anniversary of Roe vs Wade we will be devoting part of the bulletin to pro-life issues. Let us commit ourselves to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion and all offences against the dignity of life.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Each year in January, the month of the U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous decision to legalize abortion in our country, we work together with Pro-Life organizations to support life. As part of our campaign, we will be providing baby bottles which you can take home and fill with loose change, bills and checks. We will be collecting them at the end of January and delivering them to Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing.



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you"

Jeremiah 1:5

Human Trafficking



Around the country, and right here in Michigan, men, women and children are forced into prostitution, domestic servitude and other labor for little or no pay. Human trafficking is a modern -day form of slavery and is a large and growing criminal industry worldwide.

Michigan has seen a 16% increase in reported human trafficking cases, according to data released Thursday. Polaris, an organization that helps fight human trafficking stated that there were 209 Michigan human trafficking cases reported in 2017. 2018 stats are not yet available.

What can we do?

- 1. Educate yourself and others**
- 2. Lobby for legislations**
- 3. Research companies to learn where their products come from.** Do they source their products from places and producers that support child labor? Purchase items from companies that know where their labor is coming from. You might be surprised at some of the companies that use child or slave labor. For example: Nestles, H&M, Philip Morris, Victoria's Secret, GAP, Apple, Disney.
- 4. Know the signs of human trafficking.** Find a comprehensive list of behaviors usually exhibited by someone in bondage. Learn the signs so you can be ready to call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888 when you spot them. You could save someone's life.
- 5. When you travel and book a hotel ask them if they are part of The Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct.**

Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

Day of fasting and prayer in reparation for all offences against the dignity of life and an end to abortion.



Tuesday, January 22nd
Mass at 8:15 am.
Adoration after Mass till 12 noon

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

By connecting our Catholic faith to life, we at Most Holy Trinity School seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to proclaim the Gospel, restore all things in Him, strive to lead our students to the Truth for the betterment of this world and prepare them for the age to come.

Important Dates:

Tues., Jan. 15 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 17 11:30 Dismissal
Fri., Jan. 18 11:30 Dismissal (End of 2nd Qtr)
Mon., Jan. 21 No School (MLK Birthday)
Tues., Jan. 22 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 27 CSW Mass @ 10:30 a.m.

Junior High Exams: 7th & 8th Grade students will be taking semester exams in some of their courses the week of January 14.

School Schedule: Please pay special attention to the school schedule and calendar over the next few weeks as we have some half days in the middle of January and Monday, January 21, off completely.

8th Grade Fundraiser: In honor of CSW MHT School's 8th grade class is sponsoring an All You Can Eat breakfast on Sun., January 27, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Activity Center. The menu includes scrambled eggs, ham with pineapple, sausage, pancakes, tater tots, and applesauce.

Happy New Year: *If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway. How important then, to feel our dependence upon Him!* - Matthew Simpson

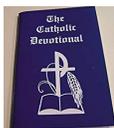


MHT School is looking for a long term substitute teacher. The substitute is for a teacher on extended leave due to illness. The position will begin on Tues., Jan. 22, and may extend to the end of the school year in June. This teacher will be responsible for teaching Reading, World Geography and U.S. History to students in grades 5 - 8. Any applicants with a valid Michigan teaching certificate or candidates who finished their teaching degree in December 2018 will be considered. Preference will be given to candidates holding endorsements in reading and social studies. Applications will be accepted through Mon., Jan. 14, and can be sent to :

Most Holy Trinity School
Attn: Anne Hufnagel, principal
545 N. Maple St., Fowler, MI, 48835
or via email: principal@mhtparish.com

Catholic Devotional Booklets

We have received some devotional booklets. These booklets contain a collection of prayers and inspirations. Included are prayers to Saints, a guide on how to pray the rosary, communion prayers, and many other helpful tools. Please stop in or contact the office if you'd like one to have on hand or share with a friend. A limited supply is also available in the back of church.



All You Can Eat Breakfast:

The Most Holy Trinity School 8th grade class invites you to a class fundraiser breakfast at the Activity Center on Sunday, January 27, from 9:00 to noon. The menu will include: scrambled eggs, ham with pineapple, sausage, pancakes, tater tots, applesauce, muffins, milk, and orange juice. All are invited to stop by for breakfast and to see the Catholic Schools Week student displays. Goodwill donation suggestion: (ages 13 and up): \$7.00, children (ages 5 to 12): \$5.00, and children (5 and under): \$1.00. We look forward to seeing you there!



The family of **Raymond Armbrustmacher** wishes to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all of the acts of kindness shown to us once again after our father's passing. The meals, visits, phone calls, and texts were all appreciated. Thank you to Becky at the rectory for meeting with us and having everything ready to review from mom's funeral, to Jim Schmitz for leading the rosary, to Rosie VanElls and the choir for the beautiful music for the funeral mass and to Father Dennis for presiding and for his visits to the hospital. A special thanks to Bonnie Thelen and Pam Pohl and your teams for the delicious funeral luncheon provided to our family. Your kindness will not be forgotten. The family of **Raymond Armbrustmacher**

Volunteer Openings at Mother Teresa House

We care for the terminally ill in our home, around the clock, at no charge. Currently, we are in need of more evening and weekend volunteers to help us! **Tour & Service Orientation** is on Jan 22nd, followed by our **Practical Skills Workshop** on Feb 8th and 9th. If you feel called to be a part of this service, please contact us at (517) 484-5494 or serving@motherteresahouse.org.

COF Matching Funds Benefit Breakfast

The Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Mary's Court 1903 will be hosting a Matching Fund/Benefit Breakfast for Justin Norton and his family. Justin was recently diagnosed with cancer and is currently receiving treatments. The Benefit is Sunday, January 27 from 7 am to Noon in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. There will also be Silent Auction items. Please come and eat some good food and support a worthy cause. Volunteer and donation sign up is available through: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CAEAD2AA6FF2-justin> or by email @ COFJNorton@gmail.com. For additional info please contact Leanne O'Brien at 517-331-2751 or Becky Wellman at 517-285-0988. Thank you for your support.



Catholic Order of Foresters Meeting

The Catholic order of Foresters will be having a board membership meeting on Weds, Jan. 16 @ 7:00 pm. at the home of Andy & Laura Feldpausch.

"The Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." John 14:26

MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER

January 27

Come hear about how the Holy Spirit can work in your life and pray to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a deeper way.

7:00 PM



Calling All Quilters!

Quilting will take place in the Activity Center January 14th - 18th. Quilts will be donated to the MHT Parish Festival for raffle in July 2019. Call Loraine Schmitt for more information. 989-593-2136

**Father/Son Breakfast
Sunday, March 10th, 9:30 am**

Join us in the MHT Activity Center for the annual Father/Son breakfast! Guest speaker is **Josh Strickland, morning DJ for SMILEFM**. Cost is a good will offering at the door. R.S.V.P. to Dean Schrauben 989-640-0341. Sponsored by the Fowler Knights of Columbus.

Kerygma Encounter Retreat
Sat., Feb. 2nd, 9:00am-3:30pm in the Activity Center

The word "kerygma" is Greek for "The Gospel" or "the good news." That's the focus of this retreat, to bring those attending to an encounter, both in mind and heart, with the central good news of our Catholic faith. This retreat will be free for parishioners and includes lunch. Please register on our website or call the parish office. Paul Fahey and Monica Pope (Coordinator of Discipleship at St. Joseph's in Howell) will be leading this day long retreat.



Mark your calendars!
Knights of Columbus annual Fish Fry dates are Friday, March 15 and Friday, April 5. from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the MHT Activity Center.

Director of Religious Education
Paul Fahey, mhtdre@gmail.com

If you are currently a high school freshman or older who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and haven't met with Paul, please email or call 989-593-3174.

Director of Youth Ministry
Corey Luna - mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com.

We have a couple of young adults that will be traveling to places to help the poor and also encounter God in a different way! Please think about supporting them through prayer and monetary donation! If you can't donate online, you may drop off donations at the parish office.

Kaitlyn Schmitz- Traveling to Rome to serve the poor and make a pilgrimage! Link to Kaitlyn's online donation page: <http://www.focusonline.org/goto/kaitlynschmitz>

Brianna Braun- During her stay, Brianna's group will grow in faith as they serve the people of El Salvador. They will be working on construction projects, interacting with children and families and learning more about the country's culture and history. Here's her online donation page: <http://www.focusonline.org/goto/briannabraun>

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been wondering how you can help at MHT? Here are a couple of areas you might think about!
Mass Set Up: We are in need of someone to assist with weekday mass set-up as soon as possible. Training is provided.
Ministry: If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister, reading at mass, or ushering please let us know. Please contact the parish office.

Advent Giving Tree and Christmas donations



Both Holy Family Parish in Booneville and Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing have written to thank us for the gifts and support. With all the events happening lately, and the many needs that have arisen I want to thank all those who contributed in any way this Advent & Christmas season.

Sponsor of the Week

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

Bee's Chevrolet

Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering, especially: Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Jeffrey Lee Thelen, Luke Martin, Sara Sanchez, Melissa Schulte, Marie Hengesbach, Edward Wohlscheid, Linda Rogala, Sarah Weber, Julie Wieber Schafer, Bill Barns, Bob Marshall, Dennis Smith, Sandy Herta, Dick Rehmann, Janet Simmon, Scott Kus, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Gregg Platte, Frank Hufnagel, Lynda Esch, Janet Armbrustmacher (Allan), Marie Weber, Jenine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Jordy Wohlscheid, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Janet Simon, Dale Young, Brent Baese, Shane Grinnell, Richard Bushamp, Alan & Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, Theresa Heeg, Bev Nurenberg, Jeff Wadell, Charles Wadell, Chuck Welch, Jeanne Alaga, Milo Platte, Timothy D. Thelen, Curtis Feldpausch, Marilyn Dixon, Richard Rodgers, Declan Schmidt, Carolee Smith, Gus Miller, Charles Miller and a special intention.

Please contact the office to add or remove a 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**

January 5 & 6 Collection..... \$12,312.91

Special Collections

Newspapers \$174.00
 Capital Improvements..... \$104.00
 First Offering \$241.00
 Solemnity of Mary \$122.00
 MHT School \$200.00

Monthly Finance Report For December

Sunday Collection-All Sources \$92,698.64
 Sunday Collections-Year to Date \$359,636.62
 Sunday Collections- FY 17 Budget \$675,000.00
 Percentage Collected Through December 53.28%



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all who are struggling with the pain of loss. Strengthen them and allow them to know the healing love of our Lord and Savior.

Casino Bus Trip Fundraiser

The Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation is having a bus trip fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 16th. Bus begins boarding at 1pm at the High School parking lot, leaving at 1:30. For \$35 you get round trip charter bus trip to FireKeepers Casino, \$20 in free play & \$5 food credit. Must be 21 years or older, bring ID. To sign up or get more information, contact Patty Feldpausch at 640-3658.



Readings for the Week of January 13, 2019

Monday Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - January 14

7:00 p.m. + Roy Weber & Living & Deceased Family Members

Tuesday - January 15

8:15 a.m. + Erwin Pline (1st Anniversary)

Wednesday - January 16

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. + Thomas Hengesbach

Thursday - January 17

8:15 a.m. + Norman Goerge

Friday - January 18

8:15 a.m. + Irene (Luttig) Weber

Saturday - January 19

4:30 p.m. + Reynold & Rita Goerge & Living & Deceased Family Members

Sunday - January 20

8:30 a.m. + Louis & Joan Feldpausch & Living & Deceased Family Members
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, January 19 & 20

4:30 p.m. – Gary Weber, Jerome Klein, Clare M. Thelen, Mike Koenigsknecht
 8:30 a.m. - Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ryan Pung, Kurt Koenigsknecht
 10:30 a.m. – Brent McCarty, Roy Witgen, Neil Feldpausch, Volunteer

Servers for this Week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Bryce Ward, Jonathan Fowler
 Tues., 8:15 a.m. -MHT School Volunteer
 Weds., 7:00 p.m. - Peter & Xavier Simon
 Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - John & Andrew Irrer
 Fri., 8:15 a.m. Adult Volunteer

Servers for Saturday & Sunday, January 19 & 20

4:30 p.m. - Roman & Nicholai Schafer, Jamison Schueller, Volunteer
 8:30 a.m. - Tricia & Amy Feldpausch, Nate & Katie Spicer
 10:30 a.m. - Christi, Mary, & Augustine Spitzley, Jonathan Fowler

Altar Server's Schedule



The February Server Schedule is now available on our website. Thank you for volunteering!

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Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

Parish Office Hours -- 8am-noon, 1-3pm

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