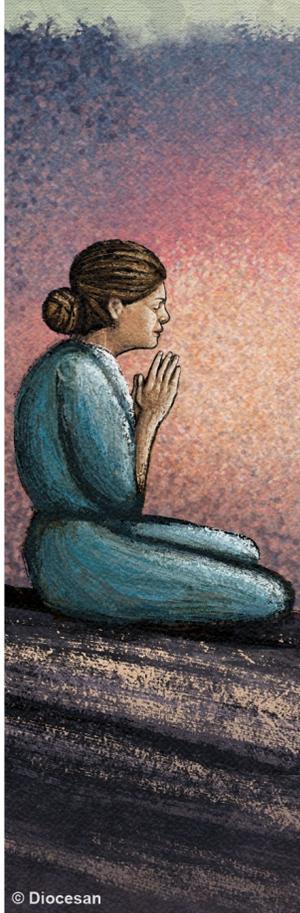


# MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then he told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

Luke 18:1



## The Third Fruit Being Created Anew

*“Our hearts were made for You, O Lord,  
and they are restless until they rest in You.”*

*-St Augustine of Hippo*

When I was little, my brother and I had a toy yellow duck that had a silver wind up key. When we wound up the key, the duck would waddle and hop across the floor in a rather hilarious way. When we first turned the key, the duck moved really fast but as he wound down, his movements got slower and slower which wasn't as exciting so we would wind him tighter and tighter thinking it would make the fast, funny part last longer. It didn't take too long for us to realize that winding the duck too tightly wasn't a good idea and before we knew it, we had wound the key so tightly it broke and the duck couldn't move at all. I think there are way too many of us who feel like that toy duck. We go and go and go trying to do “all the things” and go “all the places”. The honest truth; God didn't create us for chaos and if we aren't careful, we're going to end up like that little yellow duck. The Father knew that we would need to rest so He showed us how on the seventh day and then made a rule to enforce the importance of rest and the whole point of the Lord's Day Initiative is to help us slow down, ponder and pray about it.

The Lord's Day is intended for leisure or to break from the regular. Sunday is meant to be different. It's meant as a day to re-focus, re-center, re-order and renew. Leisure and productivity are two different things and the Lord's Day is meant to focus on leisure so we are invited to step away from the drive to be productive long enough to catch our breath and recalibrate for the week ahead. The Hebrew word Sabbath is translated as “to rest from labor”. The three fruits of that renewal are necessary for our journey toward sainthood. The gifts of a day spent in leisure are joy, peace, rest, laughter, quiet and presence of the Lord. Our communities were founded on a strong work ethic and there might be a tendency to think not being productive is the same as being lazy. God has invited us to give HIM a day. In that day we offer Him, he will be the master of our time, He will bring us the joy our hearts need to settle and begin again. He will give us His grace as we slow down to enjoy the things and people He has created for us to enjoy. A Lord's Day well spent will help us feel the need to connect to Him and the energy, life and passion only He can bring to our lives.

Our kids tell us that a perfect Sunday is about puzzles, walks, ice cream (lots of it), naps and just hanging out playing games. They want us to watch football, watch a movie and pray a Rosary together. They want to do things together that make everyone laugh and they want the gift of our TIME. And in the words of Scripture we are reminded time and again that the Father wants our hearts to slow down and rest in Him. In Psalm 23 we read “...in green pastures he makes me lie down...” and in Matthew chapter 11 Jesus says, “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest...” We have not only His permission to rest, we have his invitation, His longing and His promise of renewed energy and spirit. How will you rest well and enjoy the new life of leisure this Lord's Day?

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Domik & Rachel Feldpausch

When questioned by Nicodemus, Jesus stressed the importance of baptism by saying "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5 The weight of what Jesus said cannot be understated. As noted in the catechism, baptism is a sacrament of Christian initiation. It takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. A baptized person belongs forever to Christ.

It goes without saying, baptism is the first step in a life devoted to Christ. Everyone's faith journey is different - early in our marriage, we knew baptism was important, but we didn't truly understand just how important it is, the gifts received, or the change that manifests within when baptized. As cradle Catholics, it almost felt like more of a box to check off the list for a newborn. We knew the basics, but there wasn't a lot of prep for baptism when our children were young, and we didn't challenge ourselves at the time to become more educated on this particular sacrament. On top of that, when we were asked to be Godparents, we didn't fully appreciate the roles we were taking on. A Godparent isn't just an honorary title given to someone - it's a job.

Fast forward along our faith journey and as our children grew, we began to develop much more of an appreciation for the sacrament. We find ourselves getting emotional at each baptism we witness in the church, whether we know the baptized or not. Even though the change in the person isn't visible on the surface, it's very real. We also strive to be better Godparents to our Godchildren. Even something as simple as a daily prayer specific to each Godchild can be very powerful!

When we were asked to lead the baptism class, we both knew instantly this was something we wanted to be a part of. We see it not only as an opportunity to serve our parish, but also an opportunity to dig deep into the sacrament, deepen our faith, learn more, and pass that information on to parents and Godparents. We hope to instill a greater love and appreciation in parents & godparents so they do not take the sacrament for granted as we did early on. We know how busy people are these days, but we trust that God will bless this class and the fruits will be immeasurable!

### A BIG THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to you, our parishioners, this year's parish festival was a huge success! There are few things more beautiful than seeing our parish family gather for fellowship, food, and fun. Additionally, while the festival changed to a one-day event, the high level of participation from parishioners allowed us to net over \$57,000. Thank you!

We especially thank those who volunteered their time and talent to work a shift or coordinate a portion of the festival. Although this year's festival has just ended, it's never too early to start thinking about next year. We'd like to invite you to join the festival committee to help vision new and exciting ideas that can foster the growth of our parish festival. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact Jordan Spitzley at the parish office for more details on what this would all entail. We will host our first planning meeting Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm in the parish office.

As always, thank you for all you do for this parish!

## WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

### Defeat Equals Victory

Just over a week ago, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It happened to fall on First Friday for October and we celebrated it in the Day Chapel by praying publicly the rosary, as well as the Divine Mercy chapel, which was lead by several young children. We prayed for the defeat of Proposal Three, which calls for unlimited abortion in Michigan.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century by Pope Pius V. This feast is also known as Our Lady of Victory and commemorates the defeat of the Ottoman Empire's naval forces at Lepanto by a coalition of Christian states. The naval battle was fought as Dominican confraternities prayed the rosary all day in basilicas and the streets. This win did not break the Ottoman Empire, but stopped its progression toward the Adriatic Christian states, and freed some 15 thousand Christian slaves imprisoned by the Turks.

What struck me while meditating on this day, was that this feast commemorates a victory gained by an inferior fleet of ships. The men who fought it spoke several different languages but somehow found a way to communicate and work in concert with each other - as abbots back home prayed the rosary. The Christians did not have the naval numbers, but they had Our Lady - Our Lady of the Rosary. Thus they snatched victory from defeat.

In the first episode of the second season of "The Chosen," the opening scene has John the Evangelist starting to write his gospel. He quizzes the other apostles about their initial experiences with Jesus and when he got to the Blessed Virgin Mary she responded: *"I can hardly remember a time when I didn't know him. I guess it was his first kick."* Then she walked over to John and gave him a mother's hug. This reminded me of Jesus' instructions from the cross *"Mother behold your son - son behold your Mother."* In that statement, he gave Mary to us as Mother as well.

This led me to thinking about the "contradiction of the cross" - how, through Jesus' death, the gates of heaven were opened for his followers to spend eternal life. Jesus' defeat of sin equals an eternal victory for us. And then I saw the link between that and our current battle against Proposal Three. Defeat of Proposal Three would mean victory for thousands of babies in Michigan in the future. Whereas Jesus' defeat resulted in a supernatural victory, defeat of this proposal would mean mortal life for innumerable children. If recent polls are accurate, then we have a lot of work to do. Like the Turks, pro-life proponents currently have inferior numbers.

But we have Our Lady of Victory with us. Pray to her every day and spread the word to others who are on the fence about the flaws in Proposal Three - both from a moral as well as legal perspective.

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**Office Hours (As of 8/29/22)**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**9AM - 3PM**

\*Open after 8:15am Mass on MHT Morning Mass days

\*Closed for lunch from 12pm-1pm

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — Aaron Epkey, DRE (989)593-2162 — dre@mhtparish.com

Confirmation: The first preparation session for 9th and 10th grade confirmation candidates will be held Sunday, October 23 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at the parish activity center. The session will focus on the following themes:

- Our very existence and the meaning of our lives are fulfilled only in God.
- God loves us unconditionally and passionately
- Sin separates us from our created purpose, a relationship with God.
- God wants our relationship with him to be a consistent commitment.
- United by the Church and empowered by the sacraments, we are called to go forth and share the Good News.

High School Religious Education will be held this week, Monday, October 17th from 7:15pm to 8:30pm at the parish activity center. Upcoming Dates: October 24, November 7. **No High School Religious Education on Monday, October 31.**

## MHT SCHOOL Anne Hufnagel — principal@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., October 18	Mass @ 8:15am
Weds., October 19	Picture Day
Thurs., October 20	Vocations Day @ St. Mary's Cathedral
Fri., October 21	11:30 Dismissal/Staff PD at 12pm
Tues., October 25	Mass @ 8:15am

**Picture Day:** MHT School Picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19! Be sure to wear your Sunday best and break out those smiles.

**Vocations Day:** The 6th & 7th grade students at MHT School will be attending the Lansing Diocese Vocations Day on Thursday, October 20. They will start by attending Mass with the bishop and then divide into groups to learn more about the various vocations in life. Please pray for them and their safe travels.

*In today's world that is filled with social media and technology many of us feel more isolated than ever before. The lack of actual face-to-face, personal conversation has left too many families fragmented and people feeling lonely. Sundays offer a great opportunity to spend time with those we love and reconnect with each other.*

## MHT DINNER RAFFLE

"Welcome to Hawaii" the 31st annual MHT School Dinner Raffle Fundraiser is Saturday, November 5th. Cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00.

Guests will enjoy Hawaiian-theme food, drinks and entertainment and are invited to wear Hawaiian-themed clothing, or dress casually.

Tickets are \$125 per couple and include dinner and a chance to win several cash prizes. On sale now at MHT School. 989-593-2616."



## October is Pro-Life Month!

**Holy Hour:** Mondays and Wednesdays there is a Holy Hour for the unborn at 8am at MHT.

**Shared Pregnancy:** There will be a crib in the back of church for donations to Shared Pregnancy during the month of October.

**Planned Parenthood:** Volunteers are needed to pray at Planned Parenthood. Please visit "40 days for life" to sign up.

**7 Sorrows of Mary Rosary:** On Tuesdays after the 8:15am Mass, the 7 Sorrows of Mary Rosary is prayed for our nation and in reparation for the sins of our nation and for the upcoming elections.

**Rosary for the Unborn:** A Rosary will be led by the Christian Mothers for the unborn after this Wednesday's evening Mass (Oct. 19) at the Shrine for the unborn.



## September 28th - November 6th Help Save Lives in Lansing!

We need extra prayer vigil participants during the expanded hours of the international campaign. Can you take an hour/week for 6 weeks between 7-9am or 5-7pm?

**Vigil Location:** Outside Planned Parenthood in Frandor Shopping Center. We stand in the public right of way along N. Clippert, now populated with wood chips and plants.

**Expanded Vigil Hours:** 7am-7pm daily, Monday through Saturday for the international campaign time.

**Local contact:** Chris Veneklase, 40DaysforLifeLansing@gmail.com **Prayer Vigil:** Brent Heyer 517.894.4334

Learn more...get involved...and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the following web address:

[40daysforlife.com/Lansing](http://40daysforlife.com/Lansing)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY POSITION

We are seeking applicants for an Adult Faith Formation Ministry Position at MHT. Responsibilities include coordinating marriage and baptism prep, processing annulments, providing encounter opportunities for adults, coordinating discipleship groups, as well as other adult education and formation opportunities for the parish.

Desired qualities would include strong people skills, the ability to promote and organize initiatives and events, presentation skills, the ability to work as a part of a team, an openness to further education and formation, and most importantly a strong desire to spread the faith.

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to this position, an application and job-description can be picked up at the parish office. **Applications and resumes must be submitted by Monday, October 31.**

**WEEKDAY ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses.  
This week, we pray for boldness and unity within the body of Christ.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

As a way to increase prayers for and awareness of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Lansing, the Vocations Office is asking parishes to feature a seminarian and woman in religious formation each week, so that we may pray for them in a special way.

**Please keep in Seminarian Jack Jobst & Sr. Theresa Immaculata Ohaeri in your prayers this week!**



**Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests, and women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray for Your Grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests; and we pray that Your Love be enough for the women in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**THE DIOCESE OF LANSING IS HIRING!**

The Diocese of Lansing Central Office Finance Department is seeking applicants to fill our Accounting Manager position. Motivated by the mission of our Bishop to make disciples and dedicated to serving the church in our diocese in a professional capacity, the position requires exceptional interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate well with all levels of staff. Primary responsibilities will be to supervise the general ledger, as well as lead all month-end close processes to ensure deadlines are met. To read the full details of the position and to apply online, please visit our website at:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

**PEWAMO KofC HOSTING BREAKFAST**

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus will be holding a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to noon at St. Joseph's Activity Center in Pewamo. The proceeds will be used to fund Coats for Kids and other various local charities. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-12, and free for children five & under. We hope to see you there!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
MON., NOVEMBER 7, 2022 - ST. MARY PARISH HALL**

Please join us for the November blood drive to be held Monday, November 7, 2022 from 1:00-6:45 pm, St. Mary Parish Hall, Westphalia. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code below with your phone's camera, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: Westphalia) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-in donors are also welcome if there are open slots. Bring a friend, save a life!



Christian Mothers & Women's Guild  
and Knights of Columbus

**MHT PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity**

October 8 & 9 Collection .....	\$ 11,524.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,292.58
Total Sunday Collection .....	\$ 13,816.58

**Special Collections**

ETF .....	\$ 135.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$ 25.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Care .....	\$ 100.00
Newspapers .....	\$ 5.00

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**- Please Pray For Our Friends and Relatives -**

David Antes  
Laurie Becker  
Davison Curtin  
Sean Dush  
Joann Feldpausch  
Ralph Feldpausch  
Stephen Fox  
Tracy Gaskill  
Elvan Halfmann  
Jacob Hamilton  
Ray Hamilton  
Theresa Heeg  
Andrew Hogan  
Fr. Dennis Howard  
Frank Hufnagel

Jenine Koeckner  
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Elaine Kramer  
Therese Kramer  
Jennifer Ledger  
Josiah Ledger  
Fr. Bill Luggen  
David Maniez  
Christopher Martin  
Luke Martin  
Mary McCausey  
Joanne McNamara  
Bishop Mengeling

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Kevin Orth  
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Jeff Wadell  
Chris Waldron  
Terry Waldron  
Adele Zamarron  
A Special Intention,  
& for unity within our parish family.

**\*Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove someone from the list.**

**Armed Services**

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

**Every Monday and Wednesday from 8am—9am**

Meet in the Church to pray for an end to abortion.

**Holy Hour is prayed for the unborn every Monday & Wednesday from 8am - 9am in the Church.**

**The 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Blessed Mother** will be prayed after 8:15am Mass every Tuesday. This is for our nation and in reparation of the sins of our nation.

**WEDDING BANNS**

**Second Publication**

Jenna Loynes & Travis Osborne

**MHT MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, October 17 - 8:15am**  
**Mass at St. Mary's**

**Tuesday, October 18 - 8:15am (MHT School Mass)**

**Sacristan** Helen Thelen & Julia Schueller  
**Reader** MHT Students  
**Servers** MHT Students

**Wednesday, October 19 - 7:00pm**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Gina Delp  
**Servers** Roman & Nicholai Schafer,  
 Brianna Feldpausch

**Sunday, October 23 - 8:30am**

**Sacristan** Gerry Davis  
**Reader** Carol Piggott  
**Servers** Nolan, Selana, Molly & Chase Stump  
**ExMHC** Neil & Anne Hufnagel, Ron Feldpausch  
**Ushers** Bill Armbrustmacher, Bruce Schafer,  
 Phillip Schmitt, Brett Stump

**Sunday, October 23 - 10:30am**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** David Simon  
**Servers** Michaela & Dominic Spitzley,  
 Braxton Myers  
**ExMHC** Cindy Halfman, McKenzie Koenigs knecht &  
 Jennifer Koenigs knecht  
**Ushers** Gene Messer, Stan Weber,  
 Leon Schneider, Roy Witgen

**Sunday, October 23 - 6:00pm**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Robert Orme  
**Servers** 3 Volunteers Needed  
**ExMHC** 3 Volunteers Needed  
**Ushers** Jerome Thelen, Larry Jandernoa  
 2 Volunteers Needed

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“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.” -Romans 12:2

**- Sponsor of the Week -**

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

**JANDERNOA WATER SYSTEMS**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday - October 17 (St. Mary's)**

8:15am †Leo & Laurina Simon & Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
 5:30pm Confessions - St. Mary's

**Tuesday - October 18 (MHT School Mass)**

8:15am †Mass of Thanksgiving for Julius Schafer

**Wednesday - October 19 (MHT)**

5:45am Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 5:30pm Confessions - MHT  
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 7:00pm †Clifford Martin, Including Wayne  
 †Neil & Rosie Feldpausch on their 55th Wedding Anniversary

**Thursday - October 20 (St. Mary's)**

8:15am †Connie Platte & Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
 9:30am Confessions - MHT

**Friday - October 21 (St. Mary's)**

8:15am †Vern & Adeline Schneider & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Saturday - October 22 (St. Mary's)**

3:00pm Confessions - St. Mary's  
 4:30pm †Trent Bengel, Including Donna Heckman & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Sunday - October 23 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00am †Mark Hufnagel  
 (St. Mary's)  
 8:30am People of the Parish  
 (MHT)  
 10:00am †Lewis & Esther Pung  
 (St. Mary's)  
 10:30am †Donald Goerge  
 (MHT)  
 6:00pm †Mark Wirth & Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
 (MHT)

**MHT & ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

Mass at 8:15am (1st, 3rd, 5th Monday) at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 8:15am (2nd & 4th Monday) at MHT  
 Confessions at 5:30pm at St. Mary's

**TUESDAY**

Mass at 8:15am at MHT

**WEDNESDAY**

Confessions at 5:30pm at MHT  
 Mass at 7:00pm at MHT

**THURSDAY**

Mass at 8:15am at St. Mary's  
 Confessions at 9:30am at MHT

**FRIDAY**

Mass at 8:15am at St. Mary's

**SATURDAY**

Confessions at 3:00pm at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 4:30pm at St. Mary's

**SUNDAY**

Mass at 8am & 10am at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 8:30am, 10:30am, & 6pm at MHT