

# MOST HOLY TRINITY

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Luke 17:6



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## The First Fruit; Deeper Relationship With God

***To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement. Saint Augustine***

Love, success and adventure are deeply important but we don't always go about achieving them in the right way. It can be sort of like using a slotted spoon to serve soup; it'll work, but it's not the most effective way. If we aren't *connected to the Father, things become disconnected. Maybe you've heard the phrase work smarter, not harder but have you ever applied that concept to your relationship with God? The purpose of the Lord's Day Parish Challenge is to help us look at the way we are working toward what St. Augustine called the greatest human achievement; relationship with God.*

We were made to be saints and our daily mission is to grow in holiness and a mighty tool for accomplishing that is often overlooked. Holier doesn't mean harder, in fact, growing deeper in relationship with God, doesn't mean doing something more; it's doing something less. We often go through our days feeling like we are in orbit and somehow it has become the norm to launch through our weeks at break neck speed wearing busyness as a badge of honor. We need to stop, catch our breath and recognize that the Lord is inviting us to step away from the motion and take a rest so he can fill our greatest longing and our deepest need. Sunday is the day he's given us to do just that.

Sunday is a gift from God made for rest and relationship. The relationship he's inviting us to focus on first, is the one we have with him. He wants to be the center of our life, the master of our time and the director of our days. Mass is the ultimate part of our Lord's Day and it is during the mass we are called, fed, taught and blessed. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of the christian life and from this comes the peace, joy, energy and desire to live out our week in a way pleasing to the Lord.

The sign of a beautiful relationship is the desire to spend more and more time together and so it should be with our relationship with the Lord. We asked our students if they could offer some ideas for other ways we could spend the Lords's Day fostering our relationship with the Father. They suggested that we:

\*Try your best to be truly prepared to Receive Jesus in the Eucharist and be sure to thank him after. \*Pray the Rosary \*Pray with or for someone \*Visit a neighbor \*Learn one new thing about Jesus \*Help someone \*Don't argue \*Make a sacrifice for someone because Jesus made a big one for us\* Spend time with something or someone God created and not a device and tell God thank you. \*Sit still and talk to God, or even just sit still and listen because it's way more important than doing laundry.

As you make your way through this week of the Lord's Day Challenge, prayerfully ponder the ways you can invest in your relationship with the Father. What is he calling you to do or who might he be calling you to serve in his name? Go over the suggestions with your family or accountability friend and decide which ones you could put into action.

## WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS (and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

### Can We Handle the Truth?

In the classic movie "A Few Good Men," Jack Nicholson proclaims one of his most famous movie lines. Under courtroom questioning by Tom Cruise character Lt. Daniel Kaffee about the hazing and death of a cadet, Nicholson, as Colonel Nathan Jessup shouts out "*You can't handle the truth.*"

Now contrast that with what Jesus had to say about truth to his followers in John's gospel: "*If you remain in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*" (Jn 8:31-2). *On the surface, these two quotes may seem unrelated. When tied to the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can see how they are interlocked.*

In my experience with confession, and I suspect I am not alone in this thinking, I have avoided the sacrament at times, when I sent myself the message that Col. Jessup sent. If I can't handle the truth, I just don't acknowledge it. If I go to confession, I have to acknowledge it to a priest, regardless of its severity. I can bury it in denial or I can lie to myself and say, "*I can confess this directly to God and be done with it.*" *But that is not handling the truth.*

The irony is that the truth about the truth, as spoken by Jesus (the Truth) is true. The truth does set you free. Confessing our sins to a priest takes a weight off our souls and gives us freedom. It is especially important to acknowledge to ourselves that when we are struggling spiritually, refusing to handle the truth, that that is the time to seek freedom through Reconciliation with the Lord.

Bringing this to a current confrontation with the truth is the current hot-button issue in our state. Proposal Three on the November ballot would make abortion legal in Michigan at any point in a pregnancy up until birth for girls and women of any age, with no requirement for parental approval for a minor. It runs contrary to Catholic teaching about the right to life of the unborn from the moment of conception. It is also "bad law" that does not belong in our state constitution.

One of the great Catholic theological orators of the 20<sup>th</sup> century warned us some 60 years ago of the dangers of not facing the truth in such situations:

*"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."* - Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

Proponents of Proposal Three are definitely passionate. They are putting us on the witness stand with Colonel Jessup. Will we fall into a "*silent acquiescence to evil?*" Can we, as Catholics, "*handle the truth?*" Or will we "*remain in God's word,*" protect the unborn, and let "*the Truth set us free*" by voting "*NO*" on Proposal three?

Deacon Eric  
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## Memo from Fr. Eric: Out a Couple of Weeks (at least)

All the priests of the Diocese come together for business, prayer, and fraternity once a year. Our 2022 Convocation takes place this week. Father Peter will be there for most of this week. I have permission to miss Convocation this year in order to attend module five of the nine-part Spiritual Direction Training Program that I have been taking since April of 2021. The October session of this course serves as my annual retreat – every priest is required to take a retreat each year. The eight-day retreat will take place north of Chicago. The format will be Ignatian. I will be given a number of Scripture passages to reflect upon daily and then will meet with a director each day to discuss that which God seems to be conveying. There will be one daily conference for the entire group as well. Shortly after I get back to Michigan, I am scheduled to have surgery to remove my gallbladder. Please keep Father Peter and I in prayer with regard to our upcoming events.

Father Eric

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

**K-8 Religious Education** began last week. See the Release Time schedule below. It is not too late to enroll your child. Online registration and printable forms are still available on the homepage of the parish website. Forms are also available at all the entrances of the church. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in Faith. Above all, thank you for being parents who love their children and take seriously the responsibility of helping them encounter Jesus in a personal way. You are their greatest advocates and we are inspired by your dedication. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. 989-593-2162 or [dre@mhtparish.com](mailto:dre@mhtparish.com)

### K-8<sup>th</sup> Release Time Schedule

K - Fridays 2:10-2:50	5th - Tuesdays 2:07-3:00
1st - Monday 1:00-2:00	6th - Wednesdays 2:07-3:00
2nd - Thursdays 1:00-2:00	7th - Thursdays 2:07-3:00;
3rd - Thursdays 2:00-3:00	8th - Fridays 2:07-3:00
4th - Mondays 2:00-2:50	

**Confirmation Session:** Important information about this year's confirmation process for grades 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> was sent out this past week. If you did not receive this information and have a son/daughter planning on receiving the Sacrament this year, please contact us. The **first session** for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> confirmation candidates will be held Sunday, October 23 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the parish activity center

**Flocknote:** We invite you to sign-up for Flocknote to stay up to date with the K-8 Religious Education & High School Youth Ministry:

K-8: Grade Parent  
Text: K-8RELEDPARENT To: 84576  
High School Parent  
Text: HSYOUTHMPARENT To: 84576



### 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 prayed for the unborn after each Wednesday evening Mass at the Shrine for the unborn.

We have yard signs available in opposition of Proposal 3. They are \$8.23 each. Please call Cathy Wohlfert 989-593-3478



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## 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:

Tuesday, October 4	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, October 6	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Friday, October 7	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Friday, October 7	Prayer Pal Social

**Prayer Pal Social:** Attention MHT School prayer pals - watch for a letter and invitation to Mass, a cupcake rosary and BINGO on Friday, October 7, 2022. Mass starts at 8:15 a.m. and will be followed by a cupcake rosary in the Activity Center.

**NWEA Testing Window:** Students in grade 2 – 8 will be taking assessments (Measure of Academic Progress – MAP) in reading, language arts, math, and science (grades 5 – 8) from September 15 through October 15.

**Homecoming:** MHT School students will be joining Fowler High School to celebrate FHS Homecoming 2022! We will be having dress up days throughout the week, watching the annual parade and enjoying some fall fun. Go Eagles!! Please watch for emails regarding the dress up days.

*Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. – St. Pope John Paul II.*

## CONVOCATION WEEK

As the Bishop requests, Masses will be cancelled here and at St. Mary's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. There will be **no Confessions** on Monday at 5:30pm, Wednesday at 5:30 PM or Thursday at 9:30am & 2:00pm.



**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 7-9 AM or 5-7 PM?

**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:** 7 AM — 7PM daily Monday — Saturday for the international campaign time.

**Local contact:** Chris Veneklas, 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)

**WEEKDAY ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses.  
This week, we pray for renewed faith that leads to revival within the body of Christ! Amen!

**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.

**This week, please keep Dcn. Seamus Kettner & Sr. Francis de Sales Cziesperger in your prayers.**



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. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Diocese of Lansing Seminarian  
Deacon Seamus Kettner, SS. Charles & Helena, Clio*



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Dominican Sisters Mary Mother of Eucharist  
Sr. Francis de Sales Cziesperger*

**"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."** -John 14:6

**ATTN: HIGH SCHOOLERS RE: CHOIR**

All high schoolers are invited to sing for the 10:30am mass on Sunday, October 9th. No previous choir or singing experience is necessary. All are welcome. Practice will take place right after 8:30am mass on Sunday, October 9th. Please email Kate Davis at kated@mhtparish.com to let her know you will be joining and/or with any questions.

**THANK YOU!**

The family of David Bierstetel would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, food, and thoughtful acts of kindness. Special thanks to VFW Post 3733, Good Vibes, and Heart to Heart Hospice. May God bless you.

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

**- Sponsor of the Week -**

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

**SUBWAY**

**"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

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

David Antes  
Laurie Becker  
Davison Curtin  
Sean Dush  
Ralph Feldpausch  
Stephen Fox  
Tracy Gaskill  
Kathy Gibbs  
Elvan Halfmann  
Jacob Hamilton  
Ray Hamilton  
Theresa Heeg  
Andrew Hogan  
Fr. Dennis Howard  
Frank Hufnagel  
Jenine Koeckner  
Jeff Koenigsknecht  
Katherine Koenigsknecht

Elaine Kramer  
Therese Kramer  
Jennifer Ledger  
Josiah Ledger  
Fr. Bill Lugger  
David Maniez  
Christopher Martin  
Luke Martin  
Mary McCausey  
Joanne McNamara  
Bishop Mengeling  
Steve Nobis  
Kevin Orth  
Rodney Robbe  
Constance M. Schafer  
Julie Wieber-Schafer  
Tracy Schmitt  
Maurice Schmitz  
Jennifer Schrauben

Gary Schueller  
Bob Shannon  
Dennis Smith  
Laura Stegenaga  
Charlene Thelen  
Dale L. Thelen  
Jason Thelen  
Steve Thelen  
Russell Tiedt  
Dane VanElls  
Jeff Wadell  
Chris Waldron  
Terry Waldron  
Adele Zamarron  
A Special Intention,  
& for unity within our parish family.

**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.

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETURNS FOR VOCATIONS

Support **men and women** from our local community pursuing religious vocations. **Allow us to take those tailgating and fall sports gatherings bottles and cans off your hands by donating them.** Donations can be dropped off at the Koenigsknecht Farm or we will arrange to pick them up. Please call Kurt Koenigsknecht 517-282-0343 or Agnes Koenigsknecht 593-2614 to arrange for pickup

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE & VOCATIONS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Right to Life and Vocations Breakfast next Sunday, October 9th from 8:00am -12:00pm in the Activity Center.

## MHT PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

September 21 & 22 Collection .....	\$ 9,550.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 3,255.83
Total Sunday Collection .....	\$ 12,805.83

### Special Collections

ETF .....	\$ 235.00
Capitol Improvement.....	\$ 200.00
Newspapers.....	\$ 25.00

## MHT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 3 - 8:15am

Mass at St. Mary's

### Tuesday, October 4 - 8:15am (MHT School Mass)

No Mass (Convocation)

### Wednesday, October 5 - 7:00pm

No Mass (Convocation)

### Sunday, October 9 - 8:30am

<b>Sacristan</b>	Gerry Davis
<b>Reader</b>	Rob Becker
<b>Servers</b>	Paige, Carter & Sawyer Thelen
<b>ExMHC</b>	Jane Sisung, Ralph Feldpausch, Luke Goerge
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin, Robin, Ryan & Tim Koenigsknecht.

### Sunday, October 9 - 10:30am

<b>Sacristan</b>	Luke Goerge
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Spitzley
<b>Servers</b>	Augustine, Thomas & Sophia Spitzley
<b>ExMHC</b>	Kirk & Kristin Phillips & Angela Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene Messer, Leon Schneider, Roy Witgen, Stan Weber

### Sunday, October 9 - 6:00pm

<b>Sacristan</b>	Paul Horak
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Servers</b>	<b>3 Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>ExMHC</b>	Sharon Fink, <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerome Thelen, Larry Jandernoa, <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>

## 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>

**"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."**  
-Psalm 33:12

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### Monday - October 3 (St. Mary's)

8:15am	†Tom Noeker
5:30pm	<b>No Confessions</b> - St. Mary's
7:30pm	Religious Education Families

### Tuesday - October 4

8:15am	<b>No Mass</b> (Convocation) <b>Eucharistic Adoration at MHT &amp; St. Mary's in Place of Mass</b>
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### Wednesday - October 5 (MHT)

5:45am	Eucharistic Adoration - MHT
5:30pm	<b>No Confessions</b> - MHT
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration - MHT
7:00pm	<b>No Mass</b> (Convocation)

### Thursday - October 6 (St Mary's)

8:15am	<b>No Mass</b> (Convocation) <b>Eucharistic Adoration at MHT &amp; St. Mary's in Place of Mass</b>
9:30am	<b>No Confessions</b> - MHT

### Friday - October 7 (First Friday)

6:15am (St. Mary's)	†Jerry Trierweiler & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
8:15am (St. Mary's)	†Pat Pung & Deceased Members of the Pung & Droste Families
8:15am (MHT School Mass)	†Alick Feldpausch, Including Sylvester & Odelia & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

### Saturday - October 8 (St. Mary's)

3:00pm	Confessions - St. Mary's
4:30pm	†Donald Schmitz, Including Linda Bradley & Jeanne Thelen (5th Ann.)

### Sunday - October 9 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am (St. Mary's)	†Elizabeth, Raymond & Gerald Schafer
8:30am (MHT)	†Mark Weber (1yr Ann.)
10:00am (St. Mary's)	†Corkey & Marie Pohl & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
10:30am (MHT)	†Ken Thelen (8yr Ann.), Including Kerri & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
6:00pm (MHT)	People of the Parish