

# Adult Retreat

February 23-25, 2018

Bethany House in DeWitt  
Friday, 7:00 pm  
until Sunday at Noon

\$150.00 per person



Please call the parish office to register

This week I have asked Dan & Tricia Feldpausch to share with us.

God Bless, **Fr. Dennis**



*After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. Luke 5:4-6*

Jesus tells Simon to put out into deep water. What does he mean? He means we must be all in and fully committed if we are to evangelize as we are called to do.

About a year and a half ago we became involved in the parish's marriage preparation program. It was being re-vamped and many changes were being made. Paul Fahey sent us an email explaining that they were making changes in the program and were looking for married couples who would consider helping out and our names were mentioned. We agreed to be a sponsor couple and as the meetings regarding this program progressed, there was discussion of holding a retreat for engaged couples, along with a pre-cana day, here at the parish versus sending them to another parish for "Engaged Encounter". This would be the preferred option because those leading the marriage preparation program at the parish would know exactly what information the couples were receiving. It would also be a way for these couples to not only connect with each other, but to have married couples here at the parish that they could reach out to as well. This retreat seemed like a great way for couples to grow closer to each other and to see the importance their faith life would play in their marriage.

Along with being a sponsor couple we agreed to be part of the planning for this retreat. One thing led to another and we were asked to give a talk on our couple prayer life for the engaged couples. Although we had agreed to give the talk, there was a lot of anxiety about preparing it and then actually presenting it. We had doubts about our qualifications for giving a talk like this. Our life together has not been perfect, but we have learned the importance of keeping God at the forefront of our marriage and felt we were called to share our story in the hope of helping these engaged couples see the necessity of a couple prayer life. We have now helped out with this retreat and given our talk three times. We are part of the parish's intercessory prayer team and on the marriage prep retreat in September we were given the opportunity to pray with people as well. Each time we have felt so blessed to be a part of this retreat.

We attended the first adult retreat two years ago and had a wonderful experience. We have continued to attend these retreats and are amazed at how the Lord works in everyone in a unique way. Hearts are open to the Lord to receive whatever he has to offer. It is so inspiring to see the transformation in the attendees from the beginning of the retreat Friday evening to the end of the retreat on Sunday.

Last spring Andrea asked those of us who had attended previous adult retreats if we would be willing to be part of the team for planning the adult retreat that would take place in September. The parish staff wanted to include parishioners in leadership roles for the retreat. This was a little overwhelming at the time since we were already helping out

with the marriage prep retreat which was being held the weekend before the adult retreat. Although we had not fully committed to being on the team, we began to attend the planning meetings. The theme that arose was *Back to Basics* and possible topics were discussed for talks that would be given. Meetings continued throughout the summer. At the parish festival Dan was talking with Paul and saying that he felt the Holy Spirit was moving him to give a talk about discerning the will of God. The staff was excited about this and pleased that he was open to giving a talk. So much for the question of whether or not we would help out with the adult retreat! Dan prepared the bulk of the discernment talk and we both shared personal stories as part of the talk. We also had the privilege of being a part of the intercessory prayer teams at this retreat. It is such a gift to see people come forward for prayer and to intercede with the Lord on their behalf. The Lord once again prompted us to work through our fears and be a part of something that would help us grow in faith.

Matthew Kelly states that one of the greatest gifts we can give anyone is to help them develop a sustainable prayer life. Joining with our parish staff to lead these retreats has been a great blessing for us. We are helping to lead retreats as an act of love toward God and others. Love is truly love when it is self-sacrificing. We are working to turn our fears and lack of confidence over to the Lord and trust him to lead us so we can lead others and follow his will for us. If we fail to listen to the voice of God in our lives, we will not be used in the way he desires to use us. God pours His graces upon those who answer when He calls. God will be with you when you follow his will for you. Are you willing to say "Yes" to God in all things? If so, you will be amazed at what he does in your life.

*Lord, I desire to put out into the deep water and to radically evangelize in the way in which you call me. Help me to say "Yes" to you in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.*

God Bless,  
**Dan and Tricia Feldpausch**

## Evening of Intercessory Prayer

On Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. in the church, we will be celebrating our next Evening of Intercessory Prayer. Come out and spend some time praying for your family, our nation and all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We will be taking time to pray against "strongholds:" those sins and attractions to sin that bind people and families in patterns of brokenness. Some examples are: alcoholism, anger, unforgiveness, sexual addictions, physical, sexual, verbal abuse, hardness of heart, despair, etc.

Jesus tells us in the Gospels that some of these things can only be broken by prayer and fasting. Do we really want to be free? Do we really care about our brothers and sisters who are trapped in sin and bondages?

**God bless, Fr. Dennis**

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

*MHT School – Connecting Faith to Life*

*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 Upcoming Dates:**

Mon., Oct. 16	Rosary after 7 p.m. Mass (Grotto)
Tues., Oct. 17	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations Day
Tues., Oct. 17	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 24	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 24	Protecting God's Children Session 6:30 – 9:00
Weds., Oct 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

**Protecting God's Children Session:** MHT School will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the school computer lab. All school volunteers must attend one of these sessions, this includes chaperones, field trip drivers, recess duty, etc.

**The Journey:** *The more you make the choice to live above your feelings, to trust God instead of what you may feel like doing, the stronger your faith becomes. It's not about being perfect. We will always be on a journey of growing closer to God.* – Tim Tebow

Director of Religious Education  
Paul Fahey—mhtdre@gmail.com—593-3174

**Christmas Program Volunteers:** The parish is looking for a team of people to help with the children's Christmas Gospel reenactment on Christmas Eve. For the past several years there has been a staff person heading up this event, but since Aubrey Feldpausch is no longer with us this is not an option this year. This commitment would include collecting the names of interested students, leading two rehearsals before Christmas, and then directing students at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If we do not receive enough leaders we will not be able to offer this event this year. Please consider helping to lead this event if you are able. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

**"Back to Basics" Adult Faith Formation Classes**

If you would like to learn more about your faith and explore the Catechism, Paul Fahey is leading a monthly "back to basics" adult faith formation class this year. We will dive into what the Church teaches about the liturgy, the sacraments, morality, and the Ten Commandments. We guarantee you will leave each class knowing more about your faith than when you entered.

These classes will be the 3rd Thursday of every month (except December) at 3:15pm and at 7:00pm (you can pick the time that works best for you) in the Youth Center. **The next class is this Thursday, Oct 19th, and we will be discussing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)**

Director of Youth Ministry  
Corey Luna - [mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com).

**Bible Study:** There is now a high school bible study Sundays at 7:30 pm in the youth center! Any high school student who is interested in learning more about the faith and about God in scripture is welcome to come!!

**High School Retreat:** This year's retreat will be December 1-3 at Camp Roger in Rockford, MI. The retreat is open to all high school students and will be a time to encounter who God is and what he wants for your life. We will have talks, small groups, adoration, and confession throughout the weekend along with some other activities. The amount is \$65.00 for the weekend and forms are available on the parish website. Any questions or concerns can be answered by Corey Luna at [mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com](mailto:mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com)

**The Diocese of Lansing is hosting a Youth Conference this year called Unashamed.** It will be on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Lansing Center. Unashamed, based on Romans 1:16 is an opportunity for all 9-12 grade teens to encounter Jesus Christ, experience deeper conversion and be renewed in their discipleship. This daylong conference will include Mass with Bishop Boyea, Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and feature dynamic presentations from nationally known speakers, including Paul J Kim and Chelsea Gheesling as well as uplifting praise and worship. More details can be found at [www.lansingyouth.com](http://www.lansingyouth.com). or by contacting Corey Luna.

**Jr. High/Middle School Youth Group:** We are excited to start the school year with some meetings for the Junior High and Middle School Youth Groups! The groups will meet on alternating Thursdays after school until 4:15pm in the Youth Center. Here is the schedule for the first semester:

<b>Jr. High</b>	<b>Middle School</b>
October 26th	October 19th
November 9th	November 2nd
November 30th	November 16th

**Announcements**

**Electrician Needed**

The new equipment for the bells is almost complete. The next step is to have an electrician connect everything together. The bell company has provided us with blueprints that are available to review if you have any questions. Please contact Tom Weber or the parish office if you are interested in volunteering to help with this.



**Friday Morning After Mass Meeting**

We are starting a new series called "The Bible and the Sacraments" on **Friday, Oct. 20th**. Meetings are from 9 - 10 AM in the Youth Center. All are welcome to attend!



**Mass at Hazel Findlay**

This Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Mass at Hazel Findlay nursing home. Please come out and join us. All the residents really enjoy visitors and especially anyone who comes to pray with them. It's a reminder to them that we haven't forgotten them. Mass begins at 10:00 am. and one of our classes from MHT school will be joining us as well.

**News & Events From Our Parish & Other Areas**



**October: Month to reflect on the Gift of Life**

**What can I do to support life? Join us for the Rosary at the tomb of the unborn by the Grotto Mondays after the evening Mass:**

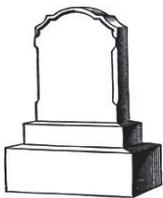
- October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:45 pm. - MHT School
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:45 pm. - Catholic Order of Foresters
- October 30<sup>th</sup> 7:45 pm. - Pro-life prayer group

**Help those in Crisis Pregnancies**

**Shared Pregnancy & Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing Wish List**

We have set up a pack and play in the main entrance along with copies of this wish list. If you can help, we will deliver these items throughout the month of October.

Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6) Safety Items, Baby wipes, Baby Oil Plug Covers, Baby Powder, Door knob locks, Q-tips, Bassinet Sheets or crib sheets, Activity Saucer/Mat/Center Board or soft books, Nursing (Boppy) Pillow, Bottle Brush, Baby carrier or wrap, Diaper Bag, Baby Monitor, Dish Set, Safety Gate, Nursing Pads, Car Seat (Infant or Toddler) - convertible new or gently used - less than 5 years old. Pacifiers, Shoes, Crib mattress, receiving blanket, Sippy Cup, High Chair, Socks (12 mos-2T), Stroller, Towels, Swing, Wash Cloths, Bassinet, Toys (9 mos-2 yrs), Changing Table, Bibs, Pack-n-Play, Bottles, Crib, Clothing (12 mos-2T), Dresser, Onesies, Car Seat Covers, Mittens/gloves, Pajamas, Winter hats (18 mos - 2T, Snowsuits, Winter boots for up to toddler size 8, Coats, Snowsuits 3 months - 2T, Snow pants 12 months - 2T, Humidifiers



**Memorial for those who have experienced a miscarriage or lost young children**

Fr. Dennis is working with a committee to dedicate a place at our parish cemetery. We have shared some of the plans in the bulletin. If there is anyone who would like to join our committee we would welcome their input.

Please call Fr. Dennis if you are interested.

**Additional Cemetery Help**

We are also looking to add to our Cemetery Committee which makes decisions on the big picture issues that come up with the cemetery. The committee meets twice a year with one meeting in the spring and one in the fall.

We are also forming a sub-committee to look at adding new trees to cemetery. This committee would meet a couple of times to make recommendations to the main committee on what trees should be added to and where to plant them.

Please contact Adam Halfman or Ralph Pung if you are interested in getting involved with the groups above.



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](mailto:mhtdre@gmail.com). We would love to talk with you about the process to become Catholic and help you grow in your faith!

**MHT School Dinner Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$100 each at the school and parish office or by calling Tim & Therese Andros at 989-593-4120.**

**NEW SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE!!!**

**Dinner Raffle Special prize -- One year free tuition at MHT School.**

**(Donated by an anonymous donor)**

Tickets available at MHT school or Parish Office.

\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100

Prize: \$2025 to go toward tuition at MHT School

Prize can be split among students or families.

Drawing to be held Saturday November 4th during the Dinner Raffle Fundraiser.

Need not be present to win.



**COF Quarterly Meeting**

Catholic Order of foresters Court #2257 will have their quarterly membership/board meeting on Oct. 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the VFW hall. Hope to see you there!

**Chronic Pain PATH Workshop Personal Action Toward Health**

Workshops are offered to learn about: The Mind-Body Connection and Distraction Techniques, The Moving Easy Program, Better Breathing and Relaxation Body Scan, Fatigue Management, Dealing with Depression and Positive Thinking, Communication Skills, Healthy Eating, Goal Setting, Decision Making, Problem Solving and more! **Upcoming FREE Workshop:** Tuesdays at the Suntree Apartment Complex, St. Johns, in the Community Room. To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging: 517-887-1465.

**Save the Date!!**

The Fowler Public School Education Foundation Casino Bus Trip is scheduled for **January 13, 2018.**

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

**K 13 Physical Therapy**

 **Wedding Banns**

**Second Publication:** Travis DeLong & Tonya Thelen



The **Rosary** is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for those with chronic illness. May they find strength and comfort in prayer.

**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, Dorothy Bradley, Dale Young 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**

October 7 & 8 Collection..... \$12,604.38

**Special Collections**

Newspapers.....	13.00
Spread the Faith.....	28.00
Capital Improvements.....	3.00
Hurricane Relief.....	25.00
ETF.....	110.00
World Mission Sunday.....	50.00
Haiti.....	5.00

The Most Holy Trinity Educational Trust Fund would like to thank everyone who donated to the Trust Fund in the memory of **Donald Schneider**. 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.

**Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	Romans 1:1-7; Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 1:16-25; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9
<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 3:21-30; Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Luke 11:47-54
<b>Friday</b>	Romans 4:1-8; Psalms 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7
<b>Saturday</b>	Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalms 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12



**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - October 16**

7:00 p.m. + Jerome Weber & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Tuesday - October 17**

8:15 a.m. + Susan Bertram

**Wednesday - October 18**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7:00 p.m. + Eletha Schmitz & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Thursday - October 19**

8:15 a.m. + Helen Wirth

**10:00 a.m. Mass at Hazel Findlay**

**Friday - October 20**

8:15 a.m. + Roy, Vernon, & Raymond Pung & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Saturday - October 21**

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

4:30 p.m. + Clem Thelen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

**Sunday - October 22**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. + Henry & Helen Stump, Including Carl

**Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 21 & 22**

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

8:30 a.m. - Bill Armbrustmacher, Tom O'Rourke, Bruce Schafer, Dean Schrauben

10:30 a.m. - Don Martin, Chris Conner, Steve Spitzley, John Rademacher

**Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 21 & 22**

4:30 p.m. - Brooke & Emily Epkey, Collin & Olivia Feldpausch

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

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

**Mass Servers During This Week**

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

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteer

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - Mia & Emma Riley, Megan Hufnagel

Thur., 8:15 a.m. Adult Volunteer

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Evan Curtiss, Ryan Kirvan

**October 15, 2017**

**Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard**

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

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