



Most Holy Trinity

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Maranatha

Come, Lord Jesus Come!

**Opportunities to grow in holiness:
Advent/Christmas 2018-2019**

**Masses for the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception**

**holy day of obligation*

Friday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 8th at 8:15 am.

**Holy Spirit Encounter
Healing and Transformation**

Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.

Advent Giving Tree taken down

Sunday, December 16th

Mass at Hazel Findlay

Thursday, December 20th at 10:00 am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at MHT every Saturday from 3:00 till 4:00 pm.

First Confessions for the First Communicants

Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm.

Confessions after morning Mass

Thursday, December 6th

Holy Hour with confessions

Thursday, December 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Regional Penance Service at St. Gerard Parish, Lansing

Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm.

The Holy Christmas Season

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Monday, December 24th

4:30 pm.

7:00 pm.

9:00 pm.

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th at 4:30 pm.

Sunday, December 30th at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

**holy day of obligation*

Monday, December 31st at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, January 1st at 8:15 am.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 5th at 4:30 pm.

Sunday, January 6th at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

**blessed chalk will be given out for the blessing of homes*

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 12th at 4:30 pm.

Sunday, January 13th at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

**water will be blessed at the liturgies for the faithful
to use for devotional purposes – bring a container*

From The Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked Corey Luna to share with us
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



This week I want to share about the High School Retreat. But to really share in what the Lord has done on the retreat as a whole, I feel like I have to back up to what has been happening to lead up to this important retreat in our youth ministry program.

At the beginning of this year, I believe that the Lord instilled a new sense of faith in me. I have loved and believed in God for quite a long time now, but there was sometimes an obstacle

holding me back from having total dependence on Him. I have always known it was there, but just chalked it up to something that had to be healed in me. At a healing conference I went to last January, I finally understood that obstacle and that area of healing that I needed. It was really a place in my identity that needed shifting. An absolute belief that I am first and foremost a daughter of the Heavenly Father and that I have an inheritance and worth that is unending and untainted. This is something I always knew in my head, but something that never transferred to my heart. At that conference it finally transferred and brought healing. Since going to this healing conference, I have not only seen a shift in myself but also in my fellow staff members. Although we didn't all go to this conference, we shared this new vision of being able to boldly ask our heavenly Father for an outpouring of healing, signs, and miracles in the ministry we have at the parish.

Now the reason I bring this up is because I believe that we are experiencing a beautiful shift in our parish where we are starting to call upon the Lord more in expectant faith and receiving huge outpourings of the Holy Spirit. This shift has been pouring itself into the youth ministry program as well. In the last year I have seen huge responses in the youth of our parish participating in the things that we offer.

Numbers don't explain everything and they definitely don't describe the stories that are behind the numbers of youth who experienced the retreats, but I think that we can still get a good idea of a shift in what's been happening over the last year especially. There's some slight differences between 2016 and 2017. Similar numbers in the Mission retreats, and then slightly fewer kids going to Steubenville and several more going to the H.S. Retreat. From 2017 to 2018 there are pretty major changes in the retreat numbers across the board, with an exception of a lot less kids choosing to go to Steubenville. In addition to those increases in numbers, we also added more things to our schedule which included the Diocesan Youth Conference and our Spring Break Trip. These increases in attendance

and interests in these retreats are evidence of a growing hunger that our youth have to encounter their Heavenly Father in real and dynamic ways. Over the last year, I have had more and more faith that the Lord will provide these encounters for our youth. He has come through in providing powerful healing and in outpouring different gifts of the Holy Spirit such as joy, peace, etc.

During the High School Retreat weekend, I started to really understand and step into the changes in myself as well as knowing that the Lord was going to show us Himself in a very real and powerful way. There have been retreats that I have put on where I've been so wrapped up in my own inadequacies that I haven't been able to truly engage without worry or anxiety. This year (not that there wasn't anxiety beforehand, because there was!!) I actually felt much more relieved stepping into Camp Roger's main hall and starting the weekend because of this new faith that the Lord would provide, despite whatever wasn't perfectly planned. I definitely felt a resistance overall to what the Lord wanted for the weekend, so on Friday night I was really tempted to give in to fear and worry about things not being good enough. Instead of feeding those feelings, I just powered through it. The next morning really changed everything. I got a text from someone who participates in our prayer ministry that was interceding for the retreat over the weekend. She said that she got a sense that the Lord was going to bring huge "breakthrough" over the weekend and that this word in particular was what kept coming to her when she was praying for us. Immediately when I read the text, I just felt a huge wave of peace. The Holy Spirit was in that message and I felt very called to tell my team of young adults about it. We had a meeting and I shared this word and all of them seemed to respond in excitement to this word shared by the Spirit. Over all of Saturday, it seemed as though that word kept coming up in my conversations with kids, in the talks, and especially in adoration. During adoration, before Father Dennis processed around the room with the blessed sacrament, he spoke into exactly what was going on. He said that he was receiving images from the Lord that major chains were being broken in the room and that the Lord was outpouring a huge amount of BREAKTHROUGH out to people. I felt that happening in the room. I've been to a lot of retreats before, but I have to say that this was the BIGGEST outpouring of the Holy Spirit that I have ever seen on one of these retreats. There were a lot of kids who encountered the power of God and started to take part in that overall shift that they, too, can have expectant faith that God will actually respond to them in ways they can see and understand. Even though this is still one of the most powerful outpourings of God on a H.S. Retreat that I have seen, I believe that the Lord has even greater places to take our retreats, our youth ministry, and our parish, and I'm even more encouraged and excited to see how the Lord will keep working throughout the year of 2018-2019!!

God Bless, **Corey**

Retreat	2016	2017	2018
H.S. Retreat	48	60	70
Mission: Wxom	7	8	24
Steubenville	106	95	75
Mission: Flint	10	10	26

DECEMBER 9
7:00 PM

HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER

HEALING & TRANSFORMATION

Come and receive prayer to discover the Spirit in a new way, to grow in your relationship with God, and for physical and inner healing



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

-Youth Group has started up again!! The youth center is open from 7pm-10pm on Tuesday nights for Open Hangout. This is just for having a space to hang out, eat food, play games, and chat about what is going on in life so please stop by for Tuesday's at the Youth Center.

Every year in remembrance of Roe v. Wade, hundreds of thousands of people from around the country march for the unborn. The youth from our parish will have the opportunity to take part in this social justice event. The cost is \$120. The form is on the parish website or contact Corey if you are interested!

 The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for peace in the hearts of all families throughout this Advent 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.

Simon Builders

Euchre Tournament

Anyone 18 years and older, join us Sunday, Dec. 9 in the Activity Center. Registration is at 11:45, cost is \$25 per person and lunch is included! Quarter per set, prizes for the top 5 places. Proceeds benefit MHT Youth Ministry



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.

Principal of Most Holy Trinity School
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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:

Mon., Dec. 3	Advent Prayer Service @ 2:30
Fri., Dec. 7	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Mon., Dec. 10	Advent Prayer Service @ 2:30
Weds., Dec. 12	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Mon., Dec. 17	Advent Prayer Service @ 2:30
Tues., Dec. 18	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Invitation: The school will be having Advent Prayer services each week in the Msgr. Koenigsknecht Hall (cafeteria) at 2:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend with us.

God's Love: *"Men ask of God gifts without end or limit, and yet they serve Him in a very limited way. He who would be recompensed endlessly and without limit must love without limit and without end. – Blessed Egidius*

6:30 - 8:00 PM

HEART OF JESUS

CONFESSION- ADORATION
 PRAYER TEAMS

December 6th

THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS GOD

Five Minutes with the Word

Please pick a booklet for the Advent season. They are in all the entrances of the church. This little missalette will help you stay in prayer and meditation with the Word of God.



Advent Giving Tree 2018 Wish Lists

Once again we're counting on your generosity to help our brothers and sisters in need. We are helping Holy Family Parish in Booneville, Kentucky, Safe Center, Veterans hospital in Grand Rapids, and Shared Pregnancy/Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing. **Please attach the tag to the gift if you're wrapping it. Return gift(s) by December 16th.**



Pregnancy Services & Shared Pregnancy

Newborn Diapers
Formula - Enfamil or generic Enfamil
Pack 'n Plays (gently used or new)
Infant Car Seats (gently used or new)
Sleepers - boy & girl newborn through 12 months
Plastic baby bottles

Baby shampoo and lotion
Receiving blankets
Pacifiers
Onesies
Baby Toys



Safe Center (For women affected by domestic violence)

Teething toys
Books
Sports balls (football, basketball,)
Gift cards

Legos
Fidget toys
Art sets
Playdough
Hot wheels
And other toys for boys, girl (ages 2-12) and teens

Personal Needs

Lotion/Body wash/Shampoo/Conditioner/Brushes
Toiletries
Diapers/Pull-ups

Household Items

Bleach, Floor cleaners, Toilet tissue
Paper towels, Dishwasher detergent, Dish soap
White vinegar, Fabric softener, Stain remover
Laundry detergent
Twin bedding
Towels/washcloths

Clothing

Adult - (All sizes S - 5X) sweatpants, sweatshirts, socks, undergarments, bras
Child sweatpants, sweatshirts, slippers
Children's pajamas, shoes & boots



Grand Rapids Home for Veterans

Batteries (AAA, C) Alkaline
Gift Cards (Meijer, Burger King, McDonalds, Etc.)
Candy bars
Individual sized variety of chips or crackers and cheese
Ink pens (click type)

Stamps
Ziploc freezer bags
Polident and Fixodent Denture Adhesive
Men's body spray: Power Stick brand
Men's body wash: Power stick or White Rain 3 in 1
3 head electric razors
Aftershave lotion and pre-electric lotion or gel
DVD's (New Movie Releases)
Large print books only (sci fi, suspense, romance)
Wallets & Watches (men's or women's)
DVD/Blue Ray Players
Diabetic socks: all sizes
Velcro tennis shoes: size 8-12
Button up long sleep cardigan sweater
Quilted flannel shirts (L-4X)
Sweat suits: (1-4X)
Sweat pants: (2x-4x) Heavy and lightweight
White T-Shirts (s-4x)
Colored Pocket T-Shirts (2x-4x)
Baseball hats: Military or Team Logo
Gas/gift cards \$10, \$20
Transportation Passes/SATA Passes



Holy Family Parish Booneville, Kentucky

Underwear and socks (adults and children)
Towels
Blankets
Books for children

Puzzles and games
Slippers
School supplies



First Reconciliation

Please pray for our young people who celebrate their first confession Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 6 pm:

Harleigh Antes, Camden Conner, Jonathan Epkey, Staci Epkey, Dexton Feldpausch, Sophia Halfmann, Ava Hufnagel, Chase Katich, Isaac Koenigsknecht, Hadley Lackscheide, Bristol Miller, Jackson Miller, Andrew Platte, Logan Platte, Camden Rhynard, Aleah Sawyer, Remington Schueller, Nash Simon, Adeline Smith, Kaedyn Smith, Dominic Spitzley, Molly Stump, Brigham Thelen, Bronnie Thelen, Eli Thelen, Gavin Thelen, Summer Thelen, Maxwell Wieber, Elizabeth Wirth, Bryce Witgen, Carson Witgen

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for Christmas flowers, please write your intentions or the names of the deceased you wish to pray for, and put this on an envelope and place your donation inside and mark the envelope "Christmas flowers." Please indicate whether the person is deceased or living. We will put all the names in a book and place them on the altar of the Blessed Virgin and pray for them during the Christmas season.



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, Adam Pohl, Jordy Wohlscheid, Jennifer Grace Schraube, 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, Donald Goerge, Marilyn Dixon, 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**

November 24 & 25 Collection..... \$10,715.00

Special Collections

Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Newspapers	\$10.00
Cemetery.....	\$25.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$90.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$5.00
Capital Improvements	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Christmas Offering	\$5.00
Worldwide Evangelization	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
First Offering	\$5.00

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

Monday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, Lk 1:26

The benefit dinner & auction for **Curtis Feldpausch** was a HUGE success & we can't thank everyone enough for all the prayers, kind words, donations, love & support! The benefit was put together in the matter of 10 days & has raised almost \$35,000 towards medical expenses! We are blown away by the generosity we've encountered through this experience. We are truly blessed beyond measure to be a part of such an amazing community! Thank you all!

God Bless, **~Family of Curtis Feldpausch**



Votive candles for the deceased

Family members of those whose names are commemorated on the votive candles on the side altar of St. Joseph, please feel free to take them home.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - December 3

7:00 p.m. + Roy & Josepha Goerge & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - December 4

8:15 a.m. + Marian Halfman including Sarah Fox-Klein & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday - December 5

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. + Kenneth Simon & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - December 6

8:15 a.m. + Julius Theis & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
6:30 p.m. **Holy Hour with Confessions**

Friday - December 7 - First Friday

8:15 a.m. + Richard Jandernoa
7:00 p.m. **Vigil for Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation** -- Deanna Piggott & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Saturday - December 8 -

8:15 a.m. **Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation** Tom Blais & The Living & Deceased Members of the Family
4:30 p.m. + Ivan & Thomas Fink & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - December 9

8:30 a.m. + Mary Klein & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. **Holy Spirit Encounter**

Ushers - Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9

4:30 p.m. – Gary Weber, Jerome Klein, Clare M. Thelen, Volunteer
8:30 a.m. – Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ryan Pung, Kurt Koenigsknecht
10:30 a.m. – Don Martin, Chris Conner, Steve Spitzley, John Rademacher

Ushers - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 7 & 8

Friday - 7:00 p.m.. - Dean Schrauben, Gerry Arens, Volunteers
Saturday - 8:15 a.m. - Bill Armbrustmacher, Volunteers

Altar Servers During This Week

Mon., 7 p.m. - Zoe & Trinity Kramer
Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer
Weds., 7 p.m. - Faith Phillips, Madelyn Sillman
Thurs., 8:15 a.m. Adult Volunteer
Fri., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteer
Fri., 7:00 p.m. - Jonah Thelen, Collin Feldpausch, Volunteers
Sat., 8:15 a.m. - Volunteers

Altar Servers Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9

4:30 p.m. - Collin Feldpausch, Gavin Klein, Volunteers
8:30 a.m. - Kara Esch, Joseph Epkey, Paige & Carter Thelen
10:30 a.m. - Dominic Horak, Braeden Andros, Tristan & Quentin Smith