

Most Holy Trinity
Fowler, MI

February 3, 2019

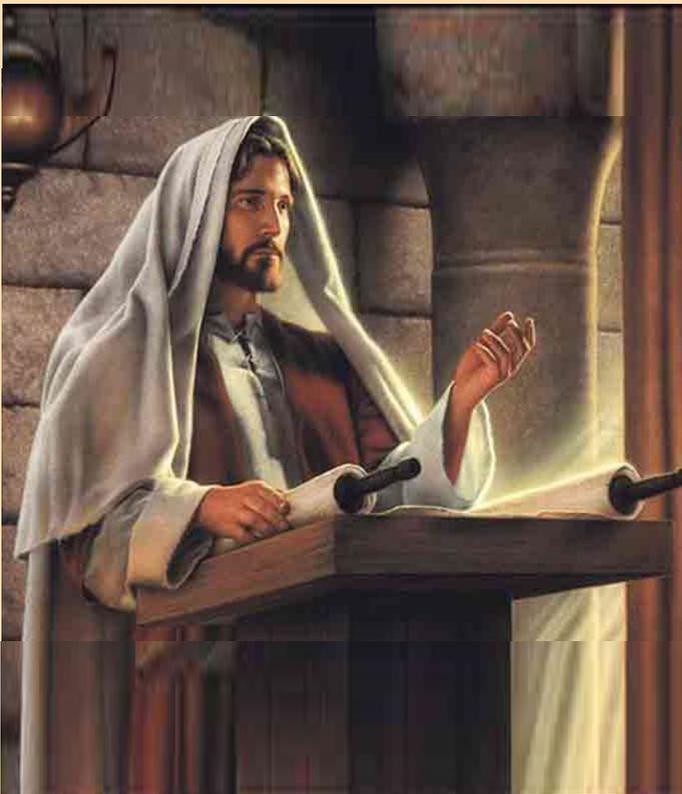
BE TRANSFORMED

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"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"
REV 21:5

adult
retreat

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019

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7 PM Friday - Noon Sunday
Bethany House, Dewitt
\$150 per person
Register online or call the parish
office



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

From The Pastor's Desk

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



When Adam asked me if I would write about my experience of attending the last retreat, I quickly agreed. Then, when it came time to put my thoughts into words, I really struggled. I didn't realize what a challenge it would be to explain such a great experience.

Last fall I attended my first retreat with my daughter Jenna. I had been asked by a friend two years ago if I would be interested in going. I told her that I would think about it, but I didn't sign up. I had all of the typical excuses, I was just too busy. What a sad thought - too busy to spend one weekend learning more about my faith and growing closer to God. What if God was too busy for me when I needed him most? The following year I was asked again, by the same friend, and by yet another friend. I was even told they were praying for me to decide to attend. I was taken back by that statement. Why would anyone pray for me to attend a retreat? Why were they so excited about going? Why would yet another friend tell me she enjoyed going on the retreats so much that she hated to see the weekend come to an end? My curiosity was growing. I have to admit, I was really struggling in a lot of areas in my life and the deadline was quickly approaching. I felt defeated and knew deep down what God was calling me to do.

So my daughter and I decided to sign up together. I was pretty nervous about going because I really didn't know what to expect. Again, it is so hard to put into words. The way God made himself very present that weekend. We attended adoration, confession, and prayer teams were available. We participated in large and small group discussions and listened to testimonials. My nervousness quickly faded away. It was a very humbling experience, listening to others share their stories. We are not alone. We all have our struggles in life but as long as we keep our faith alive, those struggles become much easier to handle. I have always believed this, but this retreat made me more aware of God being present in all areas of my life, and showing me how HE can use all things for good. The weekend went by very quickly, and I must say, it was hard to see it come to an end! It was such an uplifting, eye opening and refreshing experience! I left with a renewed perspective, as well as new friends.

So, if you are considering signing up for the next retreat, I want to encourage you to take that leap of faith, set aside all excuses and just do it! You will not be disappointed!

I'll be praying for you! 😊

God Bless,
Cindy



Mass at Hazel Findlay

Our next Eucharistic celebration at Hazel Findlay will be Thursday, February 21st at 10:00 am.

Please come and join us as we celebrate with our shut-ins.

SOMETHING NEW COMING SOON!

Facebook is fun, but let's not ignore our best form of communication, in person and face to face! All adults 18 yrs. and up are invited to come, connect, and converse with other parishioners on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall. For more information contact Ann Schafer at 593-3539.

Weekday Mass Help



There is a need for additional weekday sacristans and readers. We have a great group of men & women who help currently, but could use some extra assistance. Candidates can be high school age or older. Training is provided for this rewarding ministry!

Please contact the parish office if you can help out.



Fr. Louime will be visiting us from Haiti the weekend of February 9/10th. He will preach at our Masses, visit our school and take time to meet with parishioners to share about the Mission in Haiti. I ask you to be generous in supporting his priestly ministry and his work among the poor.

We are looking for anyone who would like to have Father, Cindy and Pierre over for bring a meal to the rectory. The schedule is below. Please call the parish office to sign up. **We ask that you indicate whether you will bring a meal in or host at your home.** Thank you for your generosity.

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| Tuesday, February 5 th | DONE |
| Wednesday, February 6 th | lunch |
| Thursday, February 7 th | lunch and dinner |
| Friday, February 8 th | lunch and dinner |
| Saturday, February 9 th | dinner |

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., February 5	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tues., February 12	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Fri., February 15	11:30 Dismissal/Staff PD in p.m.
Mon., February 18	No School/Presidents' Day
Tues., February 19	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Parents: Please pay special attention to email notifications for scheduling changes due to all of the recent days off of school. We appreciate your patience.

Don't Get Stuck: *If you feel stuck, bring your whole self to Christ, not just the problem, but you. Ask God to change your heart. Commit yourself to pray to that end. It's God's heart to give good gifts to His children.* – Sheila Walsh

Director of Music Ministry
Kayla Feldpausch - kayla.mhtmusic@gmail.com

Children's choir will resume on Tuesdays! February 5 will be 2nd-4th grade rehearsal. On Feb. 12, the 5th-8th grade will rehearse, and on Feb 19 all grades will meet together for Eucharistic adoration.

Calling all COF Youth!

We have a couple of upcoming events. We will be having a practice bowling session on Sunday Feb. 3 from 1-3 at E-Lanes in Fowler. The COF Youth State Bowling Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 3 from 1-3 also at E-Lanes in Fowler. Please feel free to attend BOTH events. RSVP to Cari on FB or at caris@mhtparish.com for either or both events.

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

The Mission: Wixom: 3/1/19 - 3/3/19: At the Mission this year, we have so much to look forward to experiencing! Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Reis, and Sister Josepha Marie will speak about bringing heaven down into our lives now! Secure your spot now by sending the permission slip (available online) and \$85 to the parish office.

Alt Spring Break: 3/24/19 - 3/30/19: During Spring Break this year we will go to North Carolina to serve with Habitat for Humanity. During our stay we will work on constructing houses with volunteers as well as spend time contemplating the Lord's goodness and pray for more outpouring of His spirit!! If you are interested, please contact Corey asap.

Fundraising: There are countless opportunities we offer our youth to build them up in the faith and help them come into relationship with their Heavenly Father. Unfortunately, these can add up financially and act as a barrier for youth and their families. Money should not hold any teen back from the Lord, so if you would like to donate to the youth ministry program please contact Corey.

St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic AQDay: Saturday, Feb 9

Student-athletes interested in any of our 24 collegiate level sports (including men's and women's basketball, soccer, hockey, bowling and more) are invited to visit Aquinas on Feb 9. Chat with coaches, explore scholarship opportunities, and tour our beautiful 117-acre campus. Please visit aquinas.edu/ath-aqday to register.

Cross and Light

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MARCH 21-23, 2019

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Cross and Light is an international critically acclaimed musical and multi-sensory experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Please save the date and join us!

Mark your Calendars!



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

Parish Directory



Parish Directories are available for pick up in the parish office. We have extra copies available for \$10 each. We regret to announce that we missed **Sister Rita Martin** in the listing of priests and religious sisters from Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Rita is 98 years old and currently lives in Racine, Wisconsin as a member of the Dominican Order of Sisters.

Christian Mothers News

The annual Christian Mothers breakfast will be on Sun., April 7, following the 8:30 a.m. mass. More information to follow. Also, there will be a Christian Mother's meeting on Sun, Feb 24 after the 10:30 mass in the Youth Center.

The Christian Mother's Association is looking for 3 individuals to serve in two positions:

Two (2) individuals for Treasurer and one (1) individual for Secretary. If interested in these positions please contact Nickie Schrauben at 989 640-2393.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 15 -17
Renew, Rebuild, and Heal**

Rachel's Vineyard is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental, environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. www.rachelsvineyard.org

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! Our **Practical Skills Workshop** is 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](mailto:-serving@motherteresahouse.org).



Thank you to all those who sent cards, prayers and emails on my birthday. Thanks for your kindness.
Fr. Dennis

**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.



4-H Trap Shooting

Westphalia Wildcats, is a 4-H trapshooting club for residents of Clinton County and surrounding areas. The activities take place at Oakhill Gun Club at 1900 Pline Road, Portland on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. Students must be 12 years of age as of January 1, 2019 to join. A fee of \$20 will be collected at the time of registration. Members are expected to attend a minimum of 8 weeks of practice. Interested students and parents are welcome to stop by the club on Monday evenings starting February 11 at 6:00 for more information.

Mark Your Calendars



The Department of Waste Management's **Clean Community Event** will be held on **Saturday April 27th** at the Road Commission in St Johns (7:30am to 2:30pm) – 3536 S BR 127, St Johns, MI 48879.



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 info, contact Patty Feldpausch at 640-3658.



Called & Gifted Workshops
Discover God's Call for Your Life

DISCOVER GOD'S CALL FOR YOUR LIFE!

Called and Gifted Workshop, 8:00am - 4:30pm, **Saturday, February 9**, at St. Martha Church, Okemos. This workshop is for people asking, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life?"

Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn the signs and characteristics of 24 common spiritual gifts, and how discerning and using your gifts can change your life and the life of others, your parish, and the world.

Cost is \$45 and includes materials and lunch. To register and for more information call Jackie Rosalez, St. Martha Church, 517- 349-1763 or visit <https://www.st-martha.org>.

Financial Class Offered in Westphalia

St. Mary Parish is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Attendees will join 5 million others who have learned how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future with Christian-based principles via life-changing video, online tools, and resources. The 9-week class is being offered on Sundays at 6:00pm in Hall B, starting February 10th. You can sign up by using the class link <https://fpu.com/1081268>. If you have any questions feel free to contact Brian Witgen at witgenb1@gmail.com.

Sponsor of the Week

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

Keck Coleman



Job Opening

St. Joseph Parish, Pewamo is hiring a Director of Evangelization. The Director will be responsible for the development and implantation of the total religious education program in the parish, including sacramental prep and faith formation at all levels. The full job description is at: stjosephpewamo.org. If interested send a cover letter/resume to Director of Evangelization, St. Joseph Parish, Box 37, Pewamo, MI 48873 or email parishoffice@stjosephpewamo.org

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, 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, Marilyn Dixon, Richard Rodgers, Declan Schmidt, Carolee Smith, Charles Miller, Carolyn Klein 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 26 & 27 Collection..... \$10,170.00

Special Collections

Newspapers	\$12.00
Capital Improvements.....	\$26.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Help Jesus	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
ETF	\$45.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$5.00



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for the unemployed. May their gifts and talents be revealed to those who could offer them gainful employment.

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.

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

Monday	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - February 4

7:00 p.m. + Roy N. Pung

Tuesday - February 5

8:15 a.m. + Sylvester & Odelia Feldpausch & Living & Deceased Family Members

Wednesday - February 6

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. + Jeff Wieber (10th Anniversary)

Thursday - February 7

8:15 a.m. + Dorothy Bradley & Living & Deceased Family Members

Friday - February 8

8:15 a.m. + Margie Luttig

Saturday - February 9

4:30 p.m. + Mary & Charles Smith & Living & Deceased Family Members

Sunday - February 10

8:30 a.m. + Roy N. Pung
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10

4:30 p.m. - Gary Weber, Jerome Klein, Clare M. Thelen, Mike Koenigskecht
8:30 a.m. - Randy Wirth, Glenn Esch, Neil Hufnagel, Ronn Thelen
10:30 a.m. - Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Keith Weber, Volunteer

Servers for this week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Olivia & Isaac Thelen
Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteers
Weds., 7:00 p.m. - Faith Phillips, Madelyn Sillman
Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - Andrew & John Irrer
Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Servers for Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10

4:30 p.m. - Collin Feldpausch, Gavin Klein, Volunteer
8:30 a.m. - Nolan, Madison & Mitchell Wirth, Nolan Simon
10:30 a.m. - Logan & Keegan Klein, Tony Piggott, Ben Schafer

February 3, 2019

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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