

MOST HOLY TRINITY

HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER

WORSHIP MUSIC | SCRIPTURE &
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PRAYER TEAMS FOR A DEEPENING
OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
GOD AND PHYSICAL OR
EMOTIONAL HEALING

March 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM

HEALING & TRANSFORMATION

From The Pastor's Desk

This week Kate Davis was asked to share with us.
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



Hi my name is Kate Davis and my husband, Ron, and I went on the adult retreat last month. We brought our 5-month old daughter, Margaret. Margaret had been fighting a minor cold for about a week, so we decided to take her to a prayer team on Saturday night. As I was standing there, holding her while she received prayers, I heard myself say to

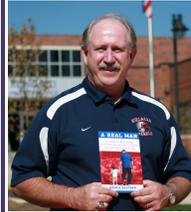
God, "I know you can heal her, but I don't think you will." Voicing words like that in my mind caught me off guard. Did I really not trust God to be the healer He says He is? It immediately brought back memories of another time I remember feeling this way. After conceiving 3 children quite easily, Ron and I assumed conceiving a fourth child would follow suit. However, 2 years later, we were still waiting for that positive pregnancy test. I began to lose hope that we would ever have more children. In prayer one night, I heard God say to me, "You don't believe anymore that I can make you pregnant." After I grimly affirmed that, I heard Him say, "Ask me to make you pregnant." With what was admittedly zero hope and expectation, and very much like a stubborn child, I said to Him, "Fine. Make me pregnant." I honestly am not even sure I said please.

Fast forward a few weeks, and Ron had just come home from a Holy Spirit Encounter night at church. He told me he had asked for prayers for our infertility journey. After receiving prayers, one of the individuals who prayed over him said that during the prayer, he had a vision of a child. When Ron told me this, my response was, "I don't want to talk about this anymore." Hoping had become too painful. Besides, I had already taken a pregnancy test that month, and it was negative. About a week later, I took a second test and found out I was pregnant. When Ron was being prayed over, I was already pregnant but didn't know it. God had delivered on His promise.

Despite receiving this miracle of our daughter, Margaret, I realize that I am still a work in progress. While I believe that God is who He says he is and that He can do anything, I don't always believe it will happen to me. Perhaps you also find that when things aren't going the way you want them to, it's hard to give up the control and trust that God's plan is better than yours. I recently read a book by Danielle Bean called *You are Enough*. In it she said (paraphrasing), "perhaps sometimes God makes us wait for something so long so that we believe it is impossible...simply to prove to us that nothing is impossible for God." In the moment, God's plan doesn't always make sense. But we trust that one day, either in this world or in Heaven, it will make sense. Until then, may we all use this time of Lent to draw closer to God, be brave enough to ask for exactly what we want and be bold enough to trust that whatever we receive is exactly what we need. God bless you all!

Come and experience our next night of healing and transformation at our Holy Spirit Encounter on March 22 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Knights of Columbus Father/Son Breakfast
Sunday, March 22nd, 9:30 am
~Open to all fathers & sons~



Join us in the Activity Center **Sunday, March 22** for the Father/Son breakfast! Speaker is **Bruce Scifres, Hall of Fame Coach and author**. Good will offering at the door. Sponsored by the Fowler Knights of Columbus. **RSVP to Dean Schrauben (989-640-0341)**.



A special thanks to all who helped support the "Soup with the Sisters" this past Saturday evening! We had a great turnout and over 40 crock pots of delicious soup! We're very grateful for Glen and Jill Feldpausch and Steve and Sandy Wolniakowski for co-hosting, and all of the volunteers who donated their time to make it such a successful event. The sisters were thrilled with the turnout and were very impressed with our beautiful church (as you can see above)!



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Children's Choir Rehearsal Dates:

All Grades (2nd-8th)- 3/17, 3-4pm
2nd-4th Grade- 3/24, 3-4pm

****No rehearsal over Spring Break (3/31)**



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Religious Education Registration 2020/2021

Registration is open for next year's
Religious Education classes for grades 1-12.

Please visit www.mhtparish.com/religious-education and click
"2020/2021 Registration Form."

There is an early registration discount of \$20 if you register
before May 31, 2020.

The 40 Days for Life daily prayer vigil has begun. Every day Mon-Fri from 7 am - 7 pm. The prayer site is across from Planned Parenthood in Frandor on the corner of Vine St. and N. Clifford. Park in the Sears parking lot. Planned Parenthood is now providing chemical abortions 4 days a week. Please go to www.40daysforlife.com/lansing to sign up for a prayer time. We also have a holy hour to end abortion every Mon and Wed from 9am -10am in church.

Opportunities to Grow in Holiness



Special Lenten Events & Liturgies

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday during the Holy Hour beginning at 6:00pm.

Weekly Adoration

Every Tuesday & Thursday, we will have a time of **adoration** and silence immediately following the morning Masses.

The Year of the Word of God

March 16th and March 25th (immediately following Mass), Fr. Dennis will offer two evenings where we will use the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, (listening to God's Word) as Jesus, the Logos (the Word of God) speaks to our hearts.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

March 28/29th after all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Celebrated every Saturday from 3 till 4 pm.



Penance Service

Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm
St. Joseph's Parish in St. Johns.

Regional Penance Service

Sunday, March 22nd at two locations: St. Gerard's Parish in Lansing and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing. Service begins at 2:00 pm. at both locations, and there will be many priests present to hear your confession.



Holy Week Liturgies

Palm Sunday (April 5)

At the 4:30 pm, 8:30 and 10:30 am. Liturgies, the blessing of palms will take place outside or at the Activity Center, and we will process to the Church.

Holy Thursday (April 9th)

Mass of Christ St. Mary Cathedral 10:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm with Adoration to follow in Fr. Ray Center till midnight

Good Friday (April 10th)

Stations: 12:00 pm.

Solemn Service 3:00pm,

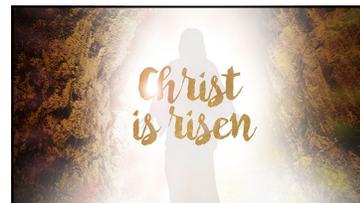
Evening Service 7:00pm,

A day of obligatory fasting and abstinence

Easter Sunday (April 11/12th)

Saturday Vigil Mass 8:45 pm.

Easter Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am.



Lent and the Word of God

"Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love." **Joel 2:12-13**

Food & Essential Needs Drive

Please join us in helping restock the Homeless Angels' food & essential needs pantries! We will be collecting donations (in the bin located in the back of Church) now until after the 10:30am mass on Sunday, March 29th.

The Inn is in dire need of: Canned Vegetables, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup, Canned tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, Cereal, Mac n Cheese, Ketchup, Mustard, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Laundry Soap, Size 4 and 5 Diapers & Diaper Wipes. However, all non-perishable items are accepted, welcomed & greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support & generosity in helping those most in need!



**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

Upcoming Events:

Wed March 18	Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
Thurs March 19	Mass @ 8:15am
Tues March 24	Mass @ 8:15am
Fri March 27	Middle School Encounter
Fri March 27	11:30 Dismissal/Spring Break Begins
Mon April 6	School Resumes
Tues April 7	Mass @ 8:15am
Wed April 9	Seder Meal
Fri April 10	No School/Good Friday

Stations: There will be no school Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 25. The middle school students will be taking part in an Encounter/Adoration on Friday instead.

Spring Break: Spring break begins at 11:30 on Friday, March 27. School will resume on Monday, March 6.

School Registration: We currently have open registration for the 2020/21 school year. Students do not need to be Catholic in order to attend MHT School. To register students in grades 1 – 8, go to the following link: <https://forms.gle/icuhVpXKksULSnq9> or use the QR code below. If you are interested in learning more about the school, please don't hesitate to contact the principal, Anne Hufnagel at (989)593-2616 or principal@mhtparish.com. You can also visit the school website to learn more about us and to register: www.mhtparish.com and go to the school page.



Prayer: "Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will find Jesus."

-Father Mike Schmitz

In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, please join us from March 10th - March 18th in saying a Novena for the Fathers of our parish and our region.



Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, you are the just and righteous man. You were the provider and protector of Jesus and Mary in the home at Nazareth.

We ask your intercession and protection for the men of our region. Obtain for them the spiritual blessings of your Divine Son, Jesus.

Make them, by God's grace, men of purity, justice, truth and integrity. Help those who are earthly fathers to be good examples, leaders of prayer in the home, and men of God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The eight Promises to those who have devotion to St. Joseph

1. God will grant special graces to those that do not know me, to have a great devotion to me.
2. God will bless all who are married and the blessing in their family will be without limit.
3. Those married and without children will be blessed with offspring.
4. God will give special graces to be delivered from temptations and the attacks of the devil.
5. They shall have a good and happy death.
6. They shall overcome their trials and tribulations.
7. God shall grant them immediate help when they invoke my intercession, for the demons have extreme dread of the invocation of my name.
8. For all those who embrace a St. Joseph cenacle, they shall obtain a more fervent love for Jesus and a true devotion to Most Holy Mary.

Flowers for Easter

To donate flowers in memory of someone deceased or for the intentions of the living during the Easter season, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Easter flowers". Please write down the names of those you wish to remember and indicate whether the person(s) are living or deceased. Drop your donation in the parish office drop box or place it in the collection basket. We will remember all the names during the Easter season at our daily Masses.



Assistance Needed

Our team is in need of volunteers to bring communion to the homebound on Sunday mornings. If this is something you are interested in and you'd like more information please call the parish office.

Thank you!

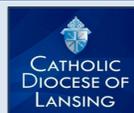


MHT SUB SALE

Orders are now being taken through April 6th for sub sandwiches. Subs will be assembled and available for pick-up on Wednesday,

April 22nd between 5:00pm & 7:00pm at the Activity Center.

Ham/salami, ham, turkey and roast beef subs are available. Subs are \$2.25 each or twelve for \$25.00. Please contact any MHT student or call the school office (593-2616) to place your order.



"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"

Diocesan Service Appeal 2020

Our Diocesan goal this year is \$5,100,000.00.

Our parish goal has been set at \$64,704.

If we have any pledges over and above our goal, the parish will receive 50% back.

Sponsor of the Week

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

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Please pray for our friends and relatives who are sick or recovering, especially: Ardith Graham, Regina Martin, Sean Dush, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, 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, Frank Hufnagel, Marie Weber, Jenine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Jordy Wohlscheid, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Janet Simon, Dale Young, Richard Bushamp, Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, Theresa Heeg, Jeff Wadell, Charles Wadell, Chuck Welch, Jeanne Alaga, Milo Platte, Timothy D. Thelen, Marilyn Dixon, Carolee Smith, Charles Miller, Father Den Morrow, Gary Schueller, Ray Hamilton, Ralph Feldpausch, Dane VanElls, Elaine Kramer, Brian Ritter, David & Judy Maniez, Tricia Beauchamp, Joe & Viola Minarik, Charlie Halfmann, and a private 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**

March 7th & 8th Collection\$10,059.00

Special Collections

Newspapers \$149.00
 Easter Flowers\$151.00
 Capitol Improvements..... \$332.00
 Catholic Relief \$330.00
 Black & Indian\$ 25.00

Monthly Finance Report For February

Sunday Collection-All Sources.....\$ 46,198.50
 Sunday Collections-Year to Date.....\$452,347.72
 Sunday Collections- FY 19 Budget.....\$675,000.00
 Percentage Collected Through February.....67.01%

USHERS FOR MARCH 21 & 22

4:30pm - Gary Weber, Jerome Klein, Clare M. Thelen, & Mike Koenigsknecht
8:30am - Tim Koenigsknecht, Paul Pung, Ryan Pung, & Kurt Koenigsknecht
10:30am - Brent McCarty, Roy Witgen, Neil Feldpausch, & Volunteer

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 15, 2020

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK



Monday - March 16

7:00pm + Louise Feldpausch (1st Anniversary) & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Tuesday - March 17

8:15am + Harold & Anna Pung & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday - March 18

2:30pm MHT School Stations of the Cross
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm + William & Matilda Hufnagel & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - March 19 (MHT School Mass)

8:15am + Richard Rodgers & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Friday - March 20

8:15am + Joseph Schueller Including Riley

Saturday - March 21

4:30pm + Gordon Piggott Sr. & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - March 22

8:30am + Lois Martin Including Lawrence & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
 10:30am People of the Parish

SERVERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon. 7pm - Olivia & Isaac Thelen & Dexton Feldpausch
Tues. 8:15am - Adult Volunteer
Wed. 7pm - Aaron & Josie Simon, Kaci Kirvan & Dominic Spitzley
Thurs. 8:15am - MHT School Volunteers
Fri. 8:15am - Adult Volunteer

SERVERS FOR MARCH 21 & 22

4:30pm - Collin Feldpausch, Gavin Klein & Volunteers
8:30am - Quinten, Nate & Kara Esch & Jonah Thelen
10:30am - Dominic Horak, Braeden Andros, Tristan & Quentin Smith

****Side Note:** For any 3rd/4th graders on the server list; Father recommends this as a helpful way for them to learn. They can put on a server alb & join servers to watch & observe. Students learning will never be responsible for or expected to serve on their own until they are comfortable & ready.



The rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday mass. The intention for this week is to pray for blessings on all of those who are serving in ministry to the Church, especially here at MHT.

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